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"What's Up?"

Your Napa Sunrise Rotary Bulletin

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Upcoming Speakers

Jan 28 - Napa County Jail Update, Lenard Vare and Mary Butler

Feb 4 - Mentis (AKA Family Service of Napa Valley, Michele Farhat, Deputy Director

Feb 11 - Memoir of Missionary Priest in Africa, Michael Barrington

Feb 18 - More Than A Number: Life as a Foster Youth, Melissa Lewelling

Feb 25 - Napa Valley Early Learning Initiative, Michelle Laymon

Mar 3 - Entrepreneurship & Lagunitas Brewery, Greg Meredith

Mar 10 - Craft Talk, Alex Meyers

Mar 17 - Developing Communities, Jake Scheideman

Mar 24 - Junior Achievement, Denny Mosher

Mar 31 - Education Today, Patrick Sweeney

Apr 7 - Wind Technology, Charlie Bogue

Events

02/02 - The Table

02/03 - Rotary After Dark

02/17 - Rotary Means Business

03/01 - The Table

03/02 - Rotary After Dark

Mar 11 2016 - The Largest Gathering of Skiing Rotarians in the World

July 4 - PARADE

Birthdays

Welcome: President Hugh gave a rousing welcome to Sunrise Rotarians and guests at the Member's Clubhouse at the Silverado Resort.

Pledge & Thought: Jose Rossi led the group in the pledge to the flag and provided an inspiring thought for the day.

Song: In Song Master Tom's absence Reverend Ron led the chorus in The Grand Old Flag.

Guests of Rotarians: Pete Mott introduced daughter Madison who is home from college in Road Island and spending some quality time with dad.....Doris Gentry introduced her guest Sandra.... Brian Kelly welcomed Kenzo Tsujimoto and his two guests.

Visiting Rotarians: Visiting from Napa Noon Rotary was Bill's better half Robin Lockhart.

Announcements: Chris Craiker announced that **The Table** will be held on Tuesday February 2nd and he was passing the signup board for 5 cooks and 5 servers. He noted that it will be "Ground Hog Day" but that it is not on the menu.....David Anderson reported that 15 or so Rotarians had a great tour and gathering for **Rotary Means Business** at President Hugh's office complex. The date and location for February will be announced at next week's meeting....Doris was very excited to announce that the **Fourth of July Parade** will have a band this year with 46 practicing members at this point.....President Hugh reminded that the **District Gathering** will be conveniently in Napa this year. It will be May 5-8 at the Marriott and we are looking to providing a great experience for everyone....Paul Oseso received his winnings check from the **Rotary Joker** and generously sharing a portion of his good fortune with the club.....the date for **Cycle for Sight** has been set for April 16th this year and Todd generously said yes to providing the BBQ for the event....Club Secretary Jaime Buffington announced that she is working on **Attendance Make Ups** and should be current soon with credits for Bell Ringing and the Table..... Mike Donovan let me know that the next **Sunrise After Dark Social** will be held on Wednesday February 3rd from 5:15 to 7 PM at 1313 Main. Should be fun event and does count as a makeup.

Student of the Month: **Abigail Sneed * Napa High School**

Abigail, the current Rotary Interact Club President at Napa High provided an articulate and well prepared acceptance talk for her award. Introduced that if there were a Student of the Year she would be the one and her teacher said she would like to "bottle here work effort" and share it with all students. Coming from St. John's Lutheran she has been in Interact and a spirit team leader for all 4 years at Napa High. She attended Girls State, visits to Nicaragua to help students with English, visits and service to the Veterans in Yountville and donated time to Napa Wildlife. Her goal is to go to a 4 year university and student in animal medicine and fulfill her life dream of becoming a veterinarian. Thanking her mother, her teacher and her experience at Napa High she accepted the plaques, cash and a standing Sunrise ovation for her efforts. Here sponsors were Mike Murray who gave her the awards and Gary Lieberstein who was unable to be in attendance.

Happy Dollars: Having just returned from Haiti where he helped install a back-up electrical power source at a community orphanage, **Mark Luce** put \$50 to his Paul Harris.... back after a few meetings **Alex Meyers** put \$100 to Polio Plus meeting his commitment for all the Rotarians that came to his law firm office

Alfredo Pedroza
January 21
Rocky Loftus
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William Jabin
January 24
Michael Ledwich
January 26
James Collins
January 31
Charles Knechtel
February 02
Conor Massey
February 03
Michael Donovan
February 04
Clifford C. Kunkel
February 04
Michael Alan Murray
February 05
Jason Dominici
February 06
Jose Rossi
February 06
Joseph G. Peatman
February 16
William D. Lockhart
February 16

District Calendar Events

May 6-8, 2016 District Conference in
NAPA

opening in December.... **Morgan Putnam** had happy and sad \$50 in announcing he is relocating within his current company to Seattle. He thanked all for his time here and promised future visits when in the area.... Happy to have In-Shape Health Club opened at Gasser,**Joe Fisher** gave \$50 to the club. He was also happy that La Cross Season has begun and he continues as coach and head of the club....having concluded two months of Napa on Ice and the first year of the San Mateo operation**Pete Mott** was \$50 happy to his wife's Paul Harris. He was happy as well to have a full day ahead with visiting daughter Madison....back from a fun visit to warm Puerto Rico, **Dean Lumbert** gave \$50 to the club for each mosquito bite he received during the trip....**Jaime Buffington** was \$50 happy to Polio Plus for having her house lowered back on to its foundation.... **Kent Imrie** parted with a few dollars for his cell phone having gone off during the meeting... **President Hugh** parted with \$50 to Polio Plus sheepishly announcing he will miss the next meeting because he will be in Mexico drinking beer with George Nielson while leaving kids home alone.

Red Badge to Blue: Dave Carrol came forward with his sponsor Bill Lockhart to receive his Blue Badge, pin and assorted items. Dave has been in Napa for 2.5 years and has a home and vineyard on Monticello Road. He has a veterinary practice in Watsonville and is converting to retired skier and grape grower. Excited about joining Sunrise Rotary he finds having 100 friends you can tell your problems to is cheaper than therapy. Welcome Dave.

Rotary Joker: Paul Oseso picked the Joker the previous week and cleaned out the pot. Merlin did have the winning ticket and did not walk away with the \$35 opportunity.

Speaker Program: Rex Stults * Napa Valley Vintners Association



Introduced by Becky Peterson, Rex presented a history and update of the 530 member Napa Valley Vintners Association. His history is well suited to his position of Government Relations Director where he has now been for over 10 years. He first worked with KVON in 1992 followed by the Napa Chamber of Commerce then 10 years with the St. Helena Chamber. Rex was a Rotarian in St. Helena and lives in West Napa and commutes to St. Helena along with many other vineyard and winery workers. Finding from polls and research he cited the three primary issues confronting the valley are 1) Traffic 2) Affordable Housing and 3) Over Development.

The Vintners Association has taken on the theme of "Our Napa Valley" realizing the inter connectivity between the community as a whole and the wine industry. From the "Traffic Mitigation Seminar" that they formulated came more effort for member wineries to have workers use shuttles, car pools and busses when possible and to pay for free bus passes. Rex applauded the City of Calistoga for taking action to solve its transportation issues around area workers.

The Vintners Association has given \$450,000 per year to enhance farm worker housing and can now provide housing and 3 meals for \$13 per day. Auction Napa Valley proceeds continue to be spent on health services, child services and following the Napa Earthquake made \$10,000,000 immediately available to 12,000 victims who lacked the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter.

Regarding the topic of overdevelopment, Rex said that there are new efforts to have members self-police permit compliance and for the Association to provide a moderating voice to the heated debate of how much growth is too much on the fragile valley floor and in the needed watershed hillsides.

With the lofty goal of having all vineyards and wineries "Napa Green Certified"

by the year 2020 the Association is helping members to conserve water resources and reduce carbon emissions during the wine making and selling process.

As far as investment in the community, Auction Napa Valley has raised over \$145,000,000 since it began with all auction lots being fully donated by members.

These monies are disbursed to non-profits in the community which are closely monitored for accountability and effective use of the money. Among other beneficiaries is the Boys and Girls Club which received a more than 2 million dollar donation for the construction of the new facility in American Canyon. Rex provided a sincere narrative with supporting power point program illustrating the amazing commitment the Vintners Association has made to assist families up and down the valley.

Concluding Breakfast: President Hugh thanked Rex and sent everyone out for a successful week.

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