

The Napa Rotagram

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ROTARIANS AND KIWANIAN'S BREAK BREAD

Gary Rose, who played his version of the Rotary anthem, called the joint meeting of the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs to order. **Phil Champlin** led the Rotarians in the Pledge of Allegiance while **Ed Barwick** inspired the audience with the thought of the day: Of all the things you wear, your smile and expression is the most important. The Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs support the Napa Valley community more than anyone else. We make a living by what we do--but we make a life by what we give. The thought of the Day from the Kiwanis side explained the wonderful law of nature: those who pass them on to someone else attain freedom and peace of mind.

Guests of Rotarians: **Andrew Wolfe**, Sun of **Larry**, **Phil Champlin** introduced **Larry Miller** from Pleasanton and **Elisabeth Frater** was accompanied by her one and only # 1 husband, **Bill Kisliuk**.

Visiting Rotarians: **Mike Murray**, Waste Management, and **Andrea Schrader**, Title Insurance, both from Napa Sunrise.

Fines and Announcements: **President Gary Rose** used this opportunity to thank the Kiwanis members for their assistance with Cycle for Sight. Next year, the Wine Valley Cycle for Sight and Rotary Ride for Veterans will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. It will feature 50, 25 and 15-mile rides, as well as wine tasting, food, live music and auction. A Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to **Lynn Nichols**, the President of Kiwanis, whose actions exemplify Rotarian ideals.

President Gary's "Trivia for 20" revealed facts you just have to know to survive in Napa. **Mike Loughran** nailed the question about what kind of wine Kiwanis members prefer. **Walley Kempkey** and **Jill Barwick** had the correct answers while **Stuart Slipic** slipped up when he revealed that he had never heard of **Mayor Ed Henderson**, who was in fact in attendance.

There are bright Kiwanis members. **Mark** was asked which Rotarian spends more time talking to fish than his wife? He knew that this description could only apply to **Steve Orndorf**.

The Rotary team of **Jill Barwick**, **K.P. Parsons** and **Mike Loughran** were gracious wine servers. It was suggested that the Kiwanis Club should acknowledge that things might be different next year.

Elisabeth Frater and **Jim Roberts** explained how you can help support the Wolfe Center, Napa County's only center for teenagers dedicated to prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse. A special fundraising event involves the store,

"Traditions" on Main Street. If you buy Christmas presents there on December 4th, the store will donate the proceeds to the Wolfe Center. Buy gift cards for your employees. You read it here first: Elisabeth's # 1 husband buys her Christmas presents at "Traditions."

The Salvation Army was on the spot to thank members of both Clubs for their donations. Kettles were outside to give everyone a head start to win this year's contest.

Does this sound complicated? **Bruce McCall** introduced **Ira Smith**, who introduced the speaker, **Barry Martin**, the Community Outreach Coordinator for the City of Napa.

According to Barry, the high priority for the City of Napa is housing, and both City and County are working together on the Napa Pipe project. When City and County are cooperating, you need to ask "aren't two governments better than one as they double up on brainpower?" He states that in the process they are neither taking sides nor setting up tribal boundaries. For the next calendar year, the City has two major projects: The downtown specific plan and the Parks and Recreation master plan. We will live with the results of these activities for a long time. The City must be proactive and set the tone. The City can either work with developers when they follow the General Plan, or they can say "that's not what we are after."

Parks and Recreation: Napa is "under-parked." The budget process will dominate people's time after the holidays. Sales and property taxes will be down. Napa's largest current project is the water treatment plant expansion. The flood project is behind schedule. Maybe the new administration will look upon the project more favorably than the current one. Should Congressman Thompson be elevated to cabinet level this will also be advantageous. Barry is working hard to improve customer service issues, to improve the attitude permeating the City of Napa. The staff is realizing that they are a service organization. They are working internally on attitudes, responses, and setting standards, and continue to get better.