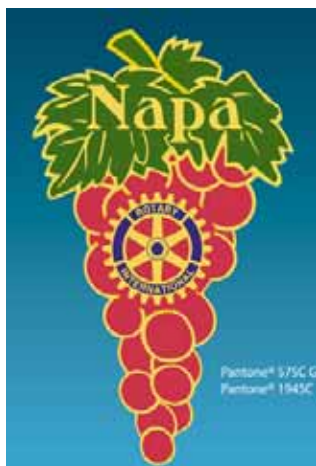


The Napa Rotagram

March 18, 2009



Visiting Rotarians



Jim Rossetti, real estate/finance, Belmont; **Debra Matteri**, banking, Petaluma Valley.

Thought for the Day

Jim Riley had a few pearls of wisdom ...



"I could dance with you until the cows come home, or I could dance with the cows until you come home." Or if you'd rather, "Time flies and flies like a banana."

It's not too late to attend the District Assembly in Fortuna. The club will pay gas and lodging if you want to go on April 3.

There is a new and revised sign-up sheet for the Cycle for Sight. If you are available to volunteer, you will be placed in positions where you are needed. We need to sell more signs for the Memorial Mile.

Kent Gardella spoke about "If Given a Chance" and the dramatic stories of some of the applicants our club has sponsored for scholarships. Kent now has received information about the grades and the progress of some of the past scholarship recipients. All are doing very well. They are pursuing their diverse educational goals successfully.

The raffle has topped \$3,000, and the odds of drawing the Joker are getting better each week.

Tom Mills has returned from a Middle East group tour through Israel and Jordan. He said it was an incredible experience. Often, the tour participants were instructed to keep their heads down. Everybody was armed. Tom auctioned off a twelve-piece nativity set made of Grade A olive wood.

Carol Lewis received her blue badge, and she reported that she had moved to Napa from Houston, Texas. Carol manages the Golden Living Center, where long-term care is provided, as well as short term rehabilitation. The Golden Living Center connects clients with available funds with an asset/resource test. Golden Living supports Meals on Wheels, Molly's Angels and other community charities. The facility maintains a busy activity schedule for its residents. It recently completed a \$1.8 million renovation.

Pres Gary's quiz snared Andy Kirmse who was about 200 years off guessing when St. Patrick's day was first celebrated. The answer: March 17, 1718.

Jason Luros: How many Americans claim Irish ancestry? 34.7 million!

Richards Lyon was confronted with an interesting fact: The Irish component is the second largest in the U.S. population. Which is the first? German!

How many Dublins are there in the U.S.? This was **Jerry Medlin's** question. The answer: Nine.



Kevin Massey participated in the Ski race and made a major contribution to his team's ability to win the prestigious Turtle Award.

Our Speaker ...

Jason Luros introduced architect Jay Golik. Jason said that Jay's house is the most beautiful home he has ever seen. It makes good sense to build green. There is a green grading system known as LEED. If you abide by all guidelines, you can reach "Platinum" status.

In 1971, Jay inherited a home his uncle had designed. As he tried to change the house, he slowly realized that his uncle had brilliantly designed the perfect house. Orientation, trees and insulation provided the perfect environment and a root cellar kept things cool in the summer. In the old days, people understood the environment better than they do today.

Green is the new buzzword for the 21st century. It will become the new building standard. Green also means energy efficiency through insulation, orientation, and maximum use of rain water reclamation.

The earliest civilizations were green, thus there is practically no sign that they ever existed. A city built in 2300 B.C. in Pakistan had good urban planning, sewers, and paved roads. For some reason it was abandoned. Residents dried clay on stacks of burning wood, causing deforestation and erosion.

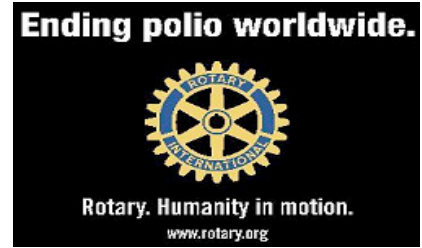
Golik said architects can learn a great deal from the fine features of igloos built by Eskimos and the yurts of Inner Mongolia.

Prior to 1945, life in the US was much greener. One furnace heated the entire house.

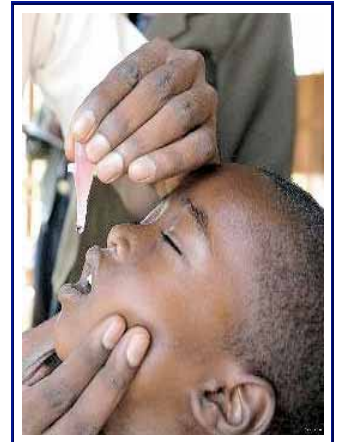
In Napa all businesses were downtown, people could reach businesses on foot, and the city was surrounded by agriculture. After World War II, things changed architecturally when the U.S. became the industrial and financial center of the world. The current energy crisis has caused the beginning of a new Renaissance.

Golik pointed out we should all live with the earth instead of on it. People should live closer to their work, but this is not always easy because of zoning laws. He said we should stay away from nuclear power, but should have more solar and wind power. Water circulation can provide cooling and heat in a sustainable manner. We should do a better job harvesting rain water. It should be channeled so that it is filtered and runs into the aquifer.

We do not have to sacrifice beauty for energy-efficient and productive homes.



Progress toward ending polio in the non-endemic countries continues to be slow.



Year to date has seen an increase in cases from 16 in 2008 to 97 in 2009.

Importantly, because of our world-wide network of clinical labs, we do

know the genetic sequence of each case which tells us not only the origin but the specific strain of virus - and immediate steps are taken to re-immunize that area.

I know at times it seems like we are taking one step forward then 2 steps back but believe me when I say to you - we will be successful. The system is in place to end polio - and we will -----with your continued support.

Later this month, I hope to be able to interact with many of you at our district conference in Petaluma. I will be reporting on your successes in fundraising at the Friday afternoon session. Year to date you have raised over \$59,000 for polio eradication and currently we have raised over \$90,000 toward our \$200 million dollar gates challenge. Yes we will succeed because of the strong ongoing commitment of our Rotarians of 5130.

Thank you for all you do to improve lives in the local community you serve and in our world-wide community - saving children's lives through our end polio campaign - we will succeed!!!

Yours in Rotary.
Larry D. Myers

PDG, District 5130 Polio Eradication Chair