

The Napa Rotagram

May 20, 2009



Thought for the Day
Roger Billings had some wisdom of Ralph Waldo Emerson, but it was Charlie Brown who gave us ...



"I only dread one day at a time."



Visiting Rotarians



Debra Matteri,
Petaluma Valley

Sunshine Report



Jill Barwick reported past pres **Charlie Harper** is home after back surgery. He's enjoy hearing from you.



He's Baaaack!

Harrell Miller is back after a winter of sunshine and baseball in Gold Canyon, Arizona. He said the temps are regularly over the one-hundred degree mark now ... time to return to northern climes.

Ann Cash presented the quarter's three students to be honored and their Rotary sponsors. Each received a \$200 check and a certificate. Sponsors provide half the award and the club provides the rest.



Mike Bethard, one of our past presidents, took over the duties in the absence of **Pres Gary**. Mike is also helping coordinate the Kick Out, coming up on June 20.



John Cardinale welcomed Anaka Aurdinya. All three students had stellar GPAs and participate in myriad school activities. They were also recognized for their leadership potential.

When former Napa Rotarian and Napa Valley College president **Diane Carey Woodruff** visited last week, she and **Ann Cash** were preparing to face off at the ping-pong table. The loser paid \$50 to the college President's Fund. Ann presented Diane's check and noted Diane vowed to return -- both to the club and the ping-pong table.



Derik Smith received his check and certificate from sponsor, **Dale Carriker.**



Michael Wiley was sponsored by **Rod Wiessner.** These kids are going places.

New Members



Receiving their red badges and preparing to join the ranks as full-fledged Rotarians are Tyler Cook and Dick Perry. Both are sponsored by Mike Loughran.

Let Us Never Forget



Bruce McCall reminded us that Memorial Day is coming up and gave us the above words that are etched at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Our Speaker ...

It's that time of year again -- the annual awards ceremony and dinner for If Given a Chance, the organization that has helped dozens of young people who have shown what it takes to overcome adversity.



Our own **Kent Gardella**, a board member for the group, said this year's applicants had experienced problems ranging from disabilities, abuse, domestic instability and involvement with the criminal justice system.

Interestingly, all of this year's young people listed educational goals as a high priority for the near future.

Students are nominated by an adult who has known them for at least two years; they are then recommended by another person, and they write an essay.

A seven member screening panel reviews what Kent called "Profiles in Courage."



Kent (right), and IGaC "grad" Wes Simpson, said life is often difficult for the kids being served, and they are under the radar, needing someone to look up to.

Napa Rotary provided \$10,000 for last year's students. With funding tight, all the scholarships needed will likely not be awarded.

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From days gone by ...

1969 ... Outgoing president, **Stu MacVitie**; outgoing district governor, **Bob Barwick**; incoming president, **Ed Barwick**.

From the Rotagram

The Kick Out was successfully accomplished in fine and musical style with 180 Rotarians and guests present. Music filled the hall – Carolyn Bisel sang several songs... Slightly less professional (but good) was the impromptu banjo solo by our retiring president **Stu. Bill Wright's** Muscats performed "Nobody Cares About Stu's Affairs." Finally, Stu got his just desserts in a Kangaroo Court skit written by **George Clark** and produced by **Clayton Long**.