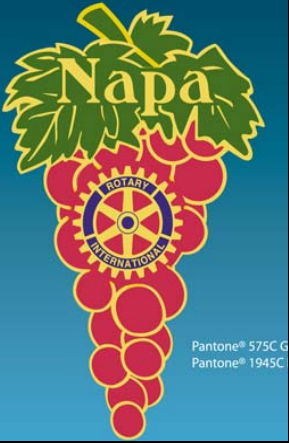


The Napa Rotagram

January 6, 2010



Visiting Rotarians



Our Guests were
Mike Murray and
Tim Healer from
Napa Sunrise

Thought for the Day

Robert Howard, the toughest American alive. In five tours of duty in Vietnam, Colonel Howard also received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second-highest award for valor, the Silver Star and eight Purple Hearts.



December, at our joint meeting! Their bell ringing brought in \$8,000 and we doubled that amount! Congratulations to our active Rotarians who collected so much change in front of Trader Joe's.



Gary Rose talked about the Pathway Home graduation ceremony. It is always a very emotional event. Please watch for the next date and attend. You will not regret it. Special coverage of the January 7th graduation is found on page 3.

And don't forget the opportunity you have to bowl with the **Pathway Home** residents on Monday nights. This is great fun! 6:30 PM at Napa Bowl. Enjoy food and socialize as well.

Gary and Steve were recently featured on the front page of the Napa Valley Register. This type of publicity has certainly paid off. A lot of people have contacted Gary and Steve to offer their help.

On Tuesday, January 12, Gary will host the first planning meeting for the **Wine Valley Cycle for Sight and Rotary Ride for Veterans** at his office. It starts at 5:30 PM. A lot of work has to be done in the next three months. Permits, advertising, sponsors, promotions and logistics have to be put in place.



Ann Cash led Rotarians in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jason Luross presented the Thought of the Day. He spoke about Robert Howard, the toughest American alive. He received three Medals of Honor for three separate acts of courage. And he was wounded 16 times in 54 months. He earned two Masters Degrees and had only one employer for 50 years: The U.S. Government. Cancer brought him down.

Announcements:

For the next couple of week-ends, check out Dreamweaver's Theater. Our own **Barbara Nemko** is cast in the humorous play "Lend me a Tenor."



2009 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Jeff Erickson delivered great news regarding the Salvation Army Bell Ringing contest. It is official now: The Kiwanis Club will serve the wine next



No winner. **HOWEVER, Jim Riley** was seen pulling a card from the deck again!



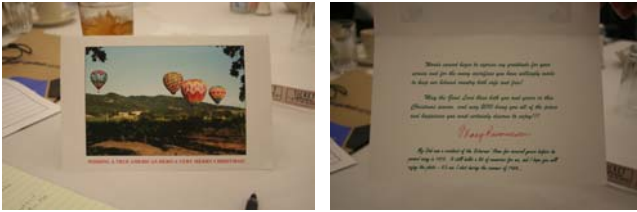
Exhibit A



Exhibit B

Sign up for the Boys and Girls Club Crab feed on January 23. There will be a specially decorated table for Rotarians. 6PM Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner. It will be at the Fairgrounds in Chardonnay Hall.

Today's Program – Tyler Cokeley



Three cheers for Napa Realtor, **Mary Rasmussen**, who sent beautiful Christmas cards to all Veterans.

The Elks Club staff was grateful for the Christmas gratuity.

The Rotary Christmas party was great fun at the Wine Train Commissary.



Mike Loughran wants all Rotarians to know that New Orleans is the home of the National World War II museum. Visit if you are there! Mike also auctioned off a few memorabilia.



Jeanne Christofferson is busy putting together beautiful earrings. You can purchase them (excellent for Valentine's Day gifts!!!) for \$5.00. The entire amount will go towards our dictionary project. Can you imagine a better deal? Thanks, Jeanne!



Ed Barwick was awarded his latest Paul Harris pin with three sapphires. He also spoke about his late brother, Bob, who passed away in December. Bob was a Past President and the only member from our Club who served as District Governor. He showed us the way – service above self propelled by enthusiasm.



Our speaker was Craft Talk Present, **Tyler Cokeley**. Tyler described his approach to bringing together career, family and work. Tyler's early passion was motorcycle riding. He described Wyoming as his Disneyland and ammunitions stores were his candy store. Early on, Tyler was more interested in dynamite than SAT scores. College did not appeal to him, so he joined the U.S. Navy. Having been informed of this fact, Tyler's parents' faces went from shock to disbelief to a resigned "here we go again..." In the Navy, Tyler volunteered to be a Navy Seal. After his discharge he had a new appreciation for what school had to offer and he learned the intricacies of Calculus. The next step was an assignment in Afghanistan with a private employer to deal with the Afghan tribes squabbling over control. Here he had encounters with the Taliban, and learned to interpret the behavior of children to assess his own safety. From Amman, Jordan, he provided security for traveling VIP's who visited the Sunni Triangle in Iraq. It was quite a challenge to keep these VIP's out of harm's way. For a while, he was providing security for Afghan's President, Hamid Karzai. Tyler's love of adventure continues today. He has finished his College education. A winery harvest job convinced Tyler to make his home in the Napa Valley. He and resides in Calistoga and hopes to own a small winery in the future.

Reminder:

The Rotary Ski Event will occur **Friday March 5th** at Alpine Meadows. See **Gary Rose** for details.



Napa, CA. January 7, 2010 – Congratulations to the 8 graduates and the Pathway Home organization! We were privileged to attend the graduation at Silverado County Club and hear first hand what the program has meant to these fine Warriors. We all wish these men well as life takes them in many directions. Pathway Director **Fred Gusman** introduced each graduate and Rotary President **Bruce McCall** spoke. Please enjoy the following graduation photos:



Napa Bowl - with Veterans - Get out your bowling shoes and join the Pathway Home residents for a friendly game! 6:30-8:30 pm on Monday nights.



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 The Rotarian's 4-WAY TEST
 Of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Maren / Dana