



# "What's Up?" Your Napa Sunrise Rotary Bulletin

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## Events

January 2015  
01/06 - The Table  
01/07 - Board Meeting

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## Upcoming Speakers

12-25-14  
**Merry Christmas - WE ARE DARK**  
1-1-15  
**Happy New Year - WE ARE DARK**  
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## Happy Birthday!

Colleen Clark  
January 11  
Linda Glass  
January 11  
Leona Charfauros  
January 13  
Brian Doughty  
January 16  
Mike Basayne  
January 19  
Rocky Loftus  
January 21  
Alfredo Pedroza  
January 21

## Club Leaders

[Mark Foxworthy](#)  
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[Hugh Linn](#)  
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Club Service Chair  
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Community Service Chair

December 11 2014

## Submitted by Charlie Bogue

### What's Up?

**Welcome:** President Mark welcomed Sunrise Rotarians to the Ballroom at the Silverado Resort for another December breakfast. The wet day did not deter, yet actually inspired member attendance.

**Pledge & Thought:** Conor Massey led attendees in the pledge to our flag. He then followed with the timely quote: "Whether the weather be fine, whether the weather be not, whether the weather be cold, whether the weather be hot, we'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not." Very thought provoking.

**Song:** Following the "weather" theme for the day, Song Leader Tom directed the membership with his rendition of "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let it Snow" revised to "Let it Rain, Let it Rain, Let it Rain."

**Visiting Rotarians:** There were no visiting Rotarians in attendance.

**Guests of Rotarians:** There were no guests of Rotarians at the breakfast.

**Announcements:** Corey Waken announced that he has started his own company providing **Wine Tours of the Napa Valley** and specializing in visits to the boutique and less known private labels. Friends or family coming to town, good time to call Corey and arrange a tour.....Pastor Ron announced that beginning in January his church would be offering a 9 week session on "**Recovery From Loss**" and an additional class on "**Managing your Money**" and personal economy with radio personality Dave Ramsey. Open to the public, see Ron for details.....our **Holiday Be Holiday Bell Ringing** to benefit the Salvation Army is going well according to Barry Thompson with all slots filled up to Christmas.....President Mark reminded all that money man Ken Lydon can set you up for **auto payment of your dues**.....and that the **Club Christmas Social** would be at Mike Murray's home on Friday the 19th to which Mike added that we not bring our "2 Buck Chuck" because he had the wine needs covered from his cellar.....followed by President's reminder that we have the Holiday Family Breakfast at our meeting of the 18th with entertainment and we would be dark on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

**Official Nomination:** It was announced that Mark Lesti was nominated for the Presidency of Napa Sunrise for the year 2016 to 2017. A second and landslide vote in favor makes him now the President Elect- Elect to follow Hugh Linn. Congratulations Mark.

**Student of the Month: Yuliana Trujillo, Valley Oak High School**



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Vocational Service Chair  
[John Cordeiro](#)  
iPast President



Introduced by Linda Glass, Yuliana was supported by her school Principal, her parents and Sunrise Rotary sponsor John Coleman. She spoke very quietly as she recounted her transition from a non-performing school days to current class leader. Explaining how she once was hanging out with the wrong people, Valley Oak helped her succeed after she had transferred through 7 schools. Leading by example she was identified by her "commitment to get better". Sponsor John gave her the student of the month awards, including a little working cash, and wished her the best wherever her future takes her.

**Special Membership Presentation:** President Mark called to the podium and gave Rotary Pin Recognition to three members who have each brought a new member to Sunrise in 2014. Mike Murray, Rich Melton and Alex Meyers received their pin for contributing to club membership. It was refuted that you must have a last name beginning with letter M in order to qualify.

**Happy Dollars:** Apparently **George Nielson** was late to the meeting because of his inability to get diapers on his grandson correctly and put \$50 to Pathway Home to offset his tardiness.....noting for the calendar **Sing Napa Valley Wintersong** Program, **Colleen Clark** gave \$20 to Pathway Home. The event will be Sunday December 21st at 3:00 PM at the Napa Valley Opera House. See Colleen for details and tickets or go to their website at [singnapavalley.org](http://singnapavalley.org).....with his final child graduating from college **Mike Donovan** was \$50 happy to his Paul Harris.....thanking Brad Woodland for needed car repairs **Jason Dominici** put \$50 to Brad's cause of choice.....having enjoyed the Napa Holiday B & B Tour, **John Coleman** gave \$50 to Jim Beazley for his organizing efforts which Jim passed on to Pathway home.....**Mark Lesti** was in his office and was paid a visit by Don Andrich (which he preferred to a visit by "digger" Manasse) which left him \$50 happy to the club.....and apparently **Doris Gentry** left Bob Harris "ringing solo" so she put \$50 guilt dollars to Pathway Home.....reminding **Mike Basayne** that he left Mark Luce "ringing solo" prompting him to give an additional \$50 to Pathway Home.

**Rotary Joker:** Mike Downer was feeling up when he had the winning ticket to draw for the Joker. However, he was down again when his card was not the Joker and the \$631 slipped from his grasp. Better luck in 2015 Mike.

**Speaker Program: Craft Talk: Jason Dominici**



Jason prepared and delivered a great reflection on his life with professional power point and personal sincerity. Citing his life as fairly normal he said he could manufacture no history of drug running, crime filled or dramatic life heroics.

He grew up in Lake Zurich north of Chicago, a third generation Italian, and under the “guidance and discipline” of his Naval Officer father who was not amused about Jason enticing his older brother to buy beer for he and his friends. In his high school years the family had moved to Carmel near Indianapolis not to be confused with Carmel and Monterey. His life was centered around all sports until his interest and ability narrowed on tennis. This “zipper head”, as he defined himself, was the team leader in his graduating class of 680 and he moved to within the top 25 in the state.

Though “courted” by some colleges in the Midwest, he settled on the University of the Pacific in Stockton where he obtained his B.S. in Business with emphasis on Marketing. Jason enjoyed his fraternity life during his college days and retains contact with friends today from those formative years. He admits however that the big catch of those years was to find his wife to be Megan. He was smitten with this Napa native admittedly stated she “made me look better”, a fact to which many of his fellow Rotarians would agree. Loving her generous spirit, they met and married finding in common a desire to help others and make the world a better place. Very active in Napa with Youth Ministry, the Hope Center and adopt a family, Megan and Jason have helped others as they raise their family of 3 children on their own.

Rarely enough time to do it all Jason enjoys family, skiing, golf, fishing and once had his private flying license. He has one Marathon and one Iron Man under his belt and is not likely looking for another. His life of activity was interrupted with a blood clot in his leg when he was 29 years old. This scare contributed to his philosophies of “always keep moving forward” and to “not take life too seriously”.

Jason has been in technology for near 18 years and is now with TelePacific and branching out in to a large public-private partnership program. A member of Sunrise Rotary for 7 years, Jason likens Rotary to the comradery of his relationships during his fraternity days with the satisfaction that comes from doing more good together. He was sponsored to Rotary by Dan Kent and explains his motivation for joining quite simply. “I was asked”. All history from there as Jason continues to provide Sunrise with his wit, his sense of humor and his dedication to make his community and the world a better place.

**Concluding Breakfast:** President Mark thanked Jason for his great craft talk and sent everyone out with wishes to stay dry and have a great week.

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