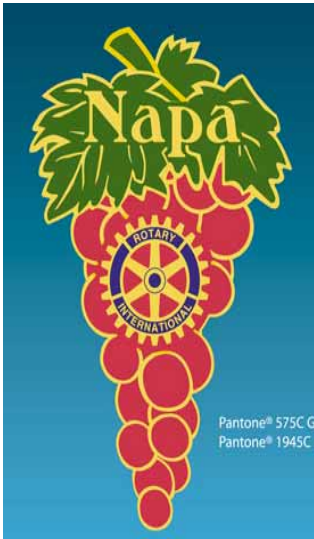


The Napa Rotagram MARCH 11, 2009



Misty Tarver led Rotarians in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thought of the Day: Don Fretz parted with some practical advice. You can use your car's remote control to summon help if you are ever

in trouble in your home. Keep those car keys close to your bed. Plus, there was the lady who saw a new dentist. She thought she recognized the name. Somehow she thought she recognized him when she met him in person. They discovered that they had both graduated from Napa High School. She did not tell him the year she graduated, but said: "You were in my class." He responded: "What did you teach?"

Our Visiting Rotarians: **John Dumars**, Orthodontist, Napa Sunrise; **Debra Matteri**, Banking, Petaluma Valley.

Guests of Rotarians: **Linda Barwick, Lynne Champlin, Carol Burns and Sue Eaton Cooley**, the latter representing "Brother, can you spare a Dime?"

Announcements:

Debby Hight had a message about the Boys & Girls Club's Gala event on March 21, 2009. There will be a raffle – 100 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. You can win an amazing week-end in New York for two, including three nights at the Hilton, two Broadway tickets and a dinner at the Tavern on the Green. How about a trip to Cancun with bells and whistles; or tickets for two for a live taping of the Jay Leno Show, plus a 3 night stay at the Hyatt Regency?

Misty Tarver reported on the "Night in Tuscany" on April 25, 2009 from 6 – 10 PM at Hagafen Cellars. You can enjoy an evening planned by the computer literate students of New Tech High School. The students will also prepare a tasty meal. Exciting items can be bid on via the silent auction. Tickets are \$65 per person.

Talk to **President Gary** about the Rotary meeting at Fortuna. If you want to attend and learn, your admission fee, gas and lodging will be paid.

Following up on the recent SC-21 presentation, the Board has proposed a possible financial contribution. Any Rotarian who believes in the value of this type of program is invited to donate \$21. Please sign up and your account will be charged.

This is not for the fainthearted: Our club's ski team won for the THIRD time the trophy you don't ever want to win: The Turtle Award!!! That's it for the beaver. The turtle is our mascot now. **Wally Kempkey** received an honorable mention by winding up in third place. There was some discussion, however, about his mode of transportation. It was apparently hard to tell whether he was skiing or snowboarding. **Ron McKinney** felt dizzy when he was on top of the mountain and he had the presence of mind not to ski in that condition.

The Cycle for Sight countdown continues. It is serious business when you put up a party for 1,500 people. We need all hands on deck for this big party: You have to plan, set up, entertain the guests, and then you have to clean up after the event. Please be prepared to volunteer and to commit the entire day to this fabulous fundraiser!

The fish in the Napa River were safe for one week when **Steve Orndorf** was fishing in Columbia. Way out in the middle of nowhere, Steve and his fishing buddies were checked out by a Columbian Airforce helicopter. Steve parted with a mixed message: While he apparently had fun on this trip, he would not recommend it to anyone.

Wyman Smith had a wonderful time helicopter skiing in Canada. He still is reveling in the memory of skiing through pristine powder snow on a



glacier, under clear blue skies. That experience was worth a “happy 50.”

Gene Kelly's Son, Jake, brought down a wild boar on a recent hunting trip. Gene donated a dime a pound: \$26.50.

Someone snitched on closet student, **Jill Barwick**. Rumor has it that she has taken welding for three years and finally made the honor roll. Way to go, Jill!



Linda Barwick became a Paul Harris fellow. President Gary thanked her and husband **Ed** for the contribution to the General Fund. So many people around the world become the beneficiaries of Rotarians' generosity.

Our Speaker: Standing in for the temporarily absent **Phil Champlin**, spouse **Lynne** stepped in graciously and introduced our speaker, **Tim Berg**.

Tim and his wife live in Napa during the winter and in summer, they operate three fishing lodges in Alaska. Tim met his wife, Carol, during a Hawaiian vacation. Tim worked for Vallerger's in the 60's and moved to Alaska to start a fishing lodge and a fish processing plant. The presentation was not only of interest to the fishing enthusiasts-- pictures of the lodges and the beautiful guest rooms showed off Carol's considerable decorating talents. For a “fishing beyond compare” experience you can share your time among several lodges: the Grande Alaska in Seward, the Trophy Lodge, the SeaBreeze, or the SeaScape, overlooking Cook Inlet, with the rugged Alaska Range in the background. The waters before you are home to ten million salmon.



From Tim's various lodges you can reach the most exciting fishing areas by boat or by plane. You can catch king salmon, salmon shark, trophy class ling cod and halibut, or the famous Alaska king crab. As you drive from Anchorage Airport, you can already see Alaska Moose and other Northern critters. Excursions from any of the lodges will take you to the Kenai River, the Kasilof River, as well as fly fishing adventures for rainbow trout, etc. In the summer you have 20 hours of daylight.

The meals are first rate, and they can be accompanied by the finest Napa Valley wines. Famous Napa Valley Chef **Bob Hurley** occasionally prepares meals at the Lodges. Of course, your catch can be frozen and shipped to your home. Questions were asked about Mercury levels in fish. It is recommended to eat the smaller fish – they have lower mercury levels. For more information, go to www.alaskafishing.com and you will be able to talk about the one you caught and not about the one that got away!