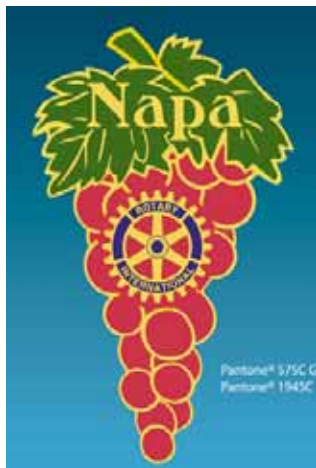


The Napa Rotagram

September 3, 2008



Thought for the Day
Paul Ahearn was just back from a prayer vigil for young Fairfield city councilman, Matt Garcia who was shot.



Love Your Neighbor

Luau Back On



Napa's three Rotary clubs have landed on a date for the recently postponed Hawaiian luau. It's October 3 at the Napa Valley Country Club. Sign up soon.

Visiting Rotarians



Michael Ledwich and **Mitch Johnson** of Napa Sunrise and **Steve Hill** of Mission San Rafael



Brother Armando Garcia helped put on graduation ceremonies for the Pathway Home Project at the Vets Home. Steve Orndorf called it a "very touching event." Br. Armando said there are many ways to help the program.

Mitch Johnson said this Sunday Rotarians and members of the Pathway Home Project would head for AT&T Park for the Giants game.

Napa Sunrise Rotary has a fundraiser coming up at Monticello Vineyards. It's Saturday, September 20, 4:30-8:30. Look for loads of gourmet food, fine wines and entertainment. For info and tickets, go to EveningatMonticello.com.

Maren Namdar had a suggestion for another stop before the Sunrise bash. She said a big fundraiser for Cancer Shmancer would be held at Trefethen Winery that same day. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Lucky raffle winner Dale Carriker questioned the amount of his winnings - \$1,255.50, but relented when Pres Gary offered to rewrite it for a lesser amount.

Past Pres Gene Kelly

is just back from Buenos Aires and other South American points of interest. His auction package of a rain slicker from Iguazu Falls, a genuine amethyst and a mate gourd and straw brought in some funds for the Rotary coffers.



Pres Gary had a happy ten in honor of **Past Pres Mr. "O"** and his wife, Linda's anniversary.



Pig Latin Spoken Here



In masterful **Imjay Ileyray** emphasized the “No French Spoken Here” presidential edict currently in effect, but unfurled his Pig Latin banner.



Making good on his Pig Latin theme, Jim presented **Pres Gary** with this T-shirt.

Getting back to his duties, Jim dinged **Debbie Hight, John Glaser** along with the father daughter team of **Bob and Jill Barwick**.

Our Speaker ...

Bob Massaro of Healthy Buildings started out by saying the biggest challenge facing us is global warming. Bob applies environmentally sound principles to building design and construction.



Massaro noted a magic number is “350 ppm.” That is, reaching 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere – down from the current 385 ppm.

He cited the new American Canyon High School as a national example of how to do things correctly, adding that energy consumption is becoming a major criterion in making major purchases.

Bob Massaro is involved in some major projects using so-called green technology, including one currently underway at the Culinary Institute in St. Helena. He said it could be one of the few nationwide to gain Platinum designation from LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building rating system.

Massaro said Sustainable Napa County and the Gasser Foundation have taken leadership roles in moving toward green technology.



Of course, politics entered the discussion. Massaro said both Barack Obama and John McCain look good on environmental issues. That in contrast to George W. Bush. “We’ve been in a black hole of environmentalism for the past eight years,” he said.



He unveiled a frightening glimpse at the future: Napa and Sonoma vineyards could be non-existent by the turn of the next century if CO2 levels continue to rise, adding, “We can fix this.”

The Chinese have a dual symbol for “Crisis.” They combine Danger and Opportunity. What can we do now? Massaro said 1) Keep your tires well inflated; 2) Don’t eat meat (cattle produced methane is worse than CO2).



30 Years Ago

October 18, 1978 - Tom Young is the latest celebrity among us -- champion of the tennis circuit and winner of the Boy Scout Tournament in 110-degree weather. It cost Tom a buck to be a winner, but Carlos Hojsgaard paid more -- two dollars for a joke about Tom’s equipment.