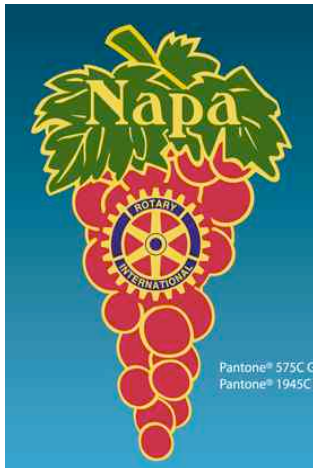


The Napa Rotagram

June 4, 2008



Thought for the Day
Debbie Hight had
 several pearls of wisdom
 all noting that life is
 worthwhile ...



...If you get a second
 chance, grab it!

It was a near record for the number of guests of Rotarians. Among them was well-known Napan, former State Senator John Dunlap.

Cycling Veep **Gary Rose** takes over the duties as pres on July 2. Turns out Gary will be cycling in the Italian Alps that week. Also turns out the Elks Club is installing a new walk-in refrigerator that week – so Gary gets a reprieve (so does **Mr. "O"** who had been asked to sub) – so NO MEETING JULY 2.



Those cards and letters
 just keep on coming.
 Mr. "O" reads another
 "Thank You" for the
 Cycle for Sight.

Bill Dodd was
 congratulated for his
 "landslide victory" in
 the District 4
 supervisorial race. Bill
 was unopposed.
 Another Rotary
 colleague, **Gary
 Simpson**, moved into
 a runoff in District 5.
 Congrats to both!



Mr. "O" handed out blue badges



Jason Luross pins on his new badge while other recipients included **Wally Kempkey, Elizabeth Mackenzie** and **Margaret Pranger**.

With the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Robert Kennedy occurring this week, **Denys Michaud** reminisced on that post-election night in 1968 when he was in the kitchen area of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles when Sirhan Sirhan took Kennedy's life.



Denys was the California head of Students for Kennedy and had the job of organizing college campuses for the New York Senator's bid for the presidency.

Obviously still emotional after four decades, Denys said he was one of about 20 people in the pantry area when he saw the gun come out from behind an ice machine. It wasn't until the next day that he finally broke down.



Denys has little recollection of the hours that followed but said, "It cuts a wound that doesn't heal with time."

Former football player and Kennedy bodyguard Rosie Greer said later, "I thought he just wanted to shake his hand."



Mr. "O" watching the quiet Rotarians from the front of the room, said of Denys' presentation, "I don't think I've seen this group so riveted."

Visiting Rotarians



Dan Brauning, Jim Krider, Mark Boutrager and Ray Sercu all of Napa Sunrise.

Our Speaker ...

Kirk Geyer, a Napa contractor, is so highly regarded by Rich and **Alecia Hancock**, he's building a home for them.

He proved to be a master of the one-liner, and as **Mr. "O"** put it, "a great source for Thoughts of the Day."



Geyer obviously enjoys getting before a crowd. "Most people have a fear of public speaking," he noted. "I have a fear of public rejection."

He built his first home in 1975 at the age of 20 and is currently working on several projects with a green and environmental twist. A dozen of the new homes' occupants will never receive an electric bill when they're completed. He adds he does not consider himself an environmentalist. He does, however, consider himself a philosopher.

Geyer advised, "Never pass up a kid selling lemonade," and pondered, "Who benefits most from a random act of kindness, the giver or the receiver?"

He hasn't come up with a definitive answer, but believes it to be both.

Birthdays



Jerry Medlin told of his harrowing experience on "Air Chance" during the withdrawal from Vietnam in 1969.

Maren Namdar recalled growing up outside Hamburg when she was able to sneak food to the German horses despite the British occupation.

Dorothy Salmon was the only girl on the block growing up, but she was the best ballplayer around. When she decided to shave her head, the barber was later questioned and remarked, "She's very persuasive." – Tell us something we didn't know!



SERVICE Above Self

Save the date ... **Mr. "O's"** Kickout is July 12, and **Jill Barwick** is coordinating. Details coming soon.

Mr. "O" thought you'd enjoy this: The Sunrise Club has the same weekly raffle that we do (I stole the idea from them). They were down to two cards this morning with a pot of \$7,000. As you can imagine, the ticket sales go up quickly as the pot gets bigger. **Joe Peatman Sr.'s** ticket was drawn, and he pulled the wrong card. Only one card remains for next Thursday -- the joker. I am planning on attending just to watch the mayhem. (**Note:** In case you think you can pull a fast one, "outsider's" can only win \$100 if their ticket is pulled -- same as with us).

