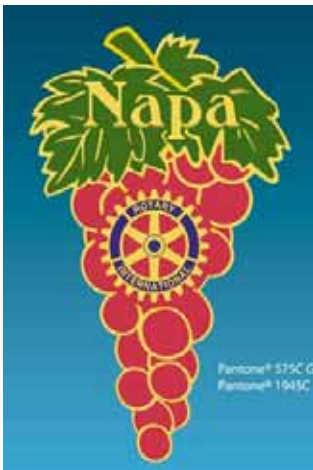


The Napa Rotagram March 3, 2009



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."



Dick Lonergan
led Rotarians in
the Pledge of
Allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians



David Salmon, administration, Sequim Sunrise;
Debra **Matteri**, banking, Petaluma Valley.

Announcements

The 50:50 Raffle is more than \$3,000 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. Tom Young, Jill Barwick and Maren Namdar will sponsor the next students.

There is going to 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.

President Gary spoke before the Kiwanis Club and he solicited their help with the Cycle for Sight event. The Kiwanis members were so respectful that they could almost have passed for Rotarians.

We have a wise shopper in our midst: John Imrie has a new source for butternut squash. It is either free from the source, or you pay on the honor system.

As the countdown to the Cycle for Sight event continues, **President 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 boiled eggs and/or raisin/oatmeal cookies. Prior to the event, we also will need people to pick up silent auction items from donors.

Jason Luros 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 ...



Bruce McCall
talked about the
Memorial Mile.
You can buy signs
for people you want
to honor, for those
who are no serving
overseas, or have
once served.
Honor our
Veterans, as well as
Blue Star and Gold
Star moms.

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

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 snowfall on the mountain peaks surrounding Lake Tahoe is 600 inches per year.

CLUB BUSINESS MEETING

James Barrett presided. The attendance report for January and February 2009 came in at an impressive 72 percent. This figure excludes "Rule of 85" members.

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.

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

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.

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 have not been fully paid for.

Endowment funds are at Morgan Stanley, where **John Zimmermann** is watching over them.

A financial report is presented at the board meeting each month.

President 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 Riley's **wit and creativity** were also recognized as a nice source of revenue.



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