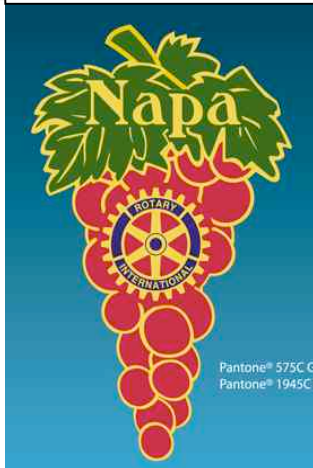


The Napa Rotagram

April 30, 2008



Thought for the Day
Brenda Perry had some bits of wisdom – and questions -- from an accountant's point of view.



What happens if you're scared half to death – twice? If you tell a joke at a Rotary meeting and nobody laughs, is it a joke?



Cycle for Sight nets more than \$75,000!

Why are these people standing?



They're giving a standing ovation to the organizer of the event, **Gary Rose**. Gary said with gross receipts of \$125,000 and expenses at less than \$50,000, the club would net more than \$75,000.

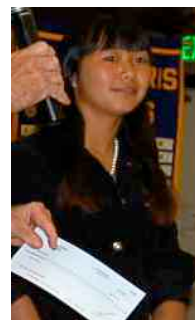
Mr. "O" said the board would meet in a couple of weeks to determine how the money will be distributed. Among the recipients are Enchanted Hills and the Pathway Home Project.

It's reported the president of the Istanbul, Turkey Rotary Club was driving down Highway 29, saw the activity and the big Rotary balloon at Justin-Siena and stopped to participate.

One of the more touching scenes was at the Memorial Mile entrance to the Vets Home where 139 placards were placed in honor or memory of loved ones.

The state's Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Tom Johnson, was one of the bike riders.

Mr. "O" made good on his threat to provide sparkling wine to celebrate the success of the event. He promised something very nice would be done for **Gary Rose** as well. Congrats, Gary!



Local high school student, Alice Anamosa, was presented with \$100 for her winning drawing that became the T-shirt logo for the event.

Recognized for going above and beyond the call were **Vince Goetz, Joe Dacanay, Tim Cooney** and **Jill Barwick**. Not in the photo are **Dorothy Salmon** and **Robert Green**.



Visiting Rotarians



Gilbert Labrie, Walnut Grove; **Cathy Dickey**, Napa Sunrise; **John Duser** and **Steve Simich**, North Napa; **Cap Lyons**, Oakland

Jerry Medlin said all is in readiness for a visit by a delegation of Rotarians from Nigeria. If you'd like to help with housing or any logistics, give Jerry a call.

John Glaser is recruiting volunteers to help evaluate senior projects at local high schools. "You owe it to yourselves to check this out," he said of the rewarding and impressive activity that will take place May 20-21.



Ed Barwick is back from a Hawaiian cruise for which he added to his "new" wife's **Paul Harris**. Actually, they've been hitched for two years, but Ed called it a belated honeymoon.

Our Speaker ...



An obviously emotional **Kent Gardella** told of the good things "If Given a Chance" does for Napa area young people. In its 14 years of existence, some \$750,000 in scholarships have been awarded. There are currently 47 ongoing recipients and 29 new students who are about to be inducted.

Napa Rotary has provided \$10,000 for four of this year's scholarships. Local educators and other in social services and similar endeavors help nominate participants. The young people themselves then write their own letter telling about themselves and their lives, usually very moving documents about lives that had taken a bad turn and are ready to take off in a positive direction.



Cathy Dickey, visiting Rotarian and educator, nominated Stephanie Hill. She actually provided her own wheelchair to the recipient when it was badly needed and not affordable.

Four of the 2008 recipients were at this week's meeting.



Stephanie Hill's primary goal was to walk again, and it appears she's made good progress. **Cathy Dickey** with whom she maintains a close relationship nominated her.

She is president of the Interact Club and was called a "true humanitarian."

Dianna Lindsey is a volunteer at Queen of the Valley Hospital and has a long list of civic and educational involvement. She's been accepted at seven colleges and is leaning toward St. Mary's or UCLA. She's the Volunteer Center's Youth Volunteer of the Year and says, "I know I'm going to -----"



Wes Simpson maintains a 4.0 grade point average and was cited for his resiliency and responsibility. "I just want to make my life better," he said. Wes wants to be a narcotics detective.

Serita Guerra is involved in basketball, missionary work and it was said, "She will make her community proud." As Serita read from her application letter, there were few dry eyes as she outlined a tough life that has turned around dramatically.

