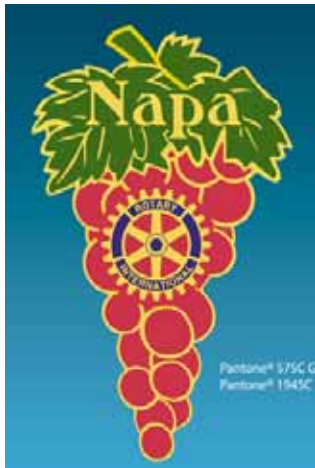


# The Napa Rotagram

## August 19, 2009



### Thought for the Day

**Dan Winkler** offered up this bit of wisdom:



Never buy a car you can't push ...



Among our guests this week were **Mike Loughran's** son from Phoenix, in town to help dad celebrate his retirement, and although not officially a "guest," we were happy to see **Arthur Roosa** after a prolonged absence.



**Jason Luros** had two winning raffle tickets; **Dana Zanone**, one. Jason drew a King and got his money back, but the pot grows to \$900+ next week.

Since her birthday fell on a Rotary meeting day, **Debby Hight** was regaled with an almost in-tune version of "Happy Birthday."

### Pres Bruce

presented his weekly three-minute bit of inspiration: The Blue Angels and their quest for perfection through teamwork.



A reminder and a little nudge to get attendance at a high point next week when we host District Governor **Kirk Brown**.



Prior to the regular meeting, the board will meet with **DG Brown** beginning at 10 a.m. at the Elks Club. A little later in the day at Compadres Rio Grill on Lincoln, there will be a social gathering - 5:30-8 p.m.

**Jerry Medlin** reports the Group Exchange program will send five people to India next year.



He's looking for four people between 25 and 40 years of age, plus a team leader.

**John Woodbury** reports the annual Teacher Appreciation Day is set for September 11 from 4-6 p.m. at the Hatt Building in downtown Napa. John is looking for help going through the nominations for special recognition of these educators.



After Finemaster **Jim Riley** pestered **Past Pres Gary**, "The Beaver," he presented some auction goodies from Santa Fe. He did not return with the beaver pelt he had his eye on. **Gary Norman** had items from Prague.

Jim quipped that if you tire of wearing this shirt of hemp, you can always smoke it.



... and **Debbie Matteri** had a cache of souvenirs from the King Tut exhibit currently at the DeYoung Museum. These returning nomads raised some cash for the Rotary coffers.

## *Our Speaker ...*

Our own **Chris McCarthy**, president of Napa Valley Community College said the local educational institution is doing more -- much more --- with less as it faces the economic slowdown head-on.

With 2.6 million students, the California Community College system is the largest educational system in the U.S. Locally, enrollment is up fifteen-percent. Students at NVCC range in age from 19 to 68, and recently a student transferred to Sonoma State University from Napa at age 95!

Of the four year grads around the state, 70-percent began at community colleges, and students at Napa can now earn a Bachelor's degree from Sonoma State while staying on the local campus.



*McCarthy said Proposition N funds, approved by voters, have been leveraged and matched to provide millions in additional facilities and programs at NVCC.*

At the urging of the local business community, the college developed programs for the education of students entering the hospitality industry; the wine and cooking courses are highly successful; Napa's medical education and nursing programs are well-known throughout the state and beyond.

The new American Canyon High School will have three classrooms devoted to Napa college courses, and students with at least a 2.8 GPA are guaranteed admission to several state colleges and universities around California.

NVCC has 113 full-time instructors and 20 part-timers.



## *More Rotary "Old Stuff" ...*

**Cal/Stanford 1959** - After the Big Game, the pot will be \$15 richer. If Cal loses, **Ralph Trower, Art Hemphill** and **Bill Blanckenburg** will each contribute five dollars. If Stanford falls, then **Bill Dodd, Jim Diemer**, and **Tom Kongsgaard** each will pony up five dollars. We suggest other Rotarians pair off for such noble pot-sweetening.

## **50 year old solution - An editorial from the Rotagram of December 9, 1959 ...**

As I sat across from the commander of the Salvation Army last week, I suddenly hit upon a solution to the problem of what to do with the half-finished Veterans' Building. Of course, give it to the Salvation Army! It is likely they could finish and use such a building. I believe most of us would then feel that this incomplete structure had not been created wholly in vain.

P.S. The beams of the building actually became the stands in Napa's Memorial Stadium which will seat one more season of football and then be gone forever.



**Pres Bruce** closed the meeting with a quote from famed dueler Aaron Burr: *"Never do today what you can as well do tomorrow, because something may occur to make you regret your premature action"*



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