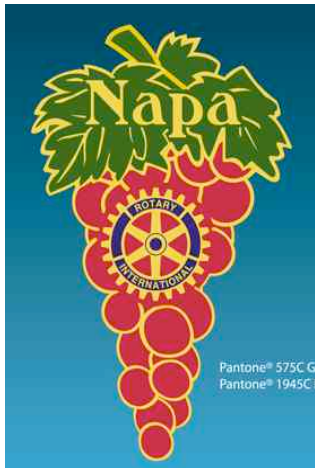


The Napa Rotagram

June 18, 2008



Thought for the Day
Misty Tarver had some
tongue-in-cheek
motivational gems ...



“The purpose of your life
is to serve as a warning to
others.”

The days are dwindling down to a precious few for **Mr. “O’s”** regime. A Kickout is planned for July 12, but **Jill Barwick**, in charge of the event, is keeping the facts close to the vest for now. Watch for sign-up sheets.



As one of his last official duties, **Pres “O”** presented Veep and incoming pres, **Gary Rose** with *Rotarian of the Year* award for his great work organizing the Cycle for Sight.

Remember ... No meeting July 2 or July 9. However, officers and board members will meet for lunch at Compadres on July 9.

Hudson and **Luros** is the newest legal shingle to be hung in Napa. **Jason** and his girlfriend, Mary Hudson, are pairing up for the joint venture into civil law.



Bill Dodd was nowhere to be seen, but when he reappears, he'll get his fourth **Paul Harris** Fellowship.

Gene Kelly celebrated his successful website for his Accelerated Training Institute. That, with his “Phenomenon,” has made Gene a business security force with which to be reckoned.



Gene also noted that a plaque has been placed in the Rotary-sponsored kitchen at the Connelly Ranch and urged members to go by and have a look.



OK, this isn't really Rosebud, but **Debby Hight's** pup won cutest puppy honors sponsored by Petco, and has qualified as a “canine therapist” at local facilities.



The Pathway Home Project

Fred Gusman, executive director of the Pathway Home Project at the Vets Home, gave an update on the activities there. He read a letter of appreciation for Rotary's efforts in getting the program going.

Gusman said there are 14 in the program currently; four are active duty servicemen; several have brain injuries and two are poly-trauma victims. “We're making a lot of progress,” he said, noting they expect to reach 30 clients in the near future.



He told the story of one Marine who was having a particularly tough time. He got a bicycle and started riding and meeting new friends. He participated in the Cycle for Sight.



Mr. “O” presented Gusman with a check for \$42,000 to fund two new vans.

Visiting Rotarians



Lee Broad and **Rocky Loftus** of Napa Sunrise and **Jack Monroe** from the North Napa club.

Dorothy Salmon just returned from Ireland and England – she said the Blarney Stone needed a refill. Margrit Biever Mondavi accompanied the Salmons; the trip was saddened by Robert Mondavi's passing which occurred while they traveled.

Larry Wolfe told of **Tim Cooney's** busy month marrying off a daughter (to Larry's nephew), and a West Point graduation. Tim called it, "an exciting, expensive month."

Dick Lonergan paid dearly for his stay in the Caribbean's St. Maarten.

Our Speaker ...

Crystal Luikart is a nurse-educator for Hospice of Napa Valley, an organization that provides holistic comfort and care during the final days for terminally ill patients.



Luikart said she is often asked, "How can you do that?" (deal with death and suffering). She proceeded to relate the touching story of Fred, and it became apparent how the rewards outweigh the downside.

"We don't save lives," she said. "We make the end bearable."

In order to qualify for Hospice, patients must be terminal (six months is used as a benchmark) and they must agree not to seek further acute treatment.

Hospice also provides support for family members and eventually, the survivors and offers bereavement services to anyone in Napa County.

Luikart wasn't recruiting clients, but **TY** stepped into this one. Luikart said Hospice people are THE experts in pain control.

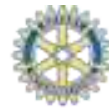


From Polio Eradication chair, Larry D. Myers

Last July 1, I said that 2007-08 would be a turning point in our long battle against polio. This was based on many factors: 1) a marked decrease in cases in the four remaining endemic countries along with a dramatic drop in cases in most of the non-endemic countries; 2) increased acceptance of the oral polio vaccine in the Muslim population; 3) a sophisticated system of worldwide surveillance programs combined with increased financial support of our partners throughout the world.

I felt that this combination of factors could only led to success. Little did I know that in November, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Rotary Challenge would add the necessary ingredient - A 100 MILLION DOLLAR MATCHING CHALLENGE THAT WILL ENABLE ROTARIANS TO COMPLETE OUR MISSION OF SAVING CHILDREN'S LIVES AGAINST THE RAVAGES OF CRIPPLING POLIO.

Yes, we are completing a remarkable year thanks to you!!



SERVICE Above Self

50 Years Ago – July 2, 1958:

New president **Walter Fogarty** and his board, **Bill Dodd**, **John Schultze**, **Paul Watson**, **Clayton Long** and **Bob Barwick** will find it tough to improve on **Jim's (Imrie)** record, but they could start with the Kiwanis rostrum.



25 Years Ago - September 28, 1983:

Well, the Big Game, Napa vs. Vintage or Vintage vs. Napa, is Friday night and with all the bets being placed all over the world, **Pres Phil** couldn't get **Ed Barwick** (for Napa High) and **Harrell Miller** (for Vintage High) to lay down one penny.



10 Years Ago – July 29, 1998:

Relatively new member **Jeanne Christofferson** received her blue badge (finally!). **Ann Cash** announced that she is leaving the club to pursue other things ... hopefully, she'll be back soon though. **Jerry Medlin** announced that we will be manning (or womaning?) a beer booth at the upcoming Town and Country Fair.