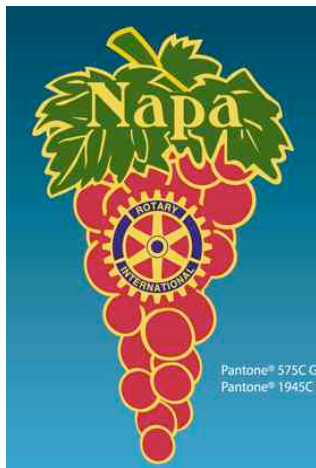


# The Napa Rotagram

## August 27, 2008



*Thought for the Day*  
Ed Barwick offered:



The world is full of willing people ... some are willing to work; others are willing to let them.

### Visiting Rotarians



**John Dumars** of Napa Sunrise. We also welcomed **J.C. Pickett**, one of our own, but rarely seen of late. He had his trade mark crossword puzzle in hand.

### Luau Postponed



Recognize **Phil Champlin**? Well, maybe if he were on a motorcycle ... **Pres Gary** had a tale about Phil's conversation with God about building a road to Hawaii, so we'll take advantage of the subject matter to say the upcoming luau has been postponed until October 17 or 18. Stay tuned for details.

There were notes of thanks from the Lighthouse for the Blind and other organizations that benefited from the recent Cycle for Sight.

Keep track of your alma mater's collegiate football activity. **Pres Gary** promises it will be the source of some questions in the weeks ahead.

Napa Sunrise Rotary is moving ahead on its project to curb methamphetamine use under the leadership of **Gene Waken**. A 5 p.m. meeting is slated for the Charter Oak Bank on September 16.

### A Unique Bond

"Every winery and every school forges their own relationship," explains Napa County Superintendent of Schools **Barbara Nemko**, who first brought the (Vine to Class) program to the Vintners' attention five years ago. "They're all different," she continues. "You can display kids' artwork in your tasting room. You can have some of your employees go to the school and do some tutoring or talk about the various jobs in a winery." *by Louisa Hufstader in North Bay Biz magazine.*



**Mike Bethard** had some financial trivia for this month's birthday revelers. **Jim Barrett** learned that early rules were forged in Babylonia, while **Misty Tarver** got an update on the Italian Medici family. **Joe Bracco** (Mike noted that was shortened from Barack Obama) took some ribbing on a dish known as Bracco Italiano, and **Vince Goetz** couldn't ID the Egyptian vaults. **John LaField** was nailed twice, once for his trip to the Canadian Rockies and again for his failure to identify silver as the most popular current car color. Even **J.C. Pickett** was "recognized – for his February birthday. (Well, he's hardly been here since then.)"



Jill donated what was once a week's Pay at Barwick-Dutton's - \$8.80!

Former club president and district governor **Bob Barwick** turns 88 this week. Daughter **Jill** took advantage of the occasion to rib him about the lousy pay he once dolled out at his stationery business.

## Our Speakers ...

**Alecia Hancock** noted the recent spate of wild fires in California as she introduced Napa Fire Chief **Tim Borman** and **Jarrett Anderson**, a safety and training officer.

Borman noted that on June 21, hundreds of fires were burning around the state, the day of the anniversary of Napa's Atlas Peak Fire in 1981.



*Lightning caused most of the 1,459 fires.*

The firemen stressed the importance of “defensible space” around structures, keeping brush clear and replacing fire-prone vegetation with less flammable material.



By the end of this June, more than a million acres had burned in California, 20,000 fire-fighting personnel were involved and countless pieces of equipment were on the ground and in the air. Napa fire fighters often are dispatched to other parts of the state or beyond as part of mutual aid. In addition, prison and jail inmates are used as ground crews and were termed highly effective.

One of the first jobs, after protecting human life and property, is to build a box of containment around a fire. Bulldozers and other equipment are essential.

Converted DC-10s are used to battle blazes. They carry 12,000 gallons of fire retardant and cost \$20,000 an hour to keep in the air.



*Anderson and Borman show off an expensive – but potentially lifesaving wrap they call a “Shake and Bake.”*

Another recent fire in the Atlas Peak area could have been devastating, but no structures were lost in the 80-acre blaze.



### *30 Years Ago*

**September 6, 1978** - It is a pleasure to welcome **Al Nuccion, George Dickson** and **Mark Power** as new Napa Rotarians. Their presence will be an asset to our club. A big thanks goes to **John Zimmerman, Corky Beckstrom** and **Tom Young** for sponsoring these gentlemen.

**September 13, 1978** - We have been advised that as of October first, our cost of lunch will go from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per week. The last time the cost of our lunch was increased was January first of 1977. No one likes to see costs increase, yet when you consider our lunch includes food costs, employee expense and the use of a fine building, is \$4.50 out of line?

