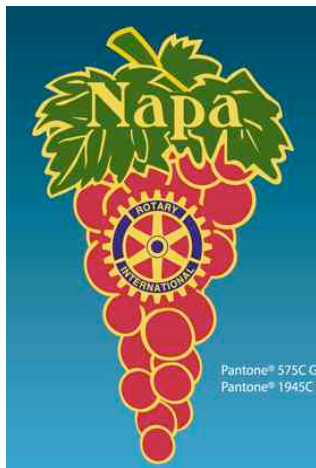


The Napa Rotagram

August 20, 2008



Thought for the Day
Barbara Nemko had
 this from Dwight
 Eisenhower:



Leadership is the art of
 getting someone else to
 do something you want
 done because he wants to
 do it.

... and the winner is ...



Dale Carriker held the winning ticket in the weekly raffle, then drew the joker from the dwindling deck. His reward: \$2,400! Dale kicked \$200 back to the club for his Paul Harris.

Visiting Rotarian
Cindy Warren of the
 St. Helena club is just
 back from the
 Olympics in Beijing.
 She said it was a great
 time, but China is all
 smoke and mirrors –
 literally, with the
 worst smog she's
 seen.



Although the Chinese streets were immaculate, Warren said, "Everything there is fake." While buying pearls at a shop there, she met First Lady, Laura Bush and struck up a conversation.

Visiting Rotarians



Cindy Warren from St. Helena and **Bryan Kelly** and **Mark Foxworthy** of Napa Sunrise.

End of summer Luau ...

Pres Gary, event planner extraordinaire, has set the date for a Hawaiian Luau at the Napa Valley Country Club. It's September 5 starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. Leigh Wyckoff and his band, Polynesian entertainment and top-notch cuisine of the islands all for \$55 per person.



Bill Blanckenburg reports **Bob Mullikin** is on the road to recovery. Bob has lots of time to think, and he's coming up with ways to raise funds for the club. They will likely involve wagering and ponies.



Jim Riley, just back from Santa Fe, NM, caught three operas while there, two of which he liked. The third was Benjamin Britten's *Billy Budd*, based on Herman Melville's novel. In order to raise the bids on several items he brought back, Jim regaled us with several operatic excerpts.



Sitting in the front row, **Don Fretz** wanted to halt the music, thus bidding on this piece of Southwestern art, some coffee (with pine nuts) and peanut brittle (with pecans).

Our Speaker ...

John Gore is a Napa-born entrepreneur who has launched a business he calls NV Hoppers. Veteran Napers will remember John's dad, Paul Gore, a businessman and two-term councilman in the '70s.

John and partner, Bob Sousa purchased four unique, three-wheeled vehicles that seat two or three in the back, take riders on wine tours, to and from dinner or a night out or just shuttle them around town.



NV Hoppers run up Solano Ave., so Yountville can be a destination. They have also gone to Silverado Resort and include several nearby wineries on a \$79 wine tour. Normal round-trips around Napa will be \$25, and quick runs around downtown Napa are \$5.

Gore points out the ride can be a real money-saver if one is tempting fate with an expensive DUI after a night of partying. So far, he's had patrons from around the U.S. and hopes to tap the international market for tourists as well.



The \$10,000 vehicles can operate after dark and are seat belt equipped. They go 40 mph and get 80 miles per gallon. The little Hoppers have even been the subjects of poetry at Napa's Chardonnay Lodge.



Kirk Candland noted **Pres Gary** has been most generous in giving gifts to members during his brief tenure. So Kirk turned the tables and gave Gary the 2008 version of the Beaver cap.



30 Years Ago

July 19, 1978 - Ed Barwick, our president for the day, kicked off the meeting by telling us about his youth and good looks. In fact, Vanishing George (President **George Clark**) better beware since evidently he can be replaced. If you weren't there to see Mr. Ed talk his fellow Rotarians out of their hard earned cash you missed some fun.



August 30, 1978 - Bob Hansen, Mike Moore and Wyman Smith each celebrated their anniversary this month and donated \$10 for that opportunity. Items of note, Bob has been married the longest and Wyman will soon be a father after three years of married life.

The Four-Way Test

In 1932, Rotarian **Herbert J. Taylor** created The Four-Way Test, a code of ethics adopted by Rotary eleven years later. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?