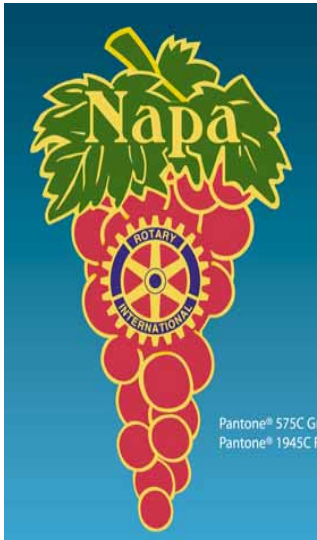


The Napa Rotagram

October 22, 2008



Art Kleinspell presented the Thought of the Day: It is better to give than to receive; if you receive, it is good to share; and the only thing worth pursuing actively is Opportunity!

President **Gary** (heirloom or hybrid?) **Rose** opened the meeting with the greeting card Napa Rotary anthem. **Carol Lowe** led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Our Visiting Rotarians were four Napa Sunrise members who were obviously still snoozing at Sunrise on their meeting day: **Tom Feutz**, Bingo Supplies; **Ray Sercu**, Retail Groceries; **John Dumas**, Orthodontics; From Middletown, **David Riccio**, Insurance Broker; from Santa Rosa, **Mark Burchill**, Office Furniture. Welcome.

Guests of Rotarians: **Roger Billings**, Chardonnay Golf Course; **Chuck Osboro**, Safety and Compliance, and **Rob Bollinger**, **Bill Blanckenburg's** Grandson.

Announcements: **Stewart Slipic** was one Joker away from winning the 50:50 raffle.



Sunday October 26, is the Enchanted Hills BBQ at 3 PM. **Bill Blanckenburg's** half-Uncle owned the property

when it was a resort. Bill is happy to go up there next Sunday to walk in the footsteps of his ancestors, Theodore and Johannes Gustav Berthold Blanckenburg.

Denys Michaud and **Dan Monez** asked Rotarians to help them with the financially-strapped Meals on Wheels. Generous Rotarians kept **John Cardinale** busy. An impressive amount in the \$3,000 range was collected. This will hopefully keep the meals going out to those who depend on this great program. Meals on Wheels West is dedicated to nourishing and enriching the lives of the home-bound by delivering healthy meals and services that promote self-respect and independent living.

Dorothy Salmon and **Steve Omdorf** made their television acting debut when they appeared in the "Eye on the Bay" show. A poor fish had to stay on the hook for a while until the camera could catch him being pulled out of the water. The fish was then released back into the Napa River. He has no intention of embarking on a television acting career.

Steve Omdorf would appreciate your help with a Pathway trip to the Academy of Science. It will be an 8 AM departure on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

On Thursday, November 6, the Office of Education will host a reception at the Artesa Winery at 6:30 PM. Enjoy a showing of creatively decorated regulation mailboxes!

Mike Loughran auctioned off Golf Balls from ... guess where ... Tennessee, of course!

Mike Bethard presided over the birthday frivolity. A sobering quote about these trying economic times: a fellow lost 50% of his wealth, but he still had his wife ... **Wally Kempke** was the youngest member – there was a Sitcom connection.



The oldest October birthday celebrant was **Bob Mullikin**, present bookie and retired

PG&E executive, who hides his blackened eyes behind sunglasses but still can kick ... you know what! He missed the "a rose by any other name ... quote from Romeo and Juliet, 1594.

By the way, **Jeannie Christoffersen, Tim Cooney** and **Bob Mullikin** are October 22 triplets! **Jill Barwick** answered correctly that the rose at the Smithsonian is grey! **Stewart Slipiec** correctly identified Canada's rose city as Windsor. **Dave Wildhagen** knew about the Green Rose Irish Pub. **Rod Weisner**, profession: armed robbery or banking, knew that a bouquet of 13 roses denotes a secret admirer – so don't sign the card! **Ann Cash** knew that love is a rose – and you had better not pick it! ... Ann also knows that love is a NOSE, and you had better not ... **Joe Dacanay** correctly identified the meaning of a white rose: purity and innocence. A gift of 24 roses, according to **Kent Gardella**, indicates "double the pleasure, double your fun" ... but no, Kent, back to Romance School! It says "I think of you every hour of the day!"



Our Speaker...
Alecia Hancock introduced our Guest Speaker, **Ginny Sercu**, Trips and Travel director of Napa Valley College. Adults should have the opportunity of expanding their horizons through travel. The group

tours are user-friendly. Many people do not feel comfortable driving in foreign countries and they benefit from group travel without stress. There are also day trips within the extended Bay Area. You can board a bus in the River Park Shopping Center. Three thousand people per year travel with the College. There were many past, satisfied customers in the audience. Upcoming trips are Greece and its islands. Participants spend two nights at each location. Enjoy local food, local activities, and well informed local tour guides and visit Greek orthodox churches, Byzantine monasteries, the Oracle at Delphi and archeological excavation sites. Also offered are train trips to Canada – Montreal, Quebec, and to Niagara Falls. Another highlight is the Eastern Rail Odyssey – Boston, NYC (NBC studios, Trump Tower, Macy's, Tiffany's, Mary Poppins) to Washington, D.C. (Viet Nam Veterans Memorial, Smithsonian, Native and New Museum). Call 967-2940 to find out about other trips to Ireland and Egypt, for example. The terms are very good – your deposit is fully refundable if you cannot take the trip.