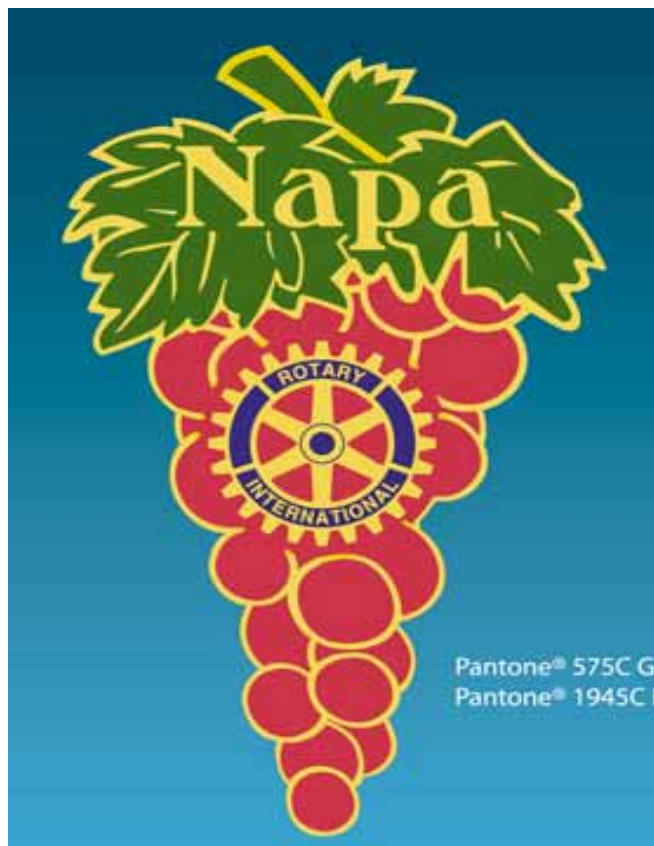


The Napa Rotagram

May 27, 2009



Today's Players

The Podium: Mike Loughran
The Flag: Tyler Cokeley
The Thought: Bruce McCall
The Program: Gene Kelly
The Raffle: John Glaser (no cigar)
The Birthdays: Mike Bethard

The Sunshine Report

There being none, acting president Mike asks, "Why "sunshine" when the news is usually less than good?" Ann Cash responds, "Well, it's better than the Sunset Report!"

Visiting Rotarians



John Dumars,
Napa Sunrise;
Mark Lessler,
Napa Sunrise;
Debra Matteri,
Petaluma Valley;
Robert Mutery,
Napa Sunrise;
Mark Nickel,
Santa Rosa East;
Joel Tranmer,
Napa Sunrise

Multiple Thoughts for the Day

Well done is better
than well said –
B Franklin
The time is always right
to do what is right –
ML King Jr
Failure is only the
opportunity to begin
again more intelligently
– H Ford
The best sermons are
lived not preached –
Cowboy wisdom

Happy May Birthdays

Chuck; Dorothy; Jeff; Gina; and John
Birthday boy, Mike, quizzed the crew about
celebs with whom they share their day. It
was fun, but, was it "fair to all concerned"?

Home Again

Jerry Medlin, home from three weeks in
Japan, offered a handleless mug for bid with
\$100 to the highest bidder's Paul Harris.
Dean Donaldson took home the mug and
the PH\$ for a noble bid of \$105.

Spreading the Wealth

Ann Cash announced this year's total of
\$7,000 in scholarships spread around
between Napa College, New Tech, Justin
Siena, Napa and Vintage High Schools

Rotary Opportunity

The North Napa Club is hosting a Group Study Exchange from Brazil. They will be in our District four weeks. We can meet and greet the group Saturday evening at Compadres between five and seven o'clock. Twenty dollars for super appetizers.

Forty Years Ago (almost)

Bulletin editors Bob Stevenson and Hal Erwin launched a campaign in their year (1969-70) to introduce Rotarians to one another with weekly biographical sketches. They began their project with District 513's newest Past District Governor - the Honorable Robert E Barwick. Here's what they said:

Our saga begins with Bob (16) and Ed (10) waving a tearful goodbye to San Francisco as father Henry takes his family by ferry and auto far away to Napa. Bob went through high school, played outfield on the high school baseball team and then graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy and spent his WWII days herding those old slow freighters across the ocean. In 1945 Henry bought Dutton's Variety. Bob joined him in 1946 adding stationery items and in 1952 Barwick Business Machines was born. Bob swims every day in his swimming pool to keep in trim. This is necessary so he can keep up with (father) Henry, who is still active in the business at the age of 77. Bob has three children, Cindy (20) now in college, Robbin (Robert Jr. 17) in Australia, and Jill (10) at home.

The Program

Gene Kelly introduced Bob Pallas of the Napa Land Trust who made us smarter about the 52,000 acres currently being managed by the Trust whose goal it is to preserve the land and foster its appreciation in perpetuity. Napa's three Rotary Clubs were and continue to be major players in one of the Trust's most important assets – The Connolly Ranch. Rotary money and muscle were key factors in the development of this "working farm" where over 3,000 children per year are introduced to a world that not many of them know much about. Gene added an interesting postscript having to do with the proposed construction of a working windmill adjacent to Rotary Plaza. The windmill would pump water from a well that has been on the ranch from the beginning. Sounds like an opportunity for another infusion of that which we do so well.

Ponder This

From his bag of tricks left over from his year in the front of the room, acting president Mike sent us off with something to think about: If the infamous black boxes tucked away in airliners always survive the crash, how come they don't make the whole airplane out of whatever it is they make the boxes out of? Hmmm....

