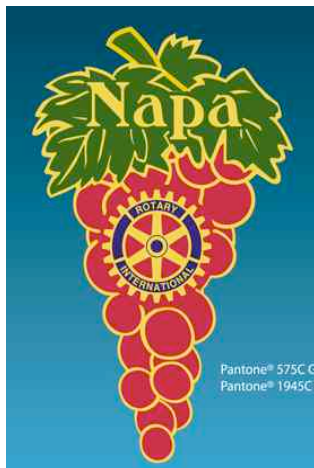


# The Napa Rotagram

## August 6, 2008



### Thought for the Day

**Phil Champlin** had some Cowboy Poetry from a friend whom he said, "is a cowboy at heart and born in the wrong century." This was found in a collection of western poetry, although not Phil's reading: "My friends gently hint I am going to grief, but men must make money and women have beef; And Cupid is always a friend to the bold, And all his arrows are pointed with gold. And my parson remarks from his pulpit of bone. That fortune favors those who look out for their own."

### Visiting Rotarians



**Jim Rossetti**, Belmont; **Steve Hill**, Mission San Rafael



District Governor **Ed Fullerton** will be in Napa for our meeting next week, August 13. Here are a few of his words from the District 5130 website:

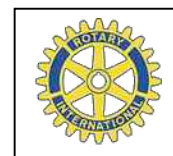
"In 2008-2009, the Rotary fleet sails under the command of Rotary International **President D. K. Lee**. We are 32,000 ships, flying the Rotary flag, manned by eager crews of dedicated Rotarians. Our destination is World Peace through understanding. Our mission; to relieve human suffering with opportunity and hope for those in need. Under the banners of Health, Hunger, Clean Water and Literacy we will endeavor to conquer poverty, ignorance, malnutrition and disease ... to Make Dreams Real."

When **DG Fullerton** is in Napa, there will be a special board meeting that day at 10:30 a.m. and a reception that evening at *Compadre's* at 5:30 p.m.

### Party, Party, Party!

Help SF Rotary celebrate 100 years of service by joining in its many festivities, including:

- \* A gala dinner on Sunday, November 9 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel.
- \* A parade in downtown San Francisco.
- \* Special private tours of San Francisco and the Bay Area -- open only to Rotarians and guests.
- \* A private evening at *Beach Blanket Babylon*.
- \* A special Rotary Club luncheon meeting on Tuesday, November 11.



**Jim Ford** reminds Rotarians that a special fund has been created for 16 year old Grant Beltrami, the grandson of former sheriff and Rotarian **Earl Randol**. Grant is awaiting a bone marrow transplant now that a donor has been found in Europe. The Bank of Napa has details.

**Mr. "O"** continues his hard work on the Pathway Home project at the Vets Home. The other two Napa clubs have joined the effort, and a bike ride and ferry to Angel Island as well as a fall BBQ are being planned. Steve says one of the most important aspects of helping the "graduates" of the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder program is helping them find jobs.



**Mr. "O"** and **Dorothy Salmon** were conspicuously absent last week. They were helping an *Eye on the Bay* film crew get material on the Napa River. If he doesn't end up on the cutting room floor, Steve will be the fisherman you see.

It pays to advertise. At least for the club ... **Elisabeth Frater** got dinged for her pictorial spot with law partner Chuck Gravett in the latest Marketplace mag.

**Joe Keebler** insists he was not eyeing the mannequins in that downtown scene. He was ogling the Mustang automobile.



**Pres Gary** has outlined an ambitious goal of five new members in the fall and five more in the spring. October 1 will be “New Member Day” when you will be encouraged to bring prospective Rotarians to the meeting.

Details coming soon, but **Pres Gary** said plans are being made for a luau on September 5 at Napa Valley Country Club.

**Robert Green** made up the \$900 deficit created by expenses of the recent Rotary exchange student.



**Joe Dacanay** will be providing medical support at the upcoming Burning Man event in the Nevada desert.

*Happy Tens* from **Stewart Slipiec** for resolving a potentially serious identity theft episode. His advice: Never give out your password ... **Brenda Perry** reports former member **Shalee Cunningham** has taken a superintendent’s post with the Steamboat Springs, CO school district ... **Dean Donaldson** has a new grandchild ... **Gina Stutchman’s** oldest recently proclaimed, “Mom, you are a difficult woman to deal with.” ... **Wally Kempkey** reports a successful OSHA compliance seminar ... **Larry Wolfe** enjoyed Newport, RI ... **Maren Namdar** asked a youngster about the magic word – not “bitte,” but “please.” Instead the mouth of the babe uttered “Abracadabra.”



### *Our Speaker ...*

Randy Snowden heads up Health and Human Services for Napa County. He termed his talk, “A report to shareholders,” meaning the taxpayers of the county.



With a \$77 million annual budget, HHS has 410 employees and oversees 75 programs in six divisions. Tens of thousands of Napans are touched in some way by the myriad programs involved.

Snowden said the primary objective is to operate “programs that work” and noted there are several “community indicators” that measure success and compare Napa County to the state.

Unemployment is currently about five-percent; 7.8 percent of Napa families are at or below the poverty level; live births to teen mothers are 30 per 1,000 – all of these are better than state numbers but still not acceptable said Snowden.

Health issues are a huge concern with diabetes higher than the state average. “It’s a health care epidemic,” he said.

Snowden has been a government employee for a decade and in his current post for four years. HHS’ goal is to provide “one-stop shopping” for people with multiple needs.



### *50 Years Ago – September 24, 1958*

The Rotary Club of San Francisco is having its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The club will host a reception in the Rose Room of the Sheraton-Palace. Tickets are \$18 a couple.

### *25 Years Ago – October 26, 1983*

Our Rotary Run at Vintage 1870 was a big success. A special thanks to **Chuck DeLorimier** for organizing the effort. Ninety runners participated with 30 Rotarians showing up to help out.

### *10 Years Ago – December 2, 1998*

**Brian Kearney** updated us (again!) on his new house (and expansion) – poor Brian sprung a leak! Unfortunately, the \$25 fine probably will NOT patch things up.