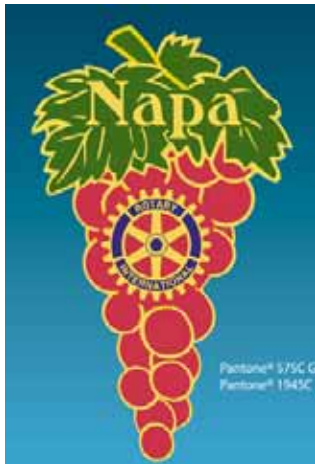


# The Napa Rotagram

June 10, 2009



**Thought for the Day**  
**Brenda Perry** offered up  
some thoughts on  
summer ...



"A perfect summer day is  
when the sun is shining,  
the breeze is blowing, the  
birds are singing, and the  
lawn mower is broken."



## Visiting Rotarians



**Deborah Matteri,**  
**Mark Nichol** and  
**Brian Kelly**

## Lightning can strike twice ...

I think that qualifies as  
a "S-E-G." **Phil**  
**Champlin** won the 50-  
50 raffle last week. This  
week, he again had the  
winning ticket -- but no  
Joker.



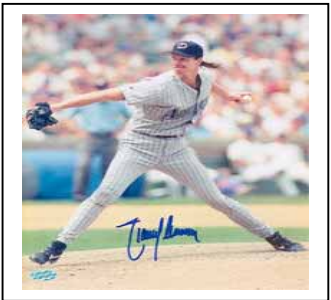
Rotary's Little League team lost its Tuesday game but goes for the consolation prize this Friday at Garfield Park. Show up and support the young players.

## Rotarian of the Month ...



**Dave Wildhagen**  
took the honors,  
being cited for his  
many good deeds  
including his  
volunteerism as a  
foster parent.

Speaking of the National Pastime, your humble scribe returned from Washington, DC after seeing the SF Giants' Randy Johnson win his 300th game.



Phil was back in the spotlight, filling out a chit for \$70 as he successfully bid for a game ball (autograph of questionable authenticity) and other memorabilia from the game.



**Kent Gardella** offered thanks for Rotary's gift of \$12,000 to If Given a Chance. The young grad of the program who has accompanied Kent on four occasions for a Rotary presentation noted he'd like to become a Rotarian one day.



Who among us attended Stanford, Harvard and Cal? None other than **John Glaser** who was celebrating his 60th birthday on meeting day.

Birthday czar **Mike Bethard** appears unsure of the cake he offered John. He did comment that **Jill Barwick** once chose UOP because she thought it was on the ocean.



Mike promises better fare for the Kickout Dinner on Saturday, June 20. Cocktails at 6 at Napa Valley Country Club.

## Our Speaker ...



**Tom Nelson** introduced his friend Denny Mosher who returned last year from a lengthy nautical venture down the coast to Baja -- then 3,300 miles to the South Seas.

Denny actually made the trek 35 years ago. When he sold his business three years ago, he decided to chase his dream of returning. He did it with friends on a 42-foot boat.

The craft was equipped with the latest in electronics, so radar, radio, and even e-mail helped them complete the voyage, returning via the Hawaiian Islands.



The weather was not always perfect. Once the winds increased from 10 knots to 50 knots in the space of a minute. The mast broke, causing a lengthy delay and a flying trip back to the U.S. for a replacement.



Much of the scenery, however, was idyllic. Each leg of the journey took 18 days to complete.



*Pres Gary presented Denny Mosher with a plaque for his skiing prowess as a Sunrise Rotarian. It was the "Turtle Award."*



Proceeds from the recent Cycle for Sight netted \$78,000 for a number of good causes including the Lighthouse for the Blind, Pathway Home Project and a young orphan in the Congo.

**Historian Harrell Miller has come up with some gems from the Rotagram archives. This one from November 12, 1969.**

**William Lucas Blanckenburg** has an outstanding record of service to his community and country. Born in Berkeley in 1915, he was raised with a fine regard for the profession of the law, his father having been a practicing attorney for over 50 years.

Bill and his wife Mary have resided in Napa since 1940. Their two children are Kathy Blanckenburg Bollinger and Theodore. Ted is now attending University of California as did his father. Bill served in Military service in World War II as a combat infantryman in the European Theatre going in as a private and later serving in the Judge Advocate General's office wearing Captain's bars on his way out.

Having served as president of Napa Rotary Club and president of the Napa Chamber of Commerce are only a couple of his many community services.

In 1957 Bill left the practice of law to accept the appointment of Superior Court Judge to fill the vacancy left by the late Judge Mervyn Lernhart. In 1958 he was elected to the position.

To keep fit, he bicycles two miles every morning before work. Bill is an enthusiastic fisherman of far reaching trout streams. One of his greatest passions is to consume several desserts after a hearty meal. Another passion is to explore roads away from the beaten path, trying to use a different route each time to reach his destination. He has traveled the fifty states – also Canada and parts of Europe. He is now looking for an alternate route to the moon.

