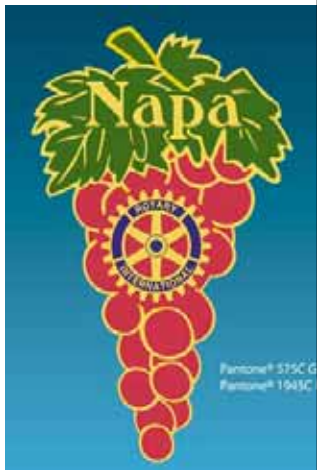


The Napa Rotagram

February 25, 2009



Thought for the Day
Alecia Hancock offered:
Think you can; think you cannot. Either way you are right. If you can see the obstacles, you are taking your eyes off the goal. To believe in something and not live it is a lie. From the day you are born to the day you ride in your hearse, there is no situation that could not be worse!

Lary Wolfe led Rotarians in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians

Debby Wheeler, Pet Services, Napa Sunrise; **Mike Basayne**, Consulting, Napa Sunrise and **Debra Matteri**, Banking, Petaluma Valley.

Guest of Rotarians

Guest **Tracy Lamb** pointed to the calendars on all tables outlining the fundraising events of the Napa Emergency Women's Shelter.

Announcements

The 50:50 Raffle has now reached \$3,000.

There still is an opening for anyone who wants to join the Rotary ski challenge.



Accompanied by **Mike Loughran's** enthusiastic applause, **Doug Koford** received his coveted blue badge.

It was rewarding to read the creative thank you letters written by the Napa County third graders who received dictionaries.



Three cheers for **Jim Riley**, who is heading a group of tax accountants who will help our Veterans with their tax return preparation.

As the countdown to the Cycle for Sight continues, remember to sell tickets, Memorial Mile signs and get your family and friends to purchase tickets. They can join us for post-ride festivities and refreshments from microbreweries, wineries and the music of Pride and Joy.

Mike Bethard presided over the birthday celebrations. Both February celebrants were absent, but there was no shortage of other victims. **Phil Champlin** was singled out as we discovered that the homeland of North America's largest rodent is ... North America! A mascot beaver by the name of "Bucky" apparently sold a lot of toothpaste.

Barbara Nemko was taken to task about beavers, Benny and Bernice, the State of Oregon's mascots. During the exploration of America's West, beaver pelts were freely traded, and they became an unofficial currency. What timely information!

Tim Cooney surprised us with his knowledge of beaver communication. OSH, Orchard Supply Hardware, also has a beaver mascot. What is his name? Simply Osh!

Barbara Nemko contributed a happy ten to remember her recent, joyful visit with her baby granddaughter.

Lary Wolfe made a nice Paul Harris contribution to celebrate his 20th anniversary as a Rotarian.



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Brenda Perry commented positively on SC-21, the effective new learning method that has been implemented in Napa.

Our Speaker ...

Syndi Seid, spoke about Worldwide Advanced Etiquette. She explored the practice of handshaking and rising to the occasion. In earlier times, women were not taught to shake hands. It used to be a woman's prerogative to offer a hand or not. With women in the business world, everyone shakes hands now, thus no gender difference in the business arena.

For networking purposes at public events, it is recommended to wear your name badge almost shoulder high, on your right side.

The honorific for women is either Mrs. or Ms. The latter is always correct if you don't know whether someone is married.

The handling of eating utensils is always an interesting topic. There is the continental way of always holding the fork in your left hand, and the American way of doing the zigzag,

Where do you place your napkin when you leave the table during a meal? You can always place it on the back of your chair.



Seid feels that the "Millennials" have the ability to be the most perfect human beings on this earth.

For more etiquette information and the tip of the month, visit Syndi's website www.AdvancedEtiquette.com/insider and join her family of happy subscribers.

There are new rules on the use of cell phones, e-mail letter writing, Twitter, Facebook and text messaging. If your cell phone rings while you are among people, press the "talk" button immediately and say these three magic

words: "One moment, please." Walk to a quiet place and have your conversation.



Good manners are vital in job interview situations, and the proper etiquette should be observed when you are a dinner guest. After a social event, the hand-written thank you note is still king. It is nice if the "Thank You" note is received while the event is still fresh in everyone's mind. A delayed note is, of course, better than none at all. Thanking someone by phone is good to revisit the nice hospitality you have received.



2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, 21-24 June
Be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention, which will take place in Birmingham, the heart of England!

If you haven't been back to Birmingham since the 1984 convention, you may not recognize this former industrial town. Now a lively canal city known for its outstanding shopping and dining, Birmingham — or Brum, as the natives call it — underwent a dramatic facelift in the 1990s. The transformation resulted in a modern, more pedestrian-friendly city that retains traces of its medieval and Industrial Age roots.

