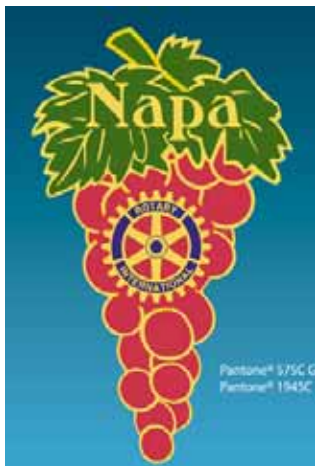


The Napa Rotagram

April 29, 2009



Thought for the Day

Pres Gary intoned, "We could learn a lot from crayons...."



some are sharp, some are dull. Others have weird names, and are different colors. But they all have to learn to live in the same box."

Visiting Rotarians



Mark Nickel, Santa Rosa East; **Debra Matteri**, Petaluma Valley; **Brad Wagenknecht**, Napa Sunrise.



Barry Martin and Taylor Bartolucci were on hand to plug their new venture, Lucky Penny Productions, an offshoot of Dreamweavers.



Barry and Taylor are two of the actors in the production of Sam Bobrick's "Baggage." It will see performances on May 13-14 and 20-21 at the Wine Train station. The group is available for parties and special events.

Kent Gardella reminds us If Given a Chance's annual dinner and awards event is coming up on May 22. Four Rotary scholarship recipients are among the honorees. Get tickets for this inspiring evening from Kent.

Remember, the District Conference is in Petaluma May 14-16. The Napa club is likely to be recognized for its achievements, including the highly successful Cycle For Sight.

Phil and Lynne Champlin

just returned from a trans-Atlantic voyage aboard the Queen Mary 2. He brought back a bag of goodies for auction.

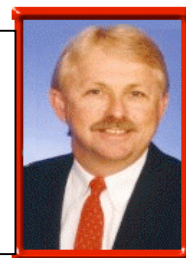


Pres Gary modeled a QM2 hat that went with the other items including a shirt, special gambling tokens and photos of Lynne with the grand potentate of Kuwait.

Mike Bethard presented April birthday celebrants with an opportunity to test their knowledge of "Mr. Napa," as Pres Gary is known on his website, as well as some downtown history.

"Helping You To Make Good Decisions"

Often referred to as "Mr. Napa," Gary seems to know everyone and is involved in everything.



Proposed New Members

Richard Barry works for Merrill Lynch. He is sponsored by **Mike Loughran**;

Stephen Cokeley is a financial advisor with offices in Santa Rosa. He is also sponsored by Mike;

Debra Matteri is an Asst. VP with Umpqua Bank in Napa. She lives in Petaluma where she is a member of the Petaluma Valley club;

Aurora McKnight, a broker associate with Coldwell Banker, has been a member of the Woodland club and resides in Sonoma with husband, Robert;

Mark Nickel is a resident with Merrill Lynch. He's a member of the Santa Rosa East club, has offices in Napa and lives in Petaluma;

Gary Norman is another Loughran sponsored potential member. He's a financial advisor in Napa who lives in San Francisco with wife, Michelle.

Any member with questions or concerns regarding any of the potential members should contact Jim Barrett or any member of the board.



Napa Rotarians Deserving of Recognition



Two of our younger members, **Misty Tarver** and **Jason Luross**, have helped with recent events ...

... and two of our "veterans," **Tom Young** and **Maren Namdar**, were cited for their enthusiasm and participation.



Our Speakers ...

Our own **John Woodbury** led off a presentation on Napa's Regional Parks and Open Space District created by the voters two years ago.



John said a Master Plan for parks and open space in Napa County was recently completed. It was done in-house, without the use -- and cost -- of consultants.

Until recently, Napa was the only one in the nine Bay Area counties without a parks department or district. Much of the funding comes from the county's hotel tax along with grant money, some of which comes from the state.

Napa County has 130,000 acres of publicly owned land. Much of it is not accessible to the public which is what Woodbury and his board of directors want to change.

The board is made up of five wards which are the same as the county's supervisorial districts.

Harold Kelly is one of the five board members, representing Ward One. He encouraged Rotarians to view the Master Plan and the shorter Second Year Report recently published.



Among the areas on the Parks and Open Space District's radar screen are Linda Falls, Vallejo Lakes, Oat Hill Mine Road, South River Wetlands and several sites near Lake Berryessa.



In Days Gone By ...

February 18, 1981 - It seems unusual to write about babies in Rotary, but here goes. **Wiley Smith** was told to open a bank account for his new offspring in the amount of \$97 (which the club will match). **Russ Barker** likewise, only in the amount of \$108 (after his best friend puts in his \$5). Put it in Rich!

Oops! (February 25th) A mistake was reported in the 2/18 bulletin. I reversed the Bennett and Barker duo. Rich had the baby (not Russ). My apologies to Sherry and Laurel. Oh well.

