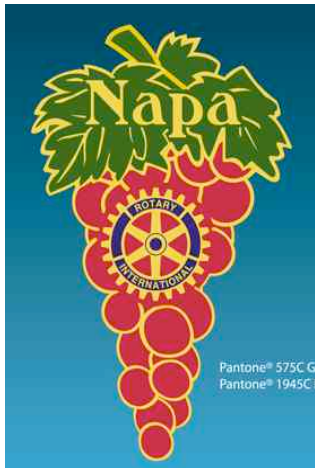


# The Napa Rotagram

## June 25, 2008



### Thought for the Day

Larry Wolfe had some courtroom humor ...



**Attorney:** What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke that morning? **Witness:** He said, "Where am I, Cheryl?" **Attorney:** And why did that upset you? **Witness:** My name is Kathy.

It was **Mr. "O's"** Swan Song, his last meeting before a couple of weeks off followed by his Kickout. In the lunch crowd was his wife, Linda, and daughter, Ashley.



The assembled masses honored the outgoing pres with a "Standing O" for **Mr. "O"**.

Veep **Gary Rose** was in Italy cycling a 70-mile course with an 8,500 vertical climb. He called it one of his toughest ever rides and as he sent **Mr. "O"** a communiqué, he was starting on the first of several cold ones.

**Mike Bethard** reminded members of the Kickout on July 12. Signup sheets were available, but with no more meetings coming up, call **Jill Barwick** to make your reservations.

**Mr. "O's"** daughter Ashley was on hand to receive a **Paul Harris. Grant**

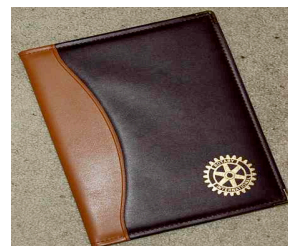
**Yoakum** was also honored for his **PH. Grant** is taking a leave of absence while he samples retirement – then returns to the work scene.



### Visiting Rotarians



Among the visitors was a regular from Napa Sunrise, **John Dumars**.



**Mr. "O"** generously handed out these handsome "faux leather" folders to those who helped during his regime.

### They included:

**Jim Barrett & Brian Kearney** for stepping in to cover financial duties; **Jill Barwick**, kickout and cycle event; **Mike Bethard**, birthdays; **John Cardinale**, Sargent-at-arms; **Ann Cash**, student awards; **Jeanne Christofferson**, foundation; **Chuck DeLorimier**, AmCan organizing; **Jay Goetting**, Rotagram; **Robert Green**, exchange program; **Jason Luros**, webmaster; and **Jim Riley**, finemaster.

**Debbie Hight** donated a pair of ducats to see and hear The Police. **Jim Barrett** paid \$250 for the pleasure. Retail value: \$450!



**Bruce Ketron** and **Wally Kempkey** were singled out ... partially because they sport a good head of hair ... and



... partially because they manage to intimidate **Brian Kearney** who is one of many “folliclely challenged” Rotarians.



**Brian**, wearing his financial hat (to cover the aforementioned condition), presented some impressive figures for the past year. Some \$130,000 went to good causes, and Napa Rotary exceeded the goal of \$100 per member with \$16,000 going to the **Paul Harris Foundation** in 2007-2008.

Award winning Finemaster **Jim Riley** had limited time but made the most of it, zinging **Jim Barrett** and **Don Murray** as former Princetinites and **Dave Wildhagen** for gaining ABAG “Green Certification” for his payroll business.



*Our Speaker ...*

Pam Kindig, Napa County’s auditor-controller filled in for Supervisor Diane Dillon who was called to Sacramento to testify for increased fire protection.



Pam detailed the setting of tax rates and the collection of \$253 million that is eventually divvied up among the county, cities, schools and special districts.

She outlined the events leading up to the part where you pitch in your share of property tax every April 10 and December 10. It includes close work with the assessor’s office and the county treasurer.

Kindig was first elected in 1986 and has been re-elected every four years since. She will step down shortly after the first of the year so supervisors can appoint her replacement, likely her assistant who could then run in 2010.



There is a delinquency rate of between two and five percent among taxpayers, but since Napa is what is known as a “Teeter County,” all entities receive 100-percent of their revenue, and the county has the job of collecting.

*50 Years Ago – July 16, 1958:*  
**Harry McPherson** carried the can; said he, “Nobody wants to pay, but I pay all the time!! ... HAW!”

*25 Years Ago – October 5, 1983:*  
We welcome **Bill Blanckenburg** back from a 19-day trip to China. A \$20 invaluable experience. **Bob Hansen**, back from Denmark after four weeks, donated 80 British pounds to start a **Paul Harris** Fellowship for **J. Win Payne**.

*10 Years Ago – September 30, 1998:*  
**Dorothy Lind** announced that a female Rotarian from the Sonoma club is looking for another female Rotarian to share a room at the Festival of Brotherhood in Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta ... (Wow! Were there a few opportunities for a bit of wisecracking or WHAT!)?



*Great year, Mr. “O” !!*  
  
*See you at the Kickout July 12.*