

# Rotary



## Club of Napa Sunrise

### Club Meeting

Napa Sunrise  
Meets at Silverado Resort & Spa  
1600 Atlas Peak Road  
Napa, CA 94558  
Time: Thursday at 07:00 AM

### Speakers

#### November 12, 2020

[Devereaux Smith](#)  
Blue Oak School Nuestro Futuro Program

#### November 19, 2020

[Tript Kang](#)  
Business Marketing Tools from the United States Postal Service

#### December 03, 2020

[Daniel Marlay - Make-A-Wish Foundation](#)  
Everything You Wanted To About MAW....And More!

### Club Leaders



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## November 12, 2020 Bulletin

By **Bob Harris**

### National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day National Happy Hour Day

### Today's Pledge, Thought, and Song

Colleen Clark began the day by leading Napa Sunrise in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then provided a short, but poignant, Thought for the Day: *"We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear."* - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tom Feutz and Doug Robert then "tag teamed" to bring us a most unique Song for the Day. It wasn't so much a "sing-along" as it was a "watch-and-listen" song that was noted to be a drinking song?!? The song is *"To Anacreon In Heaven"* sung to the tune of our National Anthem. It is a bit difficult to describe so it would be best if you click [HERE](#) so you can see it yourself.

### Today's Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

None

### Student of the Month - Valley Oak High School

This morning we were joined by Valley Oak Principal Maria Cisneros and Teacher JoAnn Clark to honor the Valley Oak Student-of-the-Month, Daymein Hernandez (no photo available due to technical difficulties).

Ms. Clark has been Daymien's teacher at the American Canyon campus of VO and describes him as a student who has overcome so very much in the last two years. His parents are amazing and so supportive. He turned his world around after a brush with the law. He likes to spend time working on cars with his dad and is on track to graduate this year. Daymien thanked his parents and his teachers for their unwavering support and their belief in him. He plans to attend Napa Valley College upon graduation and has dreams of opening a clothing business. His story was compelling and we are proud to have had him join us early today. Daymien's Rotary sponsors were Patricia Lawrence and Bob Harris.

### Today's Announcements

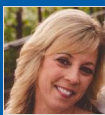
Brenda Burke provided information about an upcoming event for the ribbon cutting of The Community Pet Pantry on Tuesday, November 24th at CrossWalk Community Church at 12:00pm. The event will be streamed via their Facebook page. Brenda will provide a link to the page in the coming days. The Community Pet Pantry will provide free pet food and supplies for those who are in need to help keep their animals fed and safe at home. You can get more information by clicking [HERE](#) to access the Flyer for the event.



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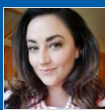
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## Birthdays

Henock Tesfaw  
November 13th  
Eric L Keffer  
November 18th  
Janet Brown  
November 19th

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Denny Mosher announced that today (Thursday) the final touches on the Addie Mae Memorial at the BMX Track would be completed. This included the installation of the mural. His team would be completing the project today and he promised picture of the completed project.

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## Happy Dollars

Gary Lieberstein was so very happy with \$50 to the Todd Walker Memorial Fund while announcing that he and his wife, Patty, became grandparents at 1:57am on Saturday, November 7. Their daughter gave birth to Edison Adam Ross. Mom, Edison, Dad, and Grandparents are all doing well!! Congratulations!

Denny Mosher was \$50 happy to the Club Endowment now that his granddaughter has signed her National Letter of Intent to attend CSU Long Beach and to play soccer. BTW....CSULB is his alma mater!

Jim Collins was \$25 happy to the Club Endowment because the annual Rite of Spring was starting today...seven months late.....today is the first round of the Masters Tournament.

Scott Heun was positively gushing! Rotary has done so much for him! He was \$100 happy to his Paul Harris and \$50 happy to wherever Jason Dominici wanted it to go because Jason was the President when Scott somehow was cajoled into joining Rotary....and he \$50 happy to wherever Devereaux Smith wanted it to go because she has been such a good friend...all of which got him to where he met Janet Brown....and the two are now engaged to be married! Janet, smiling from ear-to-ear, matched Scott's pledges! Congratulations to Scott and Janet!!!!

Brian Doughty was \$100 happy to the Todd Walker Memorial Fund on behalf of Scott Heun because he had the privilege of being a part of the happy couple's process....and he somehow managed to keep the big secret!!!



Jason Dominici provided heartfelt words that only a Daddy could say about his little girl, Addie. He noted that this weekend was her birthday and he was very pleased that Napa Sunrise was putting up a memorial at the BMX track. He thanked Denny and Julie Neely for their time, effort, and support and pledged \$25 to each of their Paul Harris.

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## Today's Presentation

Today we learned about the Blue Oak School, its mission and vision, and the programming that it provides to students in Napa. Pictured to the right is Dan Schwarz, the Head of the Blue Oak School and former Napa Sunrise Rotarian. Dan came to Napa four years ago from Chicago and has been in education administration for many years.

Dr. Sonia Ha, a local pediatrician, and Board Member of Blue Oak, gave a brief history of the school, which started in 2002 and currently serves 170 students in the K-8 grade levels. The school's approach to learning is unique in that the school does teach memorization or only "book" knowledge, the school strives to teach the students to learn how to learn.

We heard from Blue Oak alum, Julie Figueroa, whose sister was in the first graduating class. Julie noted that values that the school has instilled in her and her sister and the lessons learned while attending Blue Oak have set her on a path to success. It was not easy but it was incredibly rewarding. We also heard from Jonathan Frias-Gonzalez, another Blue Oak



John C Coleman  
November 23rd  
Thomas Shoar  
November 27th

## Events

November 19th  
[Rotary Meeting via Zoom](#)  
November 26th  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
December 3rd  
**Rotary Meeting**  
December 10th  
[Rotary Meeting via Zoom](#)

alum, who is now an accountant with Walsh Family Vineyards. He, too, spoke very highly of the experiences gained while at Blue Oak.

Blue Oak holds true to their seven core principles: (1) Children learn by "doing", (2) the curriculum is child centered and developmentally appropriate, (3) the curriculum builds from a foundation, (4) understanding, rather than memorization, is stressed, (5) the process of learning is emphasized, (6) the curriculum is integrated, and (7) inquiry is at the heart of the curriculum.



For more information on getting involved, getting to know Blue Oak, and getting to know their educational guiding mission and philosophy, please visit their website at: <https://blueoakschool.org/>

