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"What's Up?"

Your Napa Sunrise Rotary Bulletin

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Upcoming Speakers

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

02/24 - 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

January 28, 2016

Submitted by Charlie Bogue

Welcome: Past President John Cordeiro filled in for missing President Hugh to welcome to Sunrise Rotarians and guests at the Member's Clubhouse at the Silverado Resort.

Pledge & Thought: Becky Peterson led the group in the pledge and provided a thought from Eleanor Roosevelt concluding with: "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."

Song: Charlie Bogue noted that one of our very special and kind Rotarians, Rocky Loftus, had returned this January after missing for 4 months to recover from her difficult surgery. Appropriately a heartfelt chorus of "For She's a Jolly Good Lady".

Guests of Rotarians: There were no guests.

Visiting Rotarians: There were no visiting Rotarians.

Announcements: Chris Craiker announced that **The Table** will be held on Tuesday February 2nd and that Mike Campi has stepped up as sponsor and he has all needed volunteers. It will be "Ground Hog Day" but that will not likely be on the menu..... Mike Donovan announced 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 the event does count as a makeup..... Barry Thompson briefly announced that the **Dictionary Delivery** was done in American Canyon with the help of Ron Driscoll and Mark Foxworthy and that Alta Heights was next up.... Morgan Putnam relayed a thank you to everyone who attended his **Going Away Gathering** and he looks forward future return visits to Napa Sunrise.

Happy Dollars: Returning from 10 happy days on Maui, **Mike Ledwich** put \$100 to his Paul Harris.... thanking Charlie Bogue for his song in recognizing her return from surgery **Rocky Loftus** directed \$50 to Polio Plus.... **Conner Massey** was \$100 happy to the Club having gotten their 3rd child up on skis so he could return from instructor to skier.... **Ken Lydon** touted the Napa Vintage Girls Basketball game urging everyone to attend. His daughter and Warren Bowers daughter are on the team that has gone 4 and 0 making him \$100 happy to the Club. He also included a thank you to Mark Foxworthy for printing the team programs.... happy that Larry Sharp had a Beach Boys ticket for him, **Chris Craiker** put \$50 in the endowment.... **Leona** had a happy and sad \$48 after her trip to run in Hawaii and returning to find her car had been vandalized for \$650. She did bring a club flag from Maui Rotary.

Rotary Joker: In a slow rebuilding process the pot of \$46 dollars was at risk but Gavin Long did not pull the Joker and will need to look to another week.

Speaker Program:



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



Lenard Vare * Director, Napa County Department of Corrections

Gary Lieberstein gave a detailed introduction of Lenard outlining the challenges that he is facing in his position of Director of the Napa County Jails. Seems a perfect storm of limited funding, an increased population of inmates created by state mandates and loss of facilities from the Napa Earthquake. The Napa jail was originally built in 1976 with an expansion in 1989 to a total of 264 beds. They operate at 90% capacity but due to "Realignment" there is severe overcrowding. More offenders have been moved from the state prisons to what have historically been short term county jails. These new inmates are more violent and are serving longer terms than the local short term population. The need to serve a greater population of inmates was further complicated by the 2015 Napa Earthquake where 50% of the beds were lost forcing the rental of 120 beds at the Solano County Jail. The quake related "yellow tag" to the jail also limited use of the facilities and cut back on the progressive rehabilitation programs of literacy, drug and alcohol treatment and job training that were geared to reducing the returning rate of released inmates. In addition to the loss or minimization of these programs, law suits have required County Jails to provide exterior yard areas, medical care, dental care, drug rehab and mental health services to inmates. Lenard stated that 30% of the inmates suffer from mental illness. Our local Jails did receive 14 million dollars from the state to create and continue a transition facility that will be open by 2019 and have 72 beds for those inmates closest to release and best ready to return to civilian life. It was noted also that if the corrections department is able to get to the 18 to 24 year age group the likelihood of returning to the criminal world is much less. Napa's programs have created a return rate of 15% compared with state average of 60%. The program gave great background for the need of a new jail to better protect the security of the community and prepare inmates for integration into society. The cost of a new jail is estimated at \$158 million and increasing every year it is not built. This number included a deduction for the money raised from the sale of the current downtown facility. He pointed out that the cost of building a new jail will cost \$5 million more than the cost of renting beds from neighbor county facilities if we did not build a jail. The program gave an informative background to the many and severe needs we have in order to retain security and what the costs and difficulties are. If you want further information on the new jail project, contact Nelson Cortez at 707-299-1478. Certainly appears to be a local concern and topic that is not going away soon.

Concluding Breakfast: Past President Cordeiro thanked Lenard for his presentation and sent everyone out for a successful week.

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