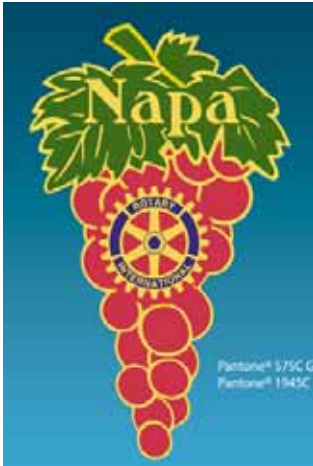


The Napa Rotagram

April 8, 2009



Thought for the Day
Chuck DeLorimier
 offered up several, hoping
 to score big with at least
 one ...



*Having gray hair means
 you're getting older – not
 wiser.*

A Community Hero



Dorothy Salmon said she heard from the Chamber of Commerce's Kate King that **Pres Gary** has been named a "Hero in the Community" for his Cycle for Sight effort and other good works. He'll be honored at the Chamber's annual dinner at Silverado resort on May 12.

Speaking of the big cycling event soon to be upon us, Gary notes memorial or recognition opportunities remain for the Miracle Mile. More than 800 cyclists are signed up meaning the likelihood of a thousand-plus participants.

Visiting Rotarians ...



Mark Lessler, Napa Sunrise; **Constance Coughlin**,
 Waianae Coast; **Debra Matteri**, Petaluma Valley

Tom Mills' '2 of Clubs' didn't work, so with no winner in the weekly raffle, the jackpot grows for the one who draws the Joker!



Only 20 cards
 remain, so your
 odds are on the
 increase.
Expect big
 sales next
 week.

Don't forget the Night in Tuscany dinner being prepared by New Tech High School's Interact Club. Ten seats remain for this culinary event limited to 30 attendees on April 25. Contact **Misty Tarver**.

Past Pres, Mr. "O" reminds that next Thursday, the 16th, is graduation for members of the Pathway Home Project at the Vets Home in Yountville. It begins at 11:30. Contact Steve if you'd like to attend.

Those members whose alma maters had teams in the NCAA championship games paid five dollars for that distinction. Later, Finemaster **Jim Riley** would ding those whose schools had no football teams at their schools since they "missed out" on the opportunity to donate during the season.

New Members



Pres Gary introduced **Constance Coughlin** and
Aurora McKnight.



Jerry Medlin, fresh back from a trip to Rome and bearing gifts, auctioned off a hat (Jerry said he was keeping the better one). He sweetened the pot by offering a \$100 donation to the high bidder's Paul Harris. A bidding war ensued with **Joe Dacanay** adding to his Rotary wardrobe by paying \$105.

Finemaster **Jim Riley** suffered a self-inflicted forfeiture for recognizing his own efforts at writing a column on financial planning.

Stewart Slipiec paid \$100 for an election night comment with political overtones. Riley gets the Coleman-Franken award for bringing up a five-month-old incident.

Elisabeth Frater paid for her recent good fortune of winning a diamond pendant – also for a good cause.

WHAT?!?! **John Imrie** paid for “sleeping with the president.” Sharing quarters with **Pres Gary** cost him, as did a St. Patty's trip to New Orleans by **Mike Loughran**.

Student of the Quarter



Ben Molinari is one of those guys who does it all. Active in hoops at Vintage HS, he's president of his junior class, an academic standout and was recently named as the schools representative to Boys' State.



Help with set-up is also needed on Thursday and Friday. Contact Tim Cooney.



More Cycle for Sight stuff ... For the April 15 meeting, please bring a bottle or more of good wine for the auction; also a dozen hard-boiled eggs and cookies for the event. **Jill Barwick** is coordinating the auction and could use some help picking up Upvalley items. Call her.

Our Speakers ...

Our own **Jason Luros**, his law partner, Mary Hudson, and banker, Michael Champion presented precautions on avoiding identity theft.

We learned that Napa County tops the list for this increasingly pervasive crime and is third in other fraud related crime. One reason for that may be poorly secured wine club membership lists.

Jason points out that identity theft costs U.S. citizens \$1.2 billion a year; credit cards are the primary target.



Wire transfers, dumpster diving, theft of a wallet or just offering false pretenses can start the ball rolling. Much of the activity is, of course, centered on the Internet and allowing your information to go to sources it shouldn't. Those most often hit: 40-49 year olds.

How do you know if you're a victim? Mary says, monitor your bills carefully. Financial institutions are becoming more diligent, but if there are doubts, freeze your credit reports.



Michael adds you should go to annualcreditreport.com and check each of three major firms quarterly. It's free.



In Days Gone By ...

July 2, 1980 - President **Jim (Fogarty)** began his term by announcing the removal of the sneeze guard over the feed trough. A definite improvement, we all have a responsibility now... the next time you're in the chow line and have to sneeze remember what you're wearing a tie for!

**Pleasant dreams,
Rotarians ...**

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