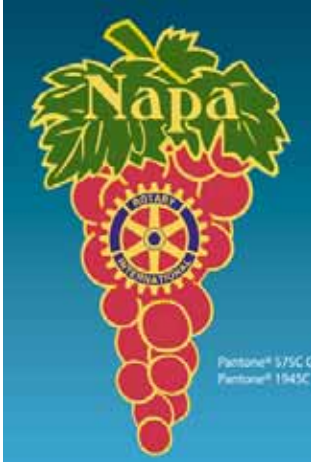


# The Napa Rotagram

## October 15, 2008



*Thought for the Day*  
**Mike Loughran** had a familiar gem uttered by Chili Davis:



*"Growing old is mandatory;  
 Growing up is optional"*

*Welcome, new Rotarian ...*



**Dana Zanone** is a long-time friend and associate of **Mr. "O," Steve Orndorf**. Steve introduced the new "Red Badger."

*Visiting Rotarians ...*



**Harold Massie**, Portsmouth, Ohio; **Jim Rossetti**, Belmont; **Joe Peatman** and **Brad Wagenknecht**, Napa Sunrise; **Stuart Atkinson**, North Napa.

**Harold Massie** presented **Pres Gary** with a banner from his home club in Ohio. He's in Napa for a month, and he'll return home with one of Napa Rotary's classy new flags.



Be sure to catch Eye on the Bay next Tuesday night, 10/21 at 7 p.m. on Channel 5. Host Brian Hackney journeys up the Napa River and discovers a waterway that few Bay Area residents have ever seen, including **Steve Orndorf** fishing and **Dorothy Salmon** and her husband John, Barry Martin and Mayor Jill Techel showing improvements to downtown Napa.

**Mike Loughran** had a real deal to auction off: Three nights at a Lake Tahoe condo. **Mr. "O"** picked it up for a paltry \$50 per night!



**Bob Mullikin** noted it was Kash Rose's (**Pres Gary's** late father) birthday, for which he donated \$100.

Remember – the Enchanted Hills BBQ is Sunday, October 26. There will be no regular Wednesday meeting the following week.



**Phil Champlin**, back from a trip to China, had some Oriental goodies to auction, including a Chairman Mao hat being modeled by **Pres Gary**.

**Bill Dodd** and **Dale Carriker** were in a bidding war for the latest "Fine Free Hat."



Bill was about to get fined big time for his role in the dedication of Dodd Stadium to his parents. He and Dale ended with joint custody of the hat for \$225 each.

**Pres Gary**, not to be outdone, noted there is another stadium named for a local Rotarian – The Rose Bowl!

### *Our Speaker ...*

Volker Eisele, long-time Chiles Valley grower and vintner – and a champion of Napa County’s unique land use policies – told why he is supporting Measure P on the November 4 ballot and why it is important to all Napa County residents.

The measure extends what we currently call Measure J. Under that law, a vote of the people is required to change the designation of any agriculturally zoned parcel.



*“We have something we need to protect,” said Volker Eisele. “Give us some stability and certainty for our investments.”*

Eisele noted the billions of dollars the wine industry pumps into the local economy – and the millions the growers and vintners have given to health and social programs.

Why now? The move for Measure P comes on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Napa County’s Agricultural Preserve. It extends the Measure J concepts to 2058 and gives added protection to 160-acre minimum parcels and creates exemptions for low-income housing should that become necessary in agricultural zones.

Eisele also noted that there are many newcomers to the area who are not familiar with the history of land use in Napa County, so the time is right.

Unlike many other forms of agriculture, Eisele said the wine industry does not receive federal subsidies.

Measure J was passed by voters in 1990 and has withstood court challenges. Eisele said Measure P is even more lawsuit-proof and has no active opposition.



OK, so it’s not Eisele Family Estate wine – but it’s pretty good stuff made by Rotarian **Robert Green.**



### *In Days Gone By ...*

*April 25, 1979* - Every Year as far as we can remember, **Dean Donaldson** has been out raising interest in the annual Rural Urban Meeting. The fellowship has been fun, but the entertainment -- well what can I say? But, now he has a first class program for us – the Napa High Vocal Music Workshop and if you don’t think that is entertainment, get a hearing aid.

*June 13, 1979* - **Tom Kongsgaard** made a hole-in-one at Grey Eagle while he was playing hooky from the bench and couldn’t tell.... **Bill Blanckenburg’s** famous quote when he moved to close the nominations for next year’s slate of club officers, “We must overcome the tendency for Democracy to creep into this outfit.”

