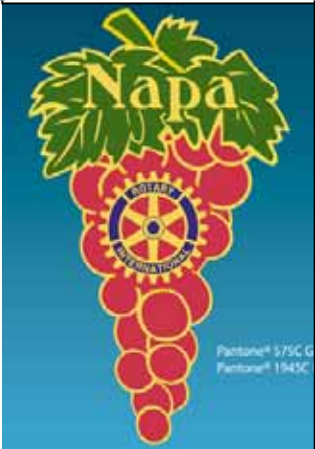


The Napa Rotagram

June 24, 2009



Visiting Rotarian



Just our regular: **Debra Matteri**, Petaluma Valley

Thought for the Day

Ed Barwick had a couple of quickies, including ...



"Be like a postage stamp; stick to one thing until you get where you're going."

It was **Pres Gary's** Swan Song -- or was it the last time we hear the theme from "Leave it to Beaver"?



Gary said a good time was had by all at the previous weekend's Kickout. **Ed Barwick's** 33rd Farewell Poem was recited in his absence.

Brenda Speth was among those contributing to the Rotary coffers; she for the NV Register's putting **Pres Gary** at the wrong real estate office. **Jason Luros** got it for being featured in Napa Valley Life magazine, and Happy Tens came from **Kirk Candland** for his daughter's Master's degree and **Vince Goetz** for showing his photos in Beijing.



Quick ... What was **Beaver Cleaver's** address? No trivia respondent knew, but there remained a question even after **Press Gary** gave his answer. **Mike Bethard** offered another. Your humble scribe's sources say it was 485 Grant Ave. in Mayfield; later, it was 211 Pine.



Mr. Barwick poured for **Mr. Young** as they sampled some of the bubbly -- both to celebrate the passing of the presidential torch and to preview the day's speaker.

Mike Bethard also passed a torch -- or candle -- as **Jill Barwick** takes over as hostess of birthday activities.



Setting a great example ... **Wally Kempky** was recognized for putting Rotary in his estate planning portfolio. "Wally" was Beaver's brother in the Kickout skit.

The past year's board of directors, some of whom are staying on, was recognized by **Pres Gary** for Service Above Self.



Each received a handsome decanter. During Gary's tenure, the club gained ten new members; 42 new Paul Harris Fellowships (That's \$42,000!!) and averaged more than \$20/member for the Polio Plus program.

One of Gary's favorites: We are the guardians of our own humanity.

Rotarian of the Year



Steve Omdorf, Mr. "O," was recognized for his many contributions, including spearheading Rotary participation with the Pathway Home Project.

Instructor "Mr. Rose" administered a final exam in Rotary 101 -- 16 questions all members should be able to answer. Everyone knew **Omdorf** fishes 365 days a year, but not everyone picked up on the fact that **Jim Riley** was "the hottest lady ever to play the part of Mrs. Cleaver."



Our Speaker ...

Don't call it champagne. California sparkling wine is often hit with that misnomer, explained Tamra Lotz, assistant winemaker at Mumm Napa.



In the Napa Valley since 1987, Mumm has hosted more than 100,000 visitors annually. Tamra said Mumm's grapes, mostly Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, are hand-picked, and grape-skin contact is minimal as the process is begun with crushing.

She noted the rules for wines produced here are not as strict as those in France, so there is more room for creativity and experimentation.

Passing the Gavel



Bruce McCall will outline the year ahead at next week's meeting.



From the Rotagram of April 15, 1970 ...

Our Napa Rotary Club was honored by representatives from sixteen clubs in District 5130 at our 50th Anniversary celebration. The Cordials, barbershop quartet extraordinaire, were the musical entertainment, and they were a smash hit. **Bill Gaffney** reminisced with stories about the past of the Napa Rotary Club, its presidents and other members, and District Governor **Harold Graves** spoke briefly, emphasizing that the importance of Rotary lay in its people. RI Zone 1 Director, **Stan McCaffrey** was the speaker of the evening.

From the Rotagram for July 1, 1959 (Bill Jeffries, editor) ...

Ladies Nite was a real ball! Outgoing President **Walter Fogarty** received his demotion very graciously at the surly hands of MC **Bill Blanckenburg**. **Bob Barwick** saw to it that all the tables were filled—with people. **Clayton Long** came through again with outstanding musical entertainment – the Petaluma Harmonaires. New President **Bill Dodd** didn't say much but I'm sure we'll hear from him later. Walker's gave us a real prime rib extravaganza. All you guys on vacation really missed it!

Future Rotary Speakers ...

- July 8** - Pat Wolfe - The Brain;
- July 15** - Ron Blum - Former NFL official;
- July 22** - Jim Riley - The economy;
- July 29** - Napa Fire Dept. - Avoiding falls.