



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

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## Upcoming Speakers

- Dec 10 - Napa River Flood Control, Phil Miller and Rick Thomasser
- Dec 17 - Rotary Children's Christmas Party
- Dec 24 - HOLIDAY, WE ARE DARK
- Dec 31 - HOLIDAY, WE ARE DARK
- Jan 7 - Tanzania Well Drilling Project, Mark Luce
- Jan 14 - Developing Communities, Jake Scheideman
- Jan 21 - Napa Valley Vintners - In Our Napa Valley, Rex Stults
- Jan 28 - Napa County Jail Update, Lenard Vare and Mary Butler

## Events

- Dec 11 - Rotary Christmas Social, Beazley House 6 p.m.
- Mar 11 2016 - The Largest Gathering of Skiing Rotarians in the World

## Birthdays

- Patrick Sweeney  
December 08
- Jim Nord  
December 14
- Mark A. Diekroetger  
December 16
- Colleen Clark  
January 11
- Linda Glass  
January 11
- Leona Charfauros  
January 13
- Brian Doughty  
January 16
- Mike Basayne  
January 19
- Alfredo Pedroza  
January 21

December 3, 2015

Submitted by Charlie Bogue

**Welcome:** President Hugh welcomed a full house of Rotarians and guests to the Ballroom at the Silverado Resort for our first meeting in December.

**Pledge & Thought:** Brendan Freeman led attendees in the pledge. He then followed with thoughts about the tragic deaths in Southern California and a quote to the effect that we should remember that "it is in rough seas that good captains are made".

**Song:** Song Master Feutz opened the holiday season with a rousing rendition of "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town".

**Guests of Rotarians:** Charlie Bogue introduced guest and speaker for the day from **ParentsCAN**, **Marlena Garcia**. Howard Haupt introduced his nephew **Joe Haupt** visiting from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bill Lockhart introduced returning guest **Dave Carroll**.

**Visiting Rotarians:** District Governor Erin Dunn was introduced by Doris Gentry. Bruce Ketron was visiting from Napa noon.

**Announcements:** President Hugh announced that the **next board meeting** would be held Friday, December 4th 7 am at the Gasser conference room. All Rotarians are invited to attend....Katie Anderson reminded everyone if they did not receive their envelope regarding **Rotary Foundation** participation, to get it from her...Barry Thompson announced that **bell ringing** is going well and advised everyone to watch your emails for the date and time of your assignment....he noted that **Mike Donovan** had been reprimanded by a Trader Joes shopper that he was ringing the bell too loudly....Howard Haupt announced that the assembling of the packages for "**Operation With Love From**" will be happening Saturday, December 5th at 10 am at the Crosswalk Church gymnasium...He also announced that the "**Notes for the Troops**" were on the table and for those that wish to send a holiday thank you, the notes would be included in the boxes sent this Christmas...Jason Dominici announced that the **annual scholarship fundraiser** honoring his brother in law Patrick will be held on January 2nd at Justin Sienna....If you want to attend, see Jason for details...Mike Donovan announced that the **Holiday Social** will be held on December 11th at 6 pm at the Beazley House and took a headcount to plan for the event....Alex Myers announced that the next **Rotary Means Business** would be held on December 16th at 6 pm at 1219 Coombs Street...Chris Craiker announced that **The Table** served 166 meals on December 1st, the sponsor for the event was Charlie Bogue of Coldwell Banker....there were 17 Rotarians who volunteered in cooking and serving at this final Table event for 2015....Chris also announced the passing of Mike Chramko who had begun Sunrise Rotary's involvement with the Table 7 or 8 years ago....Linda Glass announced that the **largest gathering of skiing Rotarians in the world** will be held March 11th of 2016....she encouraged any new members who would like to participate in the event to see her for details.

**Student of the Month:** **Klariza Dodson Rodriguez**

Ann Petrie, the new principal for Napa High, introduced Klariza's teacher who had selected her as Student of the Month. This month's sponsors were Joe Fischer and Katie Anderson. Klariza thanked her family who was in attendance as well as her teachers and Napa Sunrise for honoring her with this award. Among her many activities she plays girls football, enjoys her French class and is a tutor and volunteer for fellow classmates. She describes herself as "a good team member" placing others before herself. She is proud of the new friends that she has made in school and looks forward to a career in public safety and eventually becoming an FBI agent or criminal investigator. Following her receipt of awards and cash, she received a well-deserved standing ovation.

**Happy Dollars:** **Gary Lieberstein** had sad dollars for the passing of long time

Rocky Loftus  
January 21  
William Jabin  
January 25

## *District Calendar Events*

May 6-8, 2016 District Conference in  
NAPA

rotarian and community leader Tom Young.....he also had happy dollars for his daughter Rachel having passed the bar and being sworn in as a deputy district attorney in Alameda county...**Becky Peterson** followed up by reminding everyone that Rachel has also been Junior Miss here in Napa.... **Dean Lambert** was \$1000 happy to the Endowment for his house having sold...**Colleen Clark** gave \$20 in announcing that she would be singing with "Sing Napa Valley" Handel's Messiah Sunday December 13th at the Lincoln Theater in Yountville at 3 pm, tickets are available online lincolntheater.com.... **Mark Lesti** was also happy for the sale of Dean Lambert's home and gave \$200 to the club...**John Cordeiro** had a fantastic trip to Maui and had \$100 left over which he gave to the Endowment...**Todd Walker** was \$100 happy to the endowment for the second rental home that he had purchased.

**Sunrise Rotary Officers:** Don Andrich came forward to announce the nominees for officers and directors for the year 2017-2018. They are for President- Jason Dominici, Vocational – Doris Gentry, Club – Alfredo Pedroza, Community – Alex Myers, International – Rob Hampton

**Rotary Joker:** The Rotary Joker pot is increasing to over \$2500 and decreasing in number of cards to 18. **Red Badge Julie** had the winning ticket, but not the winning card as the Rotary Joker lives another week.

### **Speaker Program: ParentsCAN – Marlena Garcia**

Charlie Bogue introduced the Executive Director for ParentsCAN, Marlena Garcia. Marlena described the services of ParentsCAN who provide support and services to over 1200 families per year who have children with disabilities. They connect families with trained Parent advocates who understand the challenges and guide them to the services that strengthen their families. She provided an excellent power point presentation and background information on how ParentsCAN achieves its goals to Educate, Collaborate, and Advocate citing that she has in her own family members with special needs. She spoke about the specific programs and the need for community funding to allow ParentsCAN to continue to provide these services for free. She also commented that the need for services well exceeds their ability to meet the demand, and support for their many programs would be greatly appreciated. The organization is locally founded and will be celebrating it's 10th Anniversary in 2016 and are using that occasion for their annual fundraiser on **February 20, 2016 at the Meritage Resort**. Bill and Mary Dodd will be honorees and she encouraged everyone to attend that event. An alternative way to support ParentsCAN is through the Give Guide where donations can be made by simply going on line. Colleen Clark added at the conclusion of Marlena's presentation how important ParentsCAN has been as a resource for foster children and children of the courts who have few alternatives or opportunities.

**Concluding Breakfast:** President Hugh thanked Marlena and provided her a Rotary Mug and a slightly used Rotarian pen and then sent everyone out for a successful week.

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