



Napa Sunrise Rotary Bulletin

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Events

07/17 - Meeting for 9/11 Day of Remembrance

07/31 - Meeting for 9/11 Day of Remembrance

08/05 - The Table

Upcoming Speakers

7-10-14

Gary Pitkin, NSIB commander.
The impact of illegal drugs in Napa

7-17-14

Steve Moulds
It's a thirsty world out there

7-24-14

District Governor Kevin Eisenberg
Marc Atkison
Aldea Children and Family Services

7-31-14

Doris Duncan
Sonoma County Wild Life Rescue - Born Free (sort of)

8-7-14

Debby Wheeler - DACdb, Facebook, MyRotary

8-14-14

Sal Alvarez - Napa Victim witness Services

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Birthdays

Mark Foxworthy

July 16

Jul 10 2014

Submitted by Charley Bogue

Welcome: President Mark welcomed the group to breakfast in the Vintner's court at Silverado Resort on another beautiful day in the Napa Valley.

Pledge & Thought: Debby Wheeler, Rotarian of the Year, lead the pledge to the flag and provided a quote to the effect that "You can always know the right thing to do, the hard part is to do it". Thoughtful words to take in for the day.

Song: Tom lead us in a complex multi verse Rotary version of Clementine which held together well given the number of guests and talent of the membership.

Visiting Rotarians: Brad and Corey announced no visiting Rotarians.

Guests of Rotarians:

Staff Sargeant Brian Luth of the U.S.Army recruiting office in Vallejo was introduced by Debby Wheeler.

Announcements:

Peter Mott introduced Darcey Jezycki, Community Relations Director, from Piners. In association with the Celebrating Seniors Committee, Darcey explained the "**A Senior Wish**" program similar to the Make a Wish program for children. Seeking donations, you can go to www.volunteernapa.org and look for the Senior Wish tab and make a donation.

The 3rd annual Celebrating seniors event will be at Napa Expo on Saturday October 11 from 11am to 3pm. Any questions you can reach Darcey at 261-7375.

Mitch Johnson introduced well known Napan Compadres owner Rick Enos who thanked Sunrise Rotary for a great Fourth of July Parade and announced his own upcoming event the Tenth Annual **Charity Golf, Auction and Dinner for Molly's Angels** to be held at Napa Valley Country Club on August 25, 2014. In a moment of winewackness he volunteered to chair the event for an additional year and has the support of our own Mitch Johnson as well. This organization has given back to families in the community over \$1,000,000 in all forms of assistance. Every form of sponsorship, participation and contribution from golf to dinner is needed and available for the event. Call 707-224-8971 to sign up for golf, make a dinner reservation or get more detail.

President Mark thanked the great member turnout for the first board meeting of his term and encouraged more participation as the year moves on. He asked on behalf of Brad and Corey that members make a special effort to **sign in when getting your badge** in the morning so that you get attendance credit.

The **District Governor is headed for Napa** on the week of July 23 and 24. A likely

Greg A. Bennett
July 24
Jay Hull
July 31
Lenore Hirsch
August 05
Raymond F. Sercu
August 07
Todd Walker
August 10
Iris Barrie
August 14

board meeting and social on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd and an address on the state of Rotary by the Governor at our breakfast meeting of the 24th. Please plan to not leave early and guests are not encouraged for that day.

Happy Dollars: Peter Mott was happy to the tune of \$50 that his daughter qualified for Junior Olympics with a hammer throw of 130 feet at the USA Track and Field Region 14 Championship in Fresno.

Likewise, **Craig Struble** was \$50 happy that his son placed a berth to the nationals with a 5th place finish in the Boys 17-18 javelin throw at Fresno. This means that both, with families in tow, will be headed for the National Junior Olympics in Humble, Texas near Houston where over 7,000 athletes will compete in their event July 21-27.

Back from Boise Idaho, **Joe Tranmer** reported celebrating a 70th Birthday, 45 years of wedding bliss and a few other life benchmarks. With some form of new math he determined that \$105 was the right gift to the endowment.

Proud Father Mike Basayne was excited that his one son was having his first ESPN special since going to work for them and well wishes for his other son who was moving to Southern California to work on a new start up.

Grandfather **Mark Luce's** one daughter was having her first child (grandchild) and as I heard another having her 5th which would somehow make 6 if the numbers are right. In any case, a \$100 donation to grandson Isiah's Paul Harris.

Tom Fuetz rewarded **Tim Long's** life best score of 69 at Napa Valley Country Club with a wager payment that went \$50 to Pathway Home and \$50 to the Endowment.

Gary Lieberstein shared his happiness that his second year law student daughter got a guilty verdict at her first jury trial paving the way for a new prosecutor is the family.

Changing of the Banner: President Mark thanked past president John for his term and performed the ceremony of the passing flag. This year's theme, to the delight of many, is "**Light Up Rotary**". Particularly welcome in Washington state and Colorado..... he reported as well that in fact the Rotary Wheel float in the Fourth of July Parade did in fact run in to a traffic signal during the parade. Apparently little damage, not sure if that was one way or two way traffic at the time.

Red Badge to Blue: Mark Kuhnhausen was sponsor for new Blue Badger **John Coleman**. John received his shirt, pin and other membership recognitions and was welcomed as a great addition to Napa Sunrise.

Rotary Joker: Shocker!! After President Mark lamented the slow growth of the Joker Fund at \$281, Bob Harris of Napa Valley College promptly had his number called and pulled the Joker. His day starting well, Mark's day returned to what the balance might be in a new term, zero. On we go, buy more tickets.

Speaker Program:



Napa Special Investigation Bureau

Sunrise members and guests were treated to a behind the scenes look at this group of law enforcement officers that deal with a dangerous underside of our bucolic Napa Valley. Napa Police Lieutenant Gary Pitkin cast a little suspicion at our new Rotary theme "Light Up Napa" as he proceeded to tell us about the dangerous drug activity taking place in our community. Dressed in camouflage and armed, he assured us that this was not for our benefit but that he was off to work in the valley foothills after breakfast. Started in 1979 with a State Grant, the NSIB is a collection of trained officers from local police and sheriff departments along with the Highway Patrol that specifically focuses on drug cultivation, possession and trafficking in the valley. He noted that 70% of their effort is focused on the City of Napa where the dominant population resides. The NSIB has eradicated 60,000 marijuana plants this year and some 14,000 off the hillsides of Mt. St. Helena. Just this week, aerial flights took the officers to the hills of Mt. Veeder where they arrested an armed man cultivating and possessing plants.

Among concerns to the community are fire concerns, environmental concerns and the health and safety concerns of the citizens. He made it clear that there are armed threats in the hillsides guarding their crops which are for the most part sold outside of Napa County itself. The changing nature of drug activity has also moved to indoor growing which includes high and dangerous use of heat lamps and power supplies. Another product encountered is BHO or Butane Hash Oil which is a concentrate created as butane is passed through the leaves creating a hash product. Most of the officer's time is spent on tracking and policing of amphetamine labs and production. Once over \$20,000 per pound, today's prices of \$3,500 per pound means more users, more traffic, more theft and more local violence as users meet their needs. In the year 2000 the probation department was brought in to the NSIB to be more effective in discovery and prosecution. Probation officer Ricky Serna spoke briefly about the outreach he is doing to prevent youth and others from crossing the line to drug activity. He pointed out how they can track missing kids in school and how the kids and families of those committing crimes can themselves become victims. The message from this silent world is that there is an ongoing business of drug creation and marketing that affects crime, mental health and the general health of our community. At \$900 per hour for air surveillance they rely primarily on reports from hikers, hunters and others that travel the more rural parts of the county. Very articulate and very focused in his purpose, we can be pleased that there are those so dedicated as Lieutenant Pitkin to risk their lives to minimize the effect of illegal drugs on our community.

Concluding Breakfast:

President Mark concluded the meeting and sent all off to a happy and successful week.

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