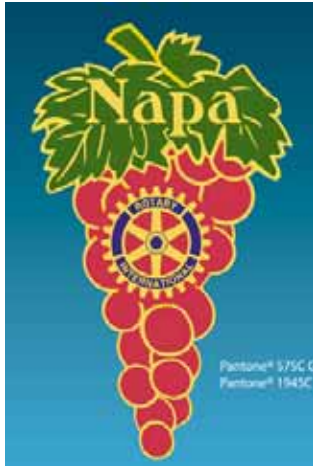


The Napa Rotagram

October 8, 2008



Thought for the Day

Stewart Slipiec gave some transcendental meditation from R.W. Emerson – not quoted precisely here:



Emerson was accused by his contemporaries of neglecting the most basic elements of the human condition, turning instead toward the glib optimism of self-reliance.

Some upcoming events: The BBQ at Enchanted Hills on Mt. Veeder. It will be a chance to say "Thank you" to sponsors of the Cycle for Sight as well as enjoy a day of camaraderie and good food. Members of the Pathway Home Project will also be on hand. There will be no regular Wednesday meeting on October 29.

A black tie Foundation dinner is set for November 15 in Petaluma. Look for info on the District 5130 website.

There are two new Napa Rotarians, **Carol Lowe** and **Doug Koford**.



Lary Wolfe introduced Carol, the executive director at Golden Living, a long-term care, and skilled nursing facility in Napa. She is a former Texas Rotarian where she had six-years of perfect attendance.

Doug Koford is Napa County's sheriff and, according to **Mike Loughran**, has attended numerous educational institutions, thus making him vulnerable in the weekly football money bowl instigated by **Pres Gary**.



Thanks to **Kevin Massey** for donating an auto to a deserving recipient of an If Given a Chance award.

Not only does **Chris McCarthy** serve as president at Napa Valley College, he is now CEO of a bonded winery on campus. It's only the second such facility in the U.S.



Along with all those badges and other honors, Eagle Scout Alex Schutz was the recipient of a **Paul Harris Fellowship**. His aunt, **Maren Namdar**, made the donation on his behalf.

Former Napa Police Chief Dan Monez now heads up Channels 27 and 28, our local access television stations. He said there is an "urgent need" to help Meals on Wheels.



With the help of virtually every media outlet in Napa County, a telethon will raise funds for the hot meals program. It airs October 22 and 27 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Another Paul Harris Fellow ...



Larry Wolfe was back, this time to receive a sapphire Paul Harris pin. It marks his third PH Fellowship.

No Visiting Rotarians this week ...



... but there were a number of guests who could become prospective members. Be thinking of someone you think would make a good Rotarian and bring him or her to a meeting.

Our Speaker ...

It was our own **Harrell Miller**. In introducing Harrell, **Bruce McCall** remembered shortly after joining the club some two decades ago, Harrell gave a talk on the Four Way Test. Later, District Governor **Bob Barwick** put Harrell on "the circuit," delivering the address to other clubs in the district.

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

- * **Is it the truth?**
- * **Is it fair to all concerned?**
- * **Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- * **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

In outlining the Four Way Test, Harrell told the story of **Herbert J. Taylor**, born in 1893 in a small Michigan town. Taylor's devoutly Christian family was involved in a number of businesses, and he started as a Western Union messenger, eventually gaining a degree from Northwestern University.

Harrell noted Taylor went to work for the Jewel Tea Co., working his way up to a \$33,000 salary – pretty good money back in the 1930s. He gave all that up to helping the struggling Club Aluminum Co.



Taylor felt some of the business practices there were less than ethical so he developed the Four Way Test as a result of prayer and meditation. He brought in a multi-faith group to review his new "code of ethics," all of whom were very comfortable with it.

It worked. Taylor turned the business around, went back to Chicago where he joined Rotary and eventually gifted the copyright to RI, and the rest, as they say, is history.



In Days Gone By ...

February 12, 1981 - John (Ford) Cochrane

introduced **Ed (Plymouth) Barwick** as our speaker. John gave an interesting introduction and then Ed took over. His subject was "Meals on Wheels" how and who started the various US Auto Companies. It was great Ed! The best compliment I can give you is that I could easily listen to you (on this subject) at least 10 more times.

May 13, 1981 - A short meeting was held (during our Annual Rural Urban get together) with several introductions, and when our incoming president, **John Zimmerman**, was introduced, **Mike Bethard** stood up.

Remember ...

Next Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m., the boardroom of the Napa Valley Unified School District, Lincoln & Jefferson, will be dedicated to the memory of our friend and former Rotarian and past president, **Bob Hansen**. Join family, friends, colleagues and Rotarians for a brief ceremony.