

The Napa Rotagram

July 29, 2009



Thought for the Day
Tyler Cokeley had a multi-thought tale of heaven and hell and a fellow who had to make a choice.



Long story short ... The Pearly Gates opened for those who learned not just to help themselves -- but to help others.

Visiting Rotarians



Susan Freeland,
 Monterey and **Bud Mills,**
 Napa Sunrise

Gary Rose and **Steve Omdorf** returned from their guest shot at the Orinda club last week with pledges of support for next year's Cycle for Sight and the Pathway Home Project. Gary reported the downside of the trip was the string of fish stories on the way to the meeting.

If you're going through the attic or garage, The Pathway Home is in need of some items you could donate and save them the expense of purchasing. Needed are: camping equipment, bicycle repair kits, clothes hampers, pictures and prints for wall hangings, blankets, radio alarm clocks and cooking utensils.



Phil Champlin was front and center again, this time collecting his third Paul Harris in the form of a three-sapphire lapel pin.



A familiar face, Past Pres **Gary Rose**, wielded the gavel in **Pres Bruce's** absence.



It was family standoff as Birthday MC **Jill Barwick** quizzed "Uncle **Ed**" on what Rotarian served as a bodyguard for a stripper. Ed claimed not to run in those circles. (By the way it was **Dave Wildhagen**.)

It's another long story, but **Maren Namdar** (thanks to **Phil Champlin**) netted five-bucks for drawing a face card in the raffle. Next week, the jackpot approaches \$600.



Other celebrants included **Mike Bethard, Tom LeMasters, Jim Fehring, Margaret Pranger** and **Dale Carriker**. When Tom couldn't identify the Rotarian who met the Dali Lama, Mike asked if anyone had met Dolly Parton.

Upcoming events: **August 9**, 3 p.m. will see a BBQ at the Pathway Home location at the Vets Home in Yountville; **September 22-25** a houseboat outing at Lake Berryessa. Smaller boats are invited to "tag along;" **October 8** it's a ferry ride and cycling on Angel Island.



Past Pres Gary presented a video made at April's Cycle for Sight by local Channel 28.

Our Speaker ...

The director of Preservation Napa Valley, Wendy Ward, told of a barn tour coming up on August 30.

Once a marketing specialist, the former Minnesotan outlined her obvious love for things rural, especially these old barns that will be featured on the tour. She noted California barns are generally simpler structures than those found back East and in the Midwest.



This old structure is in the Carneros area. The upcoming barn tour will concentrate around St. Helena.

This one, owned by the city of St. Helena will be featured on the tour. It is being restored.



Historians Lynn Weber and Rebecca Yerger have assisted in the effort, and the Napa County Farm Bureau is partnering with Preservation Napa Valley.



Ward said tourists who come to the Napa Valley for preservation and landmark touring contribute to the local economy. Other interesting agricultural icons include cattle chutes, old fences and rock walls.



Ward included this unique structure even though it's located in Butte, Montana. For more information on the barn tour, call Preservation Napa Valley at 707 258-9286 or email info@preservationnapavalley.org.



From the Rotagram of January 27, 1960 ...

We are losing President **Bill (Dodd)** to the Navy for two weeks... And where is President Bill going? To patrol the China Sea? ---- Treasure Island, I believe he said.

(Two weeks later) This week in the absence of our intrepid naval hero who is patrolling the Treasure Island seas, we shall be under the direction of the ex-president of the Napa Chamber of Commerce, **Jim Imrie**.