

Rotary



Club of Napa Sunrise

Club Meeting

Napa Sunrise
Meets at Silverado Resort & Spa
1600 Atlas Peak Rd
Napa, CA 94558-1425
Time: Thursday at 07:00 AM

Speakers

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August 18, 2022 Bulletin

By **Bob Harris**

Pinot Noir Day

Today's Pledge, Thought, and Song

This morning we congregated at the Boys and Girls Club of Napa. President Paul called the meeting to order at the usual time and asked Hugh Linn to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and to the Thought for the Day. He did so with gusto and gave us the following to ponder: *"The best way to predict the future is to build it yourself."* - *Carlos Montalvo (inventor in Southern California with whom Hugh and Paul visited a short time ago)*

Brian "The Neo-Songmaster" Dodd then charged us all with his attempt to lead us in an interactive version of "Hooked On A Feeling" by Blue Swede. To hear how it should have sounded, please click here for a YouTube version of [Hooked On A Feeling](#). Thanks for trying, Brian! NSR seems to be just a bit musically challenged.

Bob Van Der Velde stepped in for Doug Roberts to provide us with the weekly missives about today's date in history. Thus, for August 18:

- 1587: Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the New World
- 1868: Helium is discovered by French astronomer, Pierre Janssen
- 1904: Max Factor, of Max Factor cosmetics) is born
- 1920: Women's suffrage is guaranteed when the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution is ratified
- 1936: Actor Robert Redford is born
- 1952: Actor Patrick Swayze is born
- Today is Bad Poetry Day
- Today is National Fajita Day
- This is National Smile Week (August 14 - 20)
- This is National Aviation Week (August 15 - 21)

Today's Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Marcus Ruprecht and his daughter Johanna visited from Germany as guests of Scott Heun.

Fanny visited as a guest of President Paul.

Today's Announcements

President Paul, and all of Napa Sunrise, gave an effusive "thank you" to Greg Bouillerce, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Napa Valley, for hosting us this morning. He gave an update on the activities of the B & G club and the after-school programming offered by the organization.

The Board of Directors met yesterday and reminded the membership that every member is encouraged to choose an Avenue of Service and sign-up with the Chair of that area.

Angela Hoxsey reported that NSR will be sponsoring a team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Please



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Birthdays

Jonny T Karpuk
August 20th
Debby Wheeler
August 25th

Events

No Events found

contact Angela (if you haven't already signed up) if you'd like to participate on our team.

President Paul asked NSR to keep Tom Feutz in your thoughts. Please also feel free to reach out to Tom. Tom was involved in an accident on his new electric bike and is recovering from injuries he suffered.

Happy Dollars & Rotary Joker

Marck Zuehlsdorff was \$82 happy to the TWMF (although he was called out) for each mph that his son was clocked on his fastball. His son was recently featured in a recent Register article about his pitching prowess. The Zuehlsdorff family is now firmly ensconced in the "travel ball" scene.

Alyssa Pardini was \$25 happy to The Club (per Brian Kelly) because she missed last week's meeting while her nephew was staying with her.

Bob Van Der Velde was \$25 happy to Eric Keffer's Paul Harris to thank Eric for the wonderful meal that he and his wife recently enjoyed at Cole's Chop House.

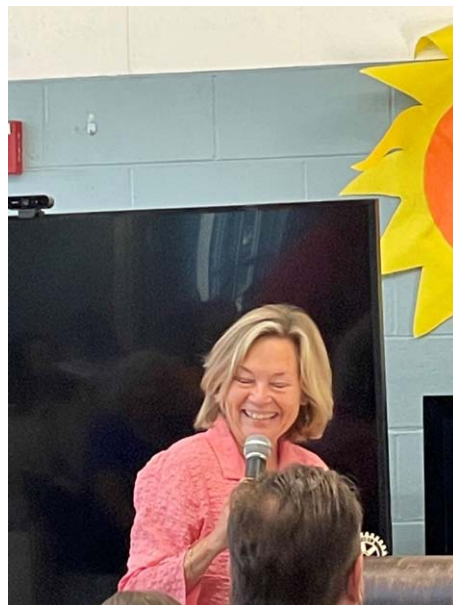
Leona Charfauros has returned from her 50th high school reunion where she was able to reconnect with 120 of her classmates. She had a wonderful time visiting with old friends and took a circuitous route back to Napa that led her through the Big Island and Las Vegas. She was \$50 happy to her Paul Harris.

Lenore Hirsh opened her purse to the tune of \$100 to the Paul Harris she is currently working on and an additional \$50 to The Club. She survived her first coast-to-coast trip that took her to Boston where the weather was "miserable", "hot", "humid", and just plain "horrendous."

President Paul was \$100 happy to his Paul Harris and \$25 happy to the Paul Harris of Brian Dodd and Paul Everett (each) for their help in their conversations with his daughter. He told the brief story of some of the challenges that she has been through and was very happy that he and his wife had the opportunity to have a long talk with her. He was happy and we are very happy for you and your family, Paul.

Jim Collins' lucky ticket was drawn for the chance to reap the rewards held by the Joker. Alas, he drew the 8 of diamonds, so the Joker pot will continue to grow \$\$\$\$

Today's Presentation



We were joined this morning by Kate Eilertsen, the Executive Director and Chief Curator at di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art. The di Rosa Center is at 5200 Sonoma Highway.

di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art occupies 217 acres of the original 465 acres of land purchased by Rene di Rosa in 1960. The property was originally part of the huge Rancho Huichica land grant. The current property, carved out of that grant, was purchased by William Winter in 1855. He planted about 70 acres of grapes and olive trees. In 1884, the property was purchased by two Frenchmen, Michael Debret and Pierre Priet, who named it the Debret Vineyard and built a stone winery in 1886. Phylloxera (root louse) at the end of the 19th century ended those vineyards and the stone winery was eventually used for other things including growing mushrooms, making moonshine, a granary, and ultimately a hay barn. When Rene bought the property, the land and stone winery had over the years fallen into disuse and disrepair.

Rene di Rosa's purchase of the acreage turned the land from dairy cattle and reestablished grapes once again.

Beginning with the purchase in 1960, he converted the stone winery structure into a house, adding interior rooms, doors, windows, and a bell tower. The property's lake began as a pond dug by WPA workers in the 1930s for irrigation in the surrounding area. Rene built a dam and extended "the pond" into a 35-acre lake, naming it Winery Lake.

In 1963, Winery Lake Vineyards was established. Vines eventually covered some 250 acres and the quality fruit was sought by over 50 wineries. Rene sold these famed vineyards to Seagram in 1986, using the profits to establish the Rene and Veronica di Rosa Foundation with the vision of building an "art park" for the greater public. As a manifestation of that vision, di Rosa opened to the public in 1997 and became a separate nonprofit 501(c)3 organization in 2000. Originally known as the di Rosa Preserve: Art & Nature, the organization changed its name to the di Rosa Center for

Contemporary Art in 2017. The property encompasses multiple galleries and a sculpture meadow and is protected in perpetuity under the Napa County Land Trust.

Please visit their website for full information about the Center, exhibitions, membership, and more: [di Rosa Center for Contemporary Art](#)

