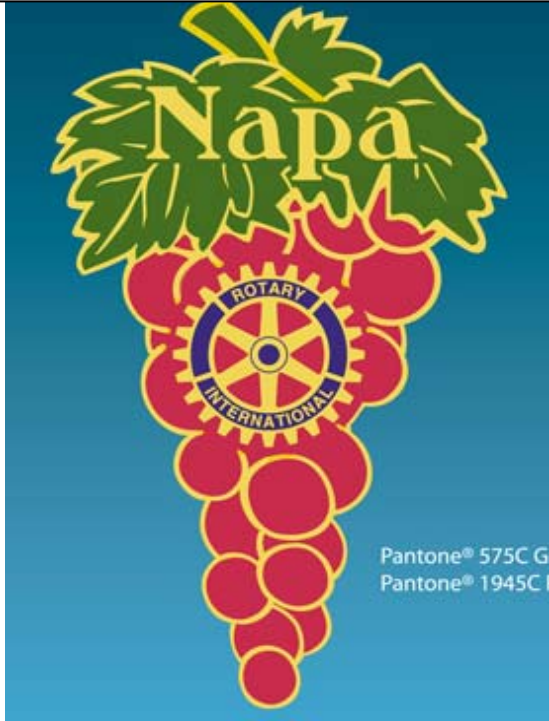


The Napa Rotagram August 12, 2009



Two Weeks in Minnesota And Still Going Strong



The Man was back - technology in tow. Actually the little blue box was supposed to get us started with the Theme from Mission Impossible. For a second or two, it seemed that *impossible* was the operative word.

Not to worry. Once the right buttons were pushed, we were appropriately blown away.

President Bruce handled the thought for the day with a couple of travel stories: One about a restaurant owner who has his customers say the Pledge of Allegiance at eight o'clock every morning. Another about a Southwest Airline flight out of Annapolis that recognized parents of new Midshipmen with a plane-wide ovation.



Sunshine from Jill

A couple of below-the-waste problems: Chuck deL is having a knee revision even as I write and Margaret Prager fell and broke her leg last week. All the best and speedy recoveries to both.



This needs to be investigated



The honorable past president Philip C had yet another winning lottery ticket today. Good Heavens! That's the 5th time in less than three months. OK OK, so he hadn't won for a long time, but this is ridiculous!!!



On the Road with yet Another Rotarian



John and Mrs G have been doing what it is prospective grandparents do for their very pregnant daughters. Only problem, the daughter happened to be *in Italy*. Oh well, better for us. He was back with bags of Italian goodies. Dr Dick was so excited that he wound up on the long end of an \$85 bid.

Way to go!!



News from our Board

Among several things accomplished at the last meeting was yet another “trip” to Connelly Ranch. Once again Gene K led the “outing” which in days gone by has included the Rotary Plaza, restrooms, the wall, and the bar b q. This time we’re going to do our share in erecting a real live working windmill. What a great teaching tool for the kiddies who visit the Ranch. Thanks, Gene, for keeping us focused where it matters.



Paul Harris Lives

The Foundation grew today with contributions to PH Fellowships from Phil C., Gene K. and Roger B.



The Program



Betty Figueiras from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay spoke with us about this exceptional program that has been matching mentoring volunteers with children and youth in our county for years. She shared lots of wonderful stories none better than the one about a 60 year old man who volunteered to be a “big” to a “little”. As usual, the commitment was for one hour a day for a year. Not this time. “Big” is over 90 now and has been present for every event in “little’s” life. The only change: Now “little” picks up “big” every week when they get together.

The waiting list is long—probably over 50 currently in Napa County. Volunteers are needed. Lots more information at www.bbbsnorthbay.org



Visitors

I didn’t really forget. There weren’t any.

Have a good week. Be truthful, be fair, build a little goodwill and spread around the benefits.



HGM