

The Napa Rotagram

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Thought for 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.

Visiting Rotarians



John Dumars,
Orthodontist, Napa
Sunrise; **Debra
Matteri**, Banking,
Petaluma Valley.

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. **Pres Gary** thanked her and husband **Ed** for the contribution. So many people around the world become the beneficiaries of Rotarians' generosity.

Debby Hight had a message about the Boys & Girls Club's gala event on March 21. There will be a raffle with just 100 tickets to be sold at \$100 each. You can win an amazing weekend in New York for two, including three nights at the Hilton, two Broadway tickets and dinner at the Tavern on the Green; Or, 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 at Hagafen Cellars. You can enjoy an evening planned by the computer literate students of New Tech High School. The students will prepare a tasty meal, and exciting items will be available in the silent auction. Tickets are \$65 per person.

Talk to **Pres 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 honorable mention 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's serious business when you put on a party for 1,500 people. We need all hands on deck for this big event. You have to plan, set up, entertain the guests, and then clean up afterward. 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 Omdorf** was fishing in Colombia. Way out in the middle of nowhere, Steve and his fishing buddies were checked out by a Colombian Air Force helicopter. Steve parted with a mixed message: While he apparently had fun on this trip, he wouldn't recommend it to anyone.

Wyman Smith had a wonderful time helicopter skiing in Canada. He is still 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.

Our Speakers ...

Standing in for the temporarily absent **Phil Champlin**, spouse Lynne graciously introduced our speaker, Tim Berg. Tim and his wife live in Napa during the winter and during the summer, they operate three fishing lodges in Alaska.

Tim met his wife, Carol, during a Hawaiian vacation. He worked for Vallergera's in the 1960s, then moved to Alaska to open the 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 10 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.



Tim Berg's Alaskan Fishing ADVENTURES

FUZZY ZOELLER

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 "<http://www.alaskafishing.com>"



Another gem from **Don Fretz** ... There was the lady who saw a new dentist. She thought she recognized the name. Somehow, she thought she recognized him when they met 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 asked: "What did you teach?"



Ba Da Boom!