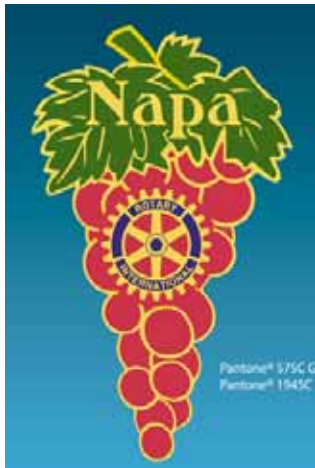


# The Napa Rotagram

March 4, 2009



## Thought for the Day

**Jim Ford** offered:



"You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the rich out of freedom. You cannot multiply the wealth by dividing it."

## Visiting Rotarians



**David Salmon**,  
Administration, Sequim  
Sunrise; **Debra  
Matteri**, Banking,  
Petaluma Valley.

The 50:50 Raffle is nicely over \$3,000 now, and the chances of picking the Joker out of the deck are getting better and better!

**Ann Cash** discussed the high school scholarship endowment fund. The next students will be sponsored by **Tom Young**, **Jill Barwick** and **Maren Namdar**.



There will be a new Rotary Club in Healdsburg. Since we are the oldest club in the district, we will follow an established tradition and provide their bell and gavel.

**Jason Luross** made a presentation at the Cloverdale Rotary Club where he also handed out Cycle for Sight informational packages and flyers. The drive there was longer than Jason remembered ...

**Pres Gary** spoke before the Kiwanis Club and solicited its help with the Cycle for Sight event. Kiwanis members were so respectful, they could almost have passed for Rotarians.



As the countdown to the Cycle for Sight event continues, **Pres Gary** has placed sign-up sheets on the tables to find volunteers who can work four hour shifts. Four hours preparation and the race, four hours during the post-race festivities, and four hours to break down the tents and tables. During the race, food stations and rest stops have to be replenished. All Rotarians are asked to bring hard-boiled eggs and/or raisin-oatmeal cookies. We also need people to pick up silent auction items from donors.

**Bruce McCall** talked about the Memorial Mile. You can buy signs for people you want to honor, for those who are serving overseas, or once served.

The \$20 trivia questions were educational and entertaining. **Kent Gardella** was asked about the deepest lake in the U.S. It's Crater Lake.

**Robert Green** had a little trouble with the number of tributaries draining into Lake Tahoe, the second deepest lake.



**Brian Kearney** was a little off when he guessed the daily number of gallons of water evaporating from Lake Tahoe's surface. How about 330 million gallons?

Did you know this? If Lake Tahoe flooded and spilled water over its banks, the entire state of California would be 14" under water. The snow fall on the mountain peaks surrounding Lake Tahoe is 600" per year.

**James Barrett** presided over our business meeting. The attendance report for January and February, 2009 is at one of its highest levels at 72 percent. This figure excludes "Rule of 85" members.



Endowments and scholarship accounts were discussed, as well as the year to date P&L statement, and P&L budget vs. actual.

The 50:50 raffle will increase our holdings when someone finally wins.

Our only serious fundraiser, Cycle for Sight, is well funded by sponsorships. The money available now will cover the current expenses. We will generate serious income when the registrations come in, tickets are sold, and the memorial mile signs have been purchased.

The endowment funds are at Morgan Stanley, where John Zimmermann is watching over them.

There is a source of revenue from meals. All members pay for their meals, but Rotary only pays the Elks Club for meals actually eaten. The membership dues are a predictable income. Please note that we are behind on **Paul Harris** contributions.

A portion of membership dues goes to Rotary International. The secretary and treasurer do not pay for their meals.

We have purchased a two year supply of dictionaries. That bill is not yet fully paid.

All Rotary funds are in Charter Oak Bank now. We have a good cash position and are fully liquid. In other words, we are in good shape.



**Pres Gary's** hard work has contributed a lot to our excellent financial position. Our funds are in conservative, short-term instruments.

**James Barrett** and **Rod Wiessner** were rewarded with a bottle of wine. Finemaster **Jim Reilly's** wit and creativity were also recognized as a nice source of revenue.



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*Recognize these hearty souls? It's the Rotary ski team at the February jaunt to Tahoe.*