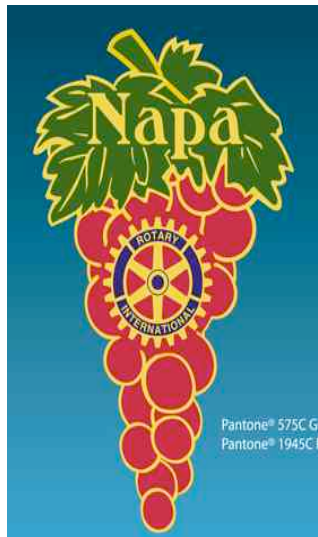


The Napa Rotagram

May 14, 2008



Margaret Pranger lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the most precious flag in the world.



Standing in for President **Steve Orndorf** was Past President **Dick Lonergan**, who wasted no time to review the etiquette of how visiting Rotarians and guests are to be greeted. “Hi ... {first name}” for Rotarians from elsewhere, applause for guests.

Guests of Rotarians: It was a privilege to welcome **Art Kleinfeld** who was introduced by **Tom Nelson**.

Announcements:



Sunshine Report: **Dale Carricker** happily reported that there are no casualties on the health front.

Jerry Medlin reported on the visit of the Nigerian GSE team. Their visit was brief. Hosts were

Thought for the Day



Ed Barwick asked the question: What do your mind and a parachute have in common? **Ron McKinney** did not have to think long: They only function when they are open! Ed had an additional conclusion: The parachute is doing the right thing when no one is watching.

Jason Luros, Debby Hight, Mike Bethard, Brenda Perry, and Jerry Medlin. We have now added the flag from Rotary Club Lagos Central to our collection.

Barbara Nemko mentioned once again the Junior Achievement day at West Park School. It is lots of fun to teach the children about economics. It will be on Thursday, May 22nd. Voluntary fines generated good influx into the Rotary coffers. There were three birdies on Silverado's North course (\$10 each), **Jill Barwick** was thrilled to sit at an all-women table. A few years ago you would have had a tough time scraping together enough female Rotarians to fill a table.

Phil Champlin had nothing specific but wanted to complete another Paul Harris. **Chris McCarthy** was happy about a \$50 million windfall for Napa College. **Jason Luros** took pride in being a certified skipper. Farms in Berkeley? Humor in the banking industry? Thanks to **Grant Yoakum**, corporate mischief is alive and well at Wells Fargo. Grant scheduled an informational interview for one of Wells Fargo's VP's to explain international banking to a Nigerian GSE participant.

Quarterly Student Achievement Award: **Ann Cash** presented **David Cornes**, for a well-deserved Rotary award consisting of a plaque and a check for \$200. David has a 4.0 GPA. He is a wrestler who has spent the last three years as a member of the

Sea Cadets. David has always worked hard during his summers. He attended the congressional leadership conference in 2006 and took training in diving and explosives handling with the Navy. He was also accepted to attend seminars at the Naval Academy at West Point. David will also attend the black tie inaugural ball in Washington, D.C. David was grateful for the Rotary nomination and he explained the background of all the honors he has received.

His medals recognized the Sea Cadet Unit of the Year, Excellent Leadership Awards from the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, excellent citizenship, community service; there was also a unit citation for a search and rescue mission of a lost Alzheimer's patient. The patient was rescued out of a ditch where he had been for 18 hours. David is also receiving submarine training, and he is working as a medical and surgical technician. His training in sailing has taken place in San Diego, San Francisco, and Chesapeake Bay.



David hopes to attend the U.S. Naval Academy. The funding will come from sponsors, the Navy and

Congress. There are a few Merchant Marine and Navy veterans among the Rotarians. A few did some REAL sailing. **Don Murray** found out that David had joined a delegation for a trip to Russia. There he met a group of female students. One of them demanded to marry him. It was a good opportunity for David to learn to escape from a Russian trap.

Hold that date: President Steve's kick-out will be on July 12. More details will be divulged as they occur.

A failed auction: There were no takers for four tickets to a giants game.

Our Speaker: Elizabeth McKenzie introduced our speaker, **Marlo Cohen**, the

Development Director of Legal Aid of Napa Valley. Legal Aid is the only agency in the Napa Valley providing legal aid and education to seniors, low income people, and immigrants. Legal aid gets involved when someone is wrongfully evicted; there is a senior legal services program. The program has been available to seniors 60 and over for 20 years. Legal aid can help with estate planning, elder abuse, and financial scams. Legal Aid conducts seminars, education and training throughout Napa County.

The immigrant legal services program helps the immigrant population survive, it helps them adjust their status. In their activities, Legal Aid cooperates with the District Attorney's office. Legal Aid feels that the local immigrant population helps sustain the economy of Napa County. Legal Aid visits the immigrants at vineyard management sites. Next to health care, these individuals' legal issues prevent them from being productive workers. Legal Aid hosts legal clinics on site to teach immigrants how to adjust their status, how to obtain a driver license, and what to do when accused of domestic violence. Legal Aid now helps people who are going through foreclosure proceedings. They raise money through fundraisers and they sometimes receive contributions from those they have helped. The federal government provides funds to Legal Aid programs, but with restrictions involving assistance to illegal immigrants. On immigrant status adjustment, Legal Aid figures out whether this is possible, whether individuals can legally obtain identification papers, or a driver license. The immigrants are informed that they do not have to disclose their country of origin to a law enforcement officer. **Phil Champlin** added that the lack of a driver license creates large problems for undocumented hispanics. There are no easy answers.

