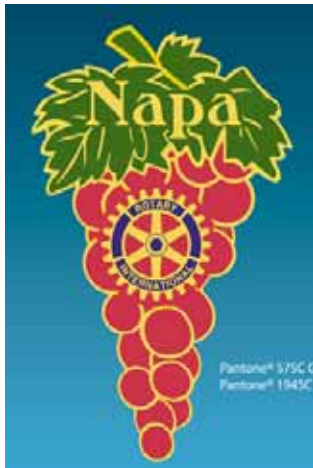


The Napa Rotagram

September 10, 2008



Thought for the Day
Bob Barwick said you might otherwise be healthy, wealthy and wise



... but when you go home, it's "Yes, dear."

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The upcoming luau at Napa Valley Country Club on October 3 provides the perfect opportunity to introduce prospective new members to club activities.



Speaking of which, **Maren Namdar** brought as her guest, **Katherine Parsons**, aka **KP**, who learned she has been reinstated, thus bypassing another round of Blue Badge activity.

Visiting Rotarians



Suffice to say there were a lot of them. The list of visitors was lost in the shuffle, but there were at least five from Napa Sunrise plus others.

Pres Gary announced a number of cash gifts were approved by the board of directors, including \$3,000 to the Education Foundation, plus additional scholarship funding, Rotoplast, Napa High water polo team for a new scoreboard and assistance for a Touro University student.

It was good to see **Bob Mullikin** back and looking good in his shades – a la a Blues Brother.



Gary Lieberstein, a recent escapee to the Sunrise club, brought daughter Rachel who spoke of her UCLA experiences since winning the speech contest last year. She still has her eye on international politics, but in the meantime is concentrating on community service.

Pres Gary doled out the fines including dings to those who had winning collegiate teams. Here he delivers a bag of oats to **Kevin Massey**, who escaped a fine. **Wally Kempkey, Dorothy Salmon and Tim Cooney** did not.



Gary and Steve Omdorf met with officials of New Tech High School in an effort to see how we can strengthen the relationship with the club. The school, which has a surprisingly low percentage of students going on to four-year colleges, will receive \$2,500 Rotary dollars to help the cause.



Our Speaker ...

Jim Riley introduced one of his colleagues, Tim Ayles, a currency investment expert.

Ayles said the U.S. accounting system and the country's books are "messed up," primarily due to changes in the way data are presented.

He said the current rate of inflation is set at four-to-five percent, but the reality is most Americans are falling behind in the real earning and spending power.



Ayles said the cost of most goods is up nine-to-thirteen percent, and, "There's a lot more pain coming."

He said gold has been a terrible investment over the long term, although right now it's good. He added taxes almost certainly must increase, noting that countries that have had fiat currency, that is, based on paper, eventually collapse.

Ayles said the eroding of wealth is the same as an increase in tax.



30 Years Ago

November 1, 1978 - How nice it is to get the blood flowing with a lively song. I tip my hat to **Bill Wright** for leading us to the tune of "Daisy, Daisy..."

November 22, 1978 - Must have been a bad year for Napa Kiwanis since their pot was so empty. It seems that Napa Rotary gave \$64 to the Salvation Army and Kiwanis gave \$31. If you see a member of their club, please convey our sad feelings for the bad times they are having.



**Angus Robinson,
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COMMUNITY SERVICE – THE ROTARY ECLUB WAY

Rotary eClub One is a full-service chartered Rotary Club in every aspect of its management and activities, except that we do not meet for a meal, and our meetings operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. On any day, visitors can select from many meeting programs (articles)

ranging from Rotary information, case studies of successful community and international service projects, news about our club activities, tips and hints for Rotary Clubs, and a personal growth department for Rotarians.

In respect of Community Service, each member must commit to a minimum of 12 hours personal service per calendar quarter.

For example two of the seven Australian members of the Club have elected to support environmental projects. Past President Chris Joscelyne commits his community service time and provides resources to a coral reef research station supported by the Station Lizard Island Reef Research Foundation and the Coral Reef and Marine Science Foundation.

At the start of each Rotary year, we ask our Club members to submit proposals for grant funding for their projects, if this will add more value to the programs in which they are engaged. Whilst in September, grants are allocated from the approved budget, members can apply for specific grants after this time on the understanding that funding is contingent on funding availability. Overall, the Club is proud that 20% of its annual budget is committed to funding Community Service projects.

Elizabeth Lewis, a resident of Boulder, Colorado, is our Director for Community Service and can provide valued guidance to members undertaking their community service obligations.

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