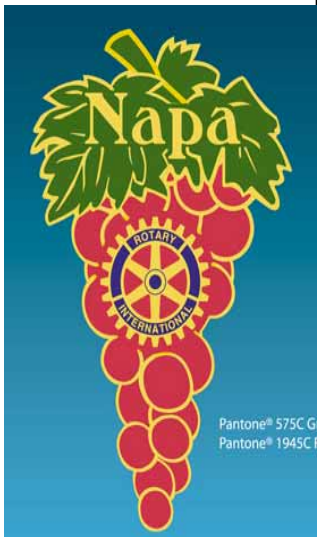


The Napa Rotagram

February 11, 2009



Phil Champlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thought of the Day



Alecia Hancock read a letter from Australia describing the horror of the fires, the high and unbearable temperatures, the loss of beautiful vegetation, incredible natural beauty and wild life. While the volunteers are working double shifts, let's hope there will be no more north winds to fan the fires.

Visiting Rotarians

John Dumas, orthodontist, Napa Sunrise; **Debra Matteri**, banking, Petaluma Valley; **Jim Nord**, trust and probate administration, Napa Sunrise.

Guest of Rotarians: **Wally Kempke** was happy to introduce his guest, girlfriend, Cara.

Announcements

The raffle is now over \$2,400, and the Joker is somewhere in the half deck that is left.

What about the white bandage on **President Gary's** ear? Did he injure himself fishing with Past President **Steve Omdorf**, when his ear was hooked? Or did Gary suffer frostbite climbing Mount Everest? Maybe a Blue tooth or diamond-studded Rotary pin implantation? The answer may never be known.

President Gary warned all male Rotarians to make sure they buy the right kind of Valentine's Day gifts. Don't try to be cute!

Great news: The 2009 attendance is up 75%.

Jason Weiss reported on the 15th annual Benefit for Kids gala at Black Stallion winery. There will be great raffle prizes. It costs \$200 per person, \$1,600 per table for eight. And there will be a HOSTED bar!!!

Misty Tarver introduced Interact Club members (also known as Rotary Club for high school students). They will put on a "Night in Tuscany" on April 25. Their experienced Chefs will cook a dinner to remember at Hagafen Cellars. The menu features chicken and tortellini, as well as secret appetizers and a mystery dessert. The sign-up sheets will be up shortly. The price per person is \$65, and the event is limited to 30 people.

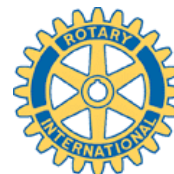
According to **President Gary**, advertising for Cycle for Sight will start shortly. The April 18 event will be great fun – bicycle rides in the morning, and a wine and food festival and a great band in the afternoon. Please start promoting this fundraiser any way you can.



"Auntie" Dorothy (Lind-Salmon) has been traveling again. She even met up with one of **President Gary's** Ex-Girlfriends, Olivia Newton-John!! She sent an autographed picture to Gary proclaiming that she will always be hopelessly devoted to Gary even though she just married the

"Vitamin Guy." **Don Fretz** bid on a "Bring back Harry Truman" button that Dorothy had purchased in Key West, FL.

Dana Zaccone and **Roger Billings** have completed all of their qualifying assignments, and now have blue badges -- for a \$10.00 fine.



Trivia for \$20...

A right answer gives you a bottle of wine; a wrong answer costs you \$20.

In the 1964 movie, "To Kill a Mockingbird," what was the name of the character played by Gregory Peck? Atticus Finch.

* **Jim Fehring** correctly figured out the name of the boat in the film "African Queen."

* **Jim Ford** did not know the only movie where Clint Eastwood had a singing role... Answer: "Paint your Wagon."

* **Jill Barwick** did not know Clint Eastwood's name in the latter movie: It was Sylvester Noel.

* **Elisabeth Frater** almost identified the Café in the movie "Casablanca." - Rick's Café Americana.

* Same Movie: name the color of Ingrid Bergman's dress: **John Glaser** did not know it was blue.

Tim Cooney announced that the Dictionary Project is completed. He thanked **Steve Ormdorf** for storing the dictionaries at Napa Pipe. We are not quite done paying for them, so please remember that when you are fined. It was such fun distributing the dictionaries. The third-graders were very excited to own such a colorful book! For many children, the dictionary is the first new book they have ever owned.

Our Speaker...

Alecia Hancock introduced our speaker, artist Gordon Heuther, whose work is displayed throughout the world. His earlier medium was glass, and from there he has branched out into many other media. Heuther sees himself as, "a Napa boy who makes expensive things that nobody needs."

Gordon's grandparents came to Napa from Germany, and he watched how their arrival in the land of milk, honey and opportunity also included shattered illusions.

As a little boy, Gordon suffered the extreme indignity of having to wear "Lederhosen" on Big Ranch Road. After he spent a brief attitude adjustment sojourn at Juvenile Hall, he decided to do something important with his life. He made glass windows depicting unicorns. Gordon sold them at crafts fairs and looking back, he is not quite sure whether they had a positive impact on humanity.

Today, Gordon does all kinds of interesting things with the help of staff members and computers. He needs a strong team to be successful. Artists are the center of their universe and Gordon reached his destination without art school or business training.

According to Heuther, in the art business you have to be a shameless self-promoter. For art in public places such as airports, there is enormous competition. Sometimes more than 2,000 images are submitted to the review commission. He has won about 50 of those.



He has competed for and won 50 public art projects and does private commissions. Some of his recent works feature steel, water, and fiber optics. Look for Gordon's statues and signs at Umpqua Banks, at the Artesa Winery, at the downtown garage, and on private properties.

In Albuquerque, Gordon designed a replica of the New Mexico state flower along with solar panels to provide light at night. Gordon has designed a four-meter sphere for a location in Southern Germany.

After 20 years on Cannery Row on South Coombs in Napa, Heuther moved in to his new facility at 1821 Monticello Road. The current show at the Hay Barn Gallery features a selection of his works of the past five years.



The glass bridge at the Houston airport was a great challenge. The design and colors used should have a calming effect; a meditation room design expresses quiet dignity. Gordon expresses his love for his community through his activities on the planning commission. He volunteers for the Wolfe Center and the Boys and Girls Club.

