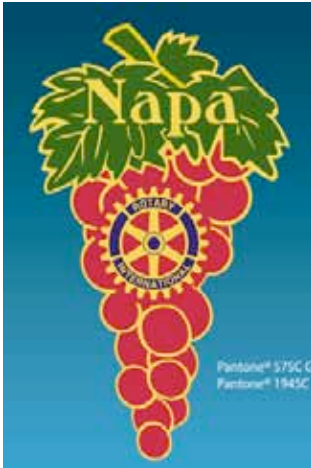


The Napa Rotagram

October 21, 2009



Thought for the Day
After a chorus of Pretty Woman, **Pres Bruce** had this witticism from Mickey Rooney ...



"You always pass failure on the way to success."
... Hey, the guy was married to Ava Gardner (Mickey, not Bruce.)



The Sunshine Report

Pres Bruce reports **Margaret Pranger** continues to improve at home despite the presence of Hospice.

Dorothy Salmon announced a forum on Community Building sponsored by the Napa Community Network on October 27, 7 p.m. at the District Auditorium.



Rotary guest Marielle Coeytaux invited would-be singers and anyone interested to join the Freedom Choir Tuesday evenings at the Presbyterian Church in St. Helena.

Rod Wiessner drew a Jack -- no Joker -- so next week's raffle approaches the \$500 mark.

Looking ahead ...

- November 11** - Preview of Napa v. Vintage "Big Game"
- November 25** - Joint meeting with Napa Kiwanis
- December 23** - Dinner meeting
- December 30** - No meeting
- April 17, 2010** - Cycle for Sight.

As a tribute to departed Rotarian Chris McCarthy, the board voted a \$2,000 gift to the President's Fund at Napa Valley College. In addition, Chris had begun a Paul Harris fund, and members stepped up to complete it.

Speaking of which ... The latest Paul Harris Fellowships will be presented at next week's meeting.

Steve Orndorf noted the Pathway Home folks are unable to attend the day at the races on December 5 at Golden Gate Fields. You can attend (entry, turf club lunch and bus) for only \$32!



Ann Cash introduced the quarterly students for recognition along with school officials and their Rotary sponsors. Each student received a certificate, a plaque and a check for \$200.



Daniella Garcia was sponsored by **Barbara Nemko**. She is a student of few words but outstanding in the ROP program.





Steve Orndorf sponsored Hewann Daniel, being introduced here by counselor, Matt Eustis. She's from Vintage High School.

New Tech student Antonio Biagini was sponsored by Wally Kempkey. This guy is ready to do stand-up.



The next issue will be the eighth annual NV Life featuring "intriguing local residents."

Various incarnations have included Napa Valley Cuisine, NV Family, different fonts and formats and have always attempted to serve the community through space for non-profits.



"Napa Valley Life" prints 25,000 to 30,000 copies per issue.

Don't forget the Meals on Wheels telethon on Channel 28 this Monday and Wednesday. At 8 p.m. Monday night, **Pres Bruce** will present a check on Napa Rotary's behalf.



Past Pres **Mike Loughran** just back from a thirty state, 10,000 mile jaunt, sported facial hair designed to intimidate Finemaster **Jim Riley**. His cache of treasure from Mt. Rushmore and elsewhere, netted the club \$40. Fortunately, Round Two contained adult beverage which brought a higher bid.

Our Speaker ...

Kari Ruel is publisher of "Napa Valley Life, " a lifestyle magazine that's been around for the better part of two decades and "going strong and moving forward."

She credited Rotarian **Tom Young** and the late George Carl for helping her to establish a Napa presence. After her radio gig, Kari managed the Napa Town Centre and was involved in other civic endeavors, finally starting the magazine that evolved into the current "Napa Valley Life."

Rotary Memories ...

August 13, 2003 - Next Sunday is the day when **Bill Blanckenburg** will reach the age equivalent to the full key board on the piano. Many appreciative Rotarians took advantage of this occasion to donate \$1 for each year of Bill's life to the College President's Fund.

October 29, 2003 - A sad five was offered for **Mike Bethard**, who sat all alone, forlorn, abandoned by his friends, at one big table. The sad five was quickly joined by a sad 20. Mike was quick to point out that he had arrived late and he assured everyone that he takes rejection well. Mike had an excellent idea for a Halloween outing with his wife: They are going out as "Beauty and the Breast." Please note that the latter word does not contain a typo.

October 1, 2003 - President **Tom (Nelson)** read entertaining facts from a thirty-two page Rotary Club insert in the Napa Valley Register twenty-five years ago. Did anyone ever doubt that almost all Rotarians are more attractive, younger, and intellectually superior to the majority of members of other local service clubs?

December 3, 2003 - **Jay Goetting** has just run out of free lunches. He now is a new member of the Rotary Club (for the second time), sporting his red badge. Jay is happy to join the fellowship of Rotary while he is helping carry out Rotary's many projects making our community and world a better place to live.