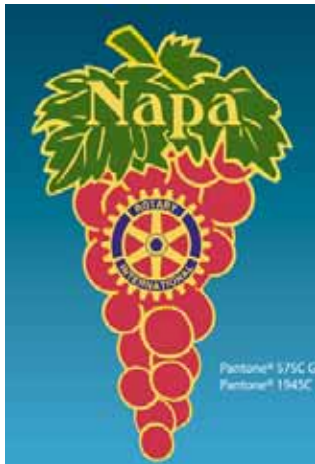


The Napa Rotagram

May 6, 2009



Thought for the Day
Jill Barwick brought a book of some of her husband's favorite pearls of wisdom ... such as:



Always keep a trash bag in your car. When you're done with it, you can throw it out the car window.

Visiting Rotarians



Rex Stults, St. Helena;
Kim Watkin, Park City (Utah) Sunrise; **Cap Lyons**, Oakland.

Kim Watkin presented a banner from the Park City club and received a Napa flag in return.

Don't forget the May 31 reception for the exchange group from Brazil at Compadres. It's \$20 - plan to join the party.



Jason Luross got a plug in for his partner Mary Hudson's participation in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. It's a good cause, so contact Jason if you'd like to contribute.

Don DeVincenzi noted his son Mark continues to rack up a winning record as pitcher for the Cal Poly team.

James Barrett received the ruby pin commemorating his second **Paul Harris**.



Tom Nelson, recently back from a motorcycling adventure through Spain and Morocco, bolstered the Rotary coffers with his bag of Moorish memorabilia.

No, it's not yesterday's fish wrap -- Tom auctioned a cookbook, shirt, hat, and a bottle of vino from Rioja.



Pres Gary shows off the latest in Moroccan headgear -- complete with antlers.

We had a "bonus speaker" at this week's meeting as John Salmon presented information on a group of individuals from the private sector that would like to see Copia back on its feet.

Salmon said Copia's mission had been unclear as far back as 9/11. They contacted the judge in the bankruptcy proceedings, and he has lent a sympathetic ear.



The 78,000 square foot facility has been appraised at \$25 million. It takes a half-million alone just to maintain the empty building. Four of the newer hotels in the downtown area are willing to tack on a per-room fee to help provide a facility that would be available to them for special events. Stay tuned!



Our Speakers ...

Rex Stults and Deborah Broman brought news of the upcoming Auction Napa Valley. It's presented annually by the 350 member Napa Valley Vintners Association.

The event put on by the 65 year old organization is held in early June. Its first auction in 1981 brought in \$140,000. With its growth and success, some \$85 million has been donated to local health, youth and housing organizations.



Rex said there is concern this year with the state of the economy that perhaps success will be limited. He and Deborah stressed, "What's raised in Napa, stays in Napa."

Our own **Jason Weiss**, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club, noted the help the auction has given his organization over the years -- closing in on \$1 million!

You can go online and bid on a number of lots this year as well. Go to www.napavintners.com.

In Days Gone By ...

November 1, 1978 - How nice it is to get the blood flowing with a lively song. I tip my hat to **Bill Wright** for leading us to the tune of "Daisy, Daisy....."

October 8, 1980 - The Big BBQ was held at "Little Knoll." A great time was had by all (I think). Rotarians and families enjoyed such things as golf, horseshoes, fellowship, and a marvelous chicken BBQ (I think). I keep saying, "I think" because the deadline to the printers was long before the festivities.



Celebrating Community

The Napa Chamber of Commerce Community Awards will be presented on May 12 at Silverado Resort.



Our own **Pres Gary** will be honored as "Outstanding Community Booster of the Year" for his involvement in the Cycle for Sight and other local endeavors.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Napa is one of several organizations nominated for "Outstanding Non-Profit Organization of the Year."



This year's board has adopted the following goals towards this theme as well as several that will enhance future operations of the club. The goals are:

- Increase membership
- Support the Pathway Home project at the Yountville Veterans Home--a first-of-its-kind program designed to assist returning veterans with post traumatic stress disorder
- Grow the Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Support Interact at New Tech High School
- Continue Festival of Brotherhood as an International Project
- Continue local projects
- Develop a repeatable fundraiser
- Be a 100% sustaining member club (\$100 per member to Foundation per year)
- Have Fun! We believe that we can enjoy fun and fellowship while accomplishing the above goals.