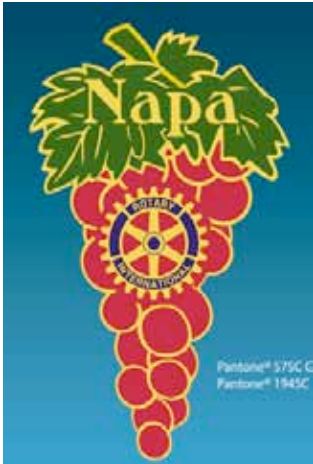


The Napa Rotagram

October 14, 2009



Thought for the Day
Pres Bruce McCall
 offered this from Michael Josephson:



Living a life that matters
 doesn't happen by
 accident.
 It's not a matter of
 circumstance but of
 choice.
 Choose to live a life that
 matters.

Visiting Rotarians



John Dumars and
Andrea Schrader, both
 of Napa Sunrise.

The day's Three Minute Inspiration piece was entitled --
The Dash -- you know, the little punctuation between
 the birth and death dates?



How are you spending your "dash?"

Pres Bruce had a
 reminder of the
 memorial and
 reception for our late
 colleague and NV
 College president,
Chris McCarthy;
 Friday, October 23; 1
 p.m. at the college
 gym.



Steve Orndorf and **Rick Whatley** tried for the Joker to
 no avail, so the raffle pot continues to grow.

John Zimmerman, dressed
 the way Rotarians used to
 attend meetings, according
 to **Bill Blanckenburg**, said
 he had indeed been to a
 meeting since **Gary Rose**
 was pres ...



Pres Bruce was just
 happy that **Kirk
 Candland** was awake,
 while **Gary Norman**
 mentioned what a
 rewarding experience
 it was to help
 distribute dictionaries
 to third-graders ...

Debby Hight got a
 chance to attend the
 President's Cup
 tourney in SF ... and
Dale Carriker donated
 back his \$20 profit
 from the sales of
 tickets to a recent
 event.



This season's holiday party will be club attendance at the
 Boys and Girls Club's crab feed on January 23, 2010.
 We'll have several tables at the event, so mark your
 calendars now.

Jeanne Christofferson announced the Rotary
 Foundation dinner will take place on November 14

Jason Luros, who has volunteered as a driver for Meals
 on Wheels, reminded the club that participation in the
 telethon for the program is fun and easy. It's October 26
 and 28. You can help by answering phones for an hour -
 and donating.

Steve Orndorf said Pathway Home remains a busy
 program. Rotarians from around northern Cal will
 descend on Golden Gate Fields December 5 for a day at
 the races, and Pathway clients will join them.

Looking way ahead, the 2010 Cycle for Sight is April 17
 according to coordinator and past pres **Gary Rose**.

John Glaser reports the Rotary board has voted financial support for this year's Napa High AFS exchange student from Austria. John also got in a plug for the Taste of Knowledge fund raiser for the NVUSD Foundation. It's October 24 at the Black Stallion Winery.

Our Speaker ...

Following Your Dreams was the theme of Mary Jenson's presentation which told of her quest to become a professional singer, leaving it at age 22, then reestablishing the goal some years later.



Many Rotarians will remember Mary as the wife of former member **Scott Jenson**. She said Scott has been very supportive as she pursues her singing career.

Mary worked as a radio disc jockey on the Mendocino coast, became a mortgage broker and has taken part in Dreamweavers Theater activities. In 2003, she was able to stop working and concentrate on music.

She also honed her skills at the Jessel Gallery's music sessions. Mary said an important lesson she has learned is to surround herself with the best musicians possible.

After learning much about music when she worked in radio, she found to get ahead in music required a CD, so she has one available and is working on another. She can be heard at the Oxbow on a pair of upcoming dates: October 25 and November 22.



Mary Jenson considers herself a very lucky person. She urged Rotarians to support live music and said a Napa Valley Jazz Society is in its formative stages.

Itzhak Perlman joins New York Philharmonic in Concert to End Polio

by Wayne Hearn and Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 19 October 2009

Rotary International is teaming up with violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman and the world-renowned New York Philharmonic to present the Concert to End Polio, a benefit performance supporting the global effort to eradicate this disabling, sometimes fatal, childhood disease.

The concert will be held in December at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City. Perlman will be introduced by actor Alan Alda. Both polio survivors, Alda will also present Perlman with a special award on behalf of Rotary at a private reception following the concert.



Perlman will help Rotary in its effort to raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



Some More Rotary (not so) Old Stuff (Thanks to historian Harrell Miller)

July 24, 2002 - Phil Champlin contributed a Happy Ten because he is able to survive despite having become a casualty of the budget crunch (retired judges are not receiving payment of their annuity this month). **Dick Lonergan** contributed a Happy Ten hoping that his retirement will remain solidly funded.

November 6, 2002 - President Tom (Mills) made a heroic attempt to get five dollars out of every Republican who was happy about the favorable election results in Congress and the Senate. Of course, he was turned down. The argument was that the California governor's race cast a gray shadow over the Republicans' spirits. Nice try, Tom!

August 13, 2003 - Next Sunday is the day when **Bill Blanckenburg** will reach the age equivalent to the full keyboard on the piano. Many appreciative Rotarians took advantage of this occasion to donate a dollar for each year of Bill's life to the College President's Fund.