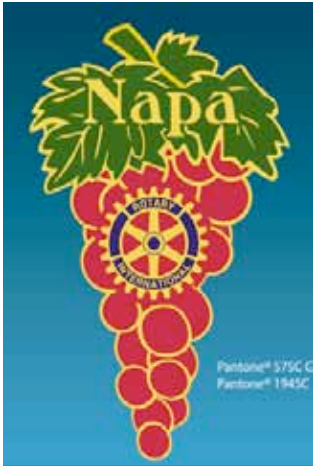


The Napa Rotagram

September 30, 2009



Thought for the Day

Chuck DeLorimier said one thing is for sure ...



... He who has his head in the sand is likely to get his ass kicked.

Visiting Rotarians



Peter Mosedale of Airlie Beach, Australia and **Robert Mutert** of Napa Sunrise.

Pres Bruce's Three Minutes of Inspiration featured a weather report that urged us to dance in the rain.

Jill Barwick introduced Dan Monez, former police chief, thespian and would-be county supervisor. Dan wore his Channel 28 hat, promoting an upcoming telethon to benefit Meals on Wheels. Phone help is needed, as are donations. Tune in October 26-28.

Sunshine Report



Charlie Harper's wife, Juanita, suffered a fall but is recovering at home; Hospice has been called in to help care for Margaret Pranger, now at home.

Raffle



Tom Nelson and **Ed Barwick** failed to pick a Joker, so the jackpot continues to grow.

Napa Kiwanis' big fundraiser, Hot October Nights, is set for October 10. The Rotary board voted to purchase a table at the event. **Dale Carriker** got a bargain with six tickets (regularly \$60 each) for \$150.

Barbara Nemko announced a benefit for the Wolfe Center on October 18. It will be held at Gordon Heuther's gallery on Monticello Road.

Yet another chance to spend a few bucks and help a good cause. **Gary Rose** reminds us that the Napa Valley Education Foundation's dinner and classy event will be at the Black Stallion Winery on October 18. Our own **Pres Bruce McCall** will be honored for his thirty years assisting local athletic teams.



Jim Riley assists traveler **Dana Zanone** just back from Charleston, SC, Tonopah, NV and points north-south-east and west. Among the highlights auctioned was a copy of Garden and Gun. Never get on the rototiller without your sidearm.



Ed Barwick had some good words about former Napa High School athlete John Boyett, now a standout at the University of Oregon

Jill Barwick presented the month's birthday celebrants, including Phil Champlin who turns 70. He didn't know **Elisabeth Frater** was the one who visited Guantanamo Prison shortly after 9/11 and wrote an important piece about it.





Brenda Speth was quizzed on the Rotarian who once delivered papers on an illegal motor bike -- **Sheriff Doug Koford**. **Gene Kelly** was also honored, as was **Juliana Inman** who incorrectly thought your humble scribe was once a trapeze artist -- wrong! It was **Ed Barwick**.

The rope course teaches cooperation and problem solving -- and takes participants forty feet in the air.



Thinking out of the box and coming away saying, "I did something I never thought I could do," makes this a popular activity. It costs \$50 per person. Minimum size groups: twelve; maximum: forty.



Our Speaker ...

What are these people doing?



David Seyms of the Heron Lake Challenge got these Rotarians to take part in some "follow-the-leader" activities as he explained the infamous rope course on the grounds of Napa State Hospital. It's part of the Leadership Napa Valley program and is available to other groups and individuals.

Seyms said the course teaches trustworthiness, but admits, "We like to scare people - and talk about it." One-time Teacher of the Year, Fran Chamberlin started the program some years back.



Some not-all-that-old Rotary old stuff ...

August 25, 1999 - A collective sigh of relief was noted, when it was confirmed that former **Prez Jerry Medlin** was conducting today's meeting – I'm not sure if everybody was relieved because President **Craig (Templeton)** wasn't present today OR if they were relieved that incoming Prez **Jill Barwick** wasn't running today's meeting!

August 9, 2000 - This week's speaker was retired Rams coach Dick Vermeil. Dick grew up just up highway 29 before moving on towards his NFL career. Dick's recent three year stint with the Rams came after a 14 year absence from football. Many critics questioned if he had been out of the loop too long to return to modern NFL football.... How foolish those critics must have felt when Dick led the Rams to a 23-16 victory against the Tennessee Titans in Superbowl XXXIV.

November 8, 2000 - There was a \$55 theme to today's fines, thanks to "Cruising the Buffet Line" **Bill Dodd**, "It's Nifty to be Fifty" **Kirk Candland**, "Free Ride to San Antonio" **Gary Simpson**, and "The Globetrotter" **Don Fretz**. Together **Tom Young** and **Bill Blanckenburg** pitched in for a happy ten for recognizing Kathy Bollinger (Bill's daughter) for being named Teacher of the Month.

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Next week (October 14, 2009) ... A tribute to Chris McCarthy.

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I'm still looking for Rotarians to help with the Rotagram in my absence from November to April. Writers, photographers and basic layout folks please apply. The chores can be shared. Call Jay Goetting: 226-1739; j_goetting@comcast.net.