



"What's Up?"

Your Napa Sunrise Rotary Bulletin

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Upcoming Speakers

- Mar 17 - Developing Communities, Jake Scheideman
- Mar 24 - Junior Achievement, Denny Mosher
- Mar 31 - Education Today, Patrick Sweeney
- Apr 7 - Wind Technology, Charlie Bogue
- Apr 14 - Napa Open Space District, Ann Steinhauer
- Apr 21 - Craft Talk, Gary Lieberstein
- Apr 28 - Sanitation in Nap County

Events

- 03/11/16 - The Largest Gathering of Skiing Rotarians in the World
- July 4 - PARADE

Birthdays

- Paul Row
March 13
- Timothy J. Long
March 16
- Charles Bogue
March 18
- J. Kevin Corley
March 20
- Hugh Linn
March 31
- Mike Campi
April 07
- Michael Parness
April 07
- Joseph Fischer
April 07
- Robert Hampton

Welcome: President Hugh gave a Sunrise Rotarian Welcome to members and guests at the Ballroom of the Silverado Resort.

Pledge & Thought: Iris Barrie led the group in the pledge to our flag and followed with the timely quote from Will Rogers: "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and record the facts."

Song: Reverend Ron called for unity in our times with the singing of "God Bless America".

Guests of Rotarians: No guests in attendance.

Visiting Rotarians: Gene Waken was visiting from Arizona along with his grandson Skylar.

Announcements:

Chris Craiker announced that 147 meals were served on March 1st at **The Table**. Sponsor for the day was George Nielson with Debby Wheeler, Colleen Clark, Leona Charofauros, Iris Barrie, David Bell, Julie Neely and Patricia Lawrence doing the cooking and Bill Lockhart, Pat McGrath, David Carroll, George Nielson, Bob Harris and Barry Thompson providing the food service and cleanup....Denny Mosher noted the wrap up of 6 weeks of **Junior Achievement** with several of the sessions done entirely on computer. He acknowledged Jason Dominici and Joe Fischer for their participation and the club for donating \$5,000 to the program.... Doris "Parade" Gentry announced the coming **4th Of July Parade** and that the request for grand marshal nominees is out there. Email or contact Doris if you have a suggestion.... **Jose Rossi** presented a banner from his recent visit to the Monrovia Rotary....David Anderson announced **Rotary Means Business** gathering at 6PM on March 23rd at Heritage Sotheby's Realty on Trancas and invited all to attend... Linda Glass announced that the day has come for the **Largest Gathering of Skiing Rotarians in the World** to be held the following day at Alpine Meadows. Denny Mosher has invited participants to his house in Tahoe the night before for a red wine strategy session and Linda introduced our entries as she and Denny, Joe Peatman, Gary Lieberstein, Paul Row, Katie Anderson, Kent Imrie, Hugh Linn, Gary Rose and Jim Lyon....Pete Mott announced that any group who wants to "**Paint the Moose**" could contact Cathy at Downtown Joe's....President Hugh reminded all to be available for the **District Conference In Napa** the first week in May and specifically to be available for the Saturday Night event at the Marriott when Napa Sunrise will be honored by the district....Hugh also noted that **Cycle for Sight** is coming on April 16th and that Todd will have the BBQ ready and we will raise money from selling 2 kegs of donated beer. Chris announced we will also staff a water station at the event.

Student of the Month: Bryan Gonzalez Cruz * Valley Oak High School

Principal Maria Cisneros introduced Bryan as one of her favorites, as she remembered



April 11
Stephen D Potter
April 12
Richard Melton
April 14
Gary Lieberstein
April 15
Paul Oseso
April 27
Michael L Lundstrom
April 28
Cathy L. Dickey
May 01

District Calendar Events

May 6-8, 2016 District Conference in
NAPA

seeing Bryan holding his little sister's hand as he walked her to school. Talking from the podium



he recounted his history of schools attended and how he had developed to be on the honor roll at Valley Oak. He regularly attended "Saturday School" and is always available to help his fellow students. His plan is to attend Napa Valley College, then on to a four-year college studying computers with particular interest in designing computer games. He thanked everyone from his mom, his teachers, his school and his Rotary sponsors Todd Walker and Denny Mosher who were both on hand to present him with his awards and cash scholarship.

Happy Dollars: **Tim Long** was happy for the support provided to him by fellow friend Rotarian Todd Walker and gave \$301 to Todd's wife's Paul Harris.....Happy to have closed a transaction for President Hugh, **David Anderson** gave \$100 to the Club on Hugh's behalf....**Doris Gentry** was \$100 happy to Polio Plus for the first "real vacation" she and her husband have taken in 5 years, interrupted only by his grabbing of a live gator.

Rotary Joker: Bill Lockhart was lucky turned unlucky as he had the right ticket but chose the wrong card. \$265 remains in the pot with the kind addition of Bill's \$10 winning.

Speaker Program: Alex Meyers * Craft Talk

Alex gave an entertaining and informative narrative of his apparent "normal" upbringing in Napa to activities of his current law practice. Alex graduated from Vintage High School and came full circle where he now coaches their Mock Trial Program. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California (not shy to proclaim as the best), and then his law degree from San Diego. It was there that he met Leslie who ultimately became his wife.

His first job was creation and sorting out of the legal entities of a real estate developer's holdings. That company fell on hard times just as his father had set up his own firm after 30 years of practice at the Gaw Van Male law firm here in Napa. Seeming the perfect opportunity, Alex joined the firm and at the same time found a family law position for his wife and they returned and settled in Napa.

Almost by default, Alex picked up several clients in need of his services in evicting tenants from their rental investment.

Specializing in real estate and business structure, the evictions were not far afield. He walked the audience through the process and cost of evictions and then turned to the rental housing crisis that he uncovered in our local community. With rents rising 8.3% in 2013, 6.7% in 2014 and 13.5% in 2015 he discovered in evicting tenants they could no longer afford to stay in Napa, at \$1700 for the average 2 bedroom rent, and now had to move to Vallejo and Fairfield areas. With these tenants now commuting daily it was clear that an affordable housing problem has become a traffic problem.

Alex pointed out also that commuters living outside the local community take their money home and spend it there further causing hardship on local small businesses. With a few ideas but no "silver bullet" to solve the lack of affordable housing in our community he did make it clear it is a problem that needs to be dealt with and is not going away easily. Fortunately, Alex and his wife were able to recently find their home in Napa and are happily settled as they pursue their legal careers and reconnect with the community where Alex spent his early years.

Concluding Breakfast: President Hugh thanked Alex for presentation and then sent everyone out for a successful week.

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