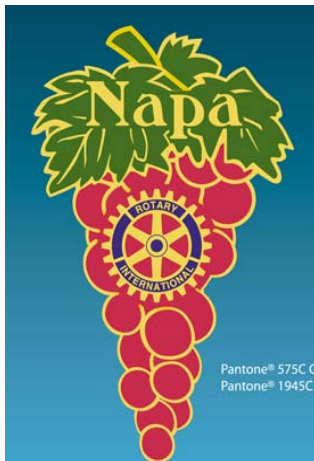


The Napa Rotagram

January 20, 2010



Visiting Rotarians



Our Guests were
Charles Perry, family
practitioner, Sunrise.

Thought for the Day

The Thought of the
Day: Jerry Lee Lewis -
Great Balls Of Fire



You shake my nerves
and you rattle my brain,
Too much love drives a
man insane
You broke my will, but
what a thrill
Goodness gracious,
Great Balls Of Fire!

Bruce Ketrion headed the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were two guests of Rotarians – **Della Lair**, a former police dispatcher who is now managing meals on wheels. **Mary Webster**, Director of Golden Living Center Retirement Home in Napa.

President **Bruce McCall** showed pictures of a rock in an Iowa rock quarry that had been painted by creative youths.

Jim Ford sent along the pictures of the large rock painted in such a way that it looks like an American flag is draped over it.



Tom Nelson and “two in a row” **David Wildhagen** walked away empty-handed from the \$1,600 raffle!

Announcements:



\$5 squares for the Super Bowl wagers are still available. Join the Pathway Home Residents and other Rotarians for the game on February 7. Let **Steve Orndorf** know if you will be attending.

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.

Our first Napa Bowl Monday night injury: It had to happen, didn't it ... Pathway Home's **Fred Guzman** had the perfect strike and could not move afterward. A more successful bowler, **Wally Kempkey**, had seven strikes out of eight and Steve Orndorf noticed that Wally was way too cocky ... so Steve decided that Wally needed to be psyched out.

Gary Rose announced that April 17, Cycle for Sight, is just around the corner. Try to help rounding up more sponsors, and let Gary know how you can help.

Former Rotarian **Vince Goetz** brought five baseball caps from the Rotary Club in New York that just celebrated its 100th anniversary. Rotary “Auctioneer” **Mike Loughran** enticed five buyers to pay a total of \$250 for the caps. Bravo!

There was applause for three Rotarians who do a lot to support President **Bruce McCall**. **Joe Dacanay** makes it easy for speakers to show their visual effects, **Jason Luross** and **James Barrett** received applause for their expert handling of our money.

Sunshine: Jill Barwick reported that Don Fretz fell and is recovering at home.

The Finemaster **Jim Riley** made one of his rare appearances. He fined himself \$10 for his moment of glory when he was allowed to fondle a \$1,999 bottle of Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon at Bobo's Restaurant in San Francisco.

Ron McKinney had to cough up a little money because his wife, Missy, is a famous designer and author. She came up with the following quote: Some people say that cats are sneaky, evil and cruel. True, and they have many other fine qualities as well.

Tyler Copely, who recently treated Rotarians to a most informative craft talk, was persuaded to purchase a “Wobble Head” doll that is a total likeness of Tyler and Gov. Mitt Romney.

Finemaster **Jim Riley** was called upon to give a three minute craft talk. Jim was born in Cleveland, Ohio, then moved on to Florida. He spent time in Viet Nam and East Africa before moving to San Francisco. Jim made headline news in several newspapers when he pulled a lot of strings to get a pet hamster.

Kent Gardella's craft talk revealed that he, was born in Reno, Nevada. He did a tour of duty in Viet Nam and is currently in the Jewelry business. His grandfather had several wives and a lot of children. Kent claimed one day the Pope had a phone call from God. The Pope received good and bad news from God. The good news: God had set up a whole set of rules to bring about worldwide uniformity. The bad news: he was calling from Salt Lake City.

Today's Program



Tim Cooney

introduced our speaker, **Vince Goetz**. Vince has left his day job as a banker to pursue his dreams of photography. Vince did a show in China after his works have been displayed at Gordon Huether's gallery.

A Chinese population of 1.3 billion people and six thousand years of exciting history provides many wonderful photography settings. The old had to make room for the new in Beijing where old hutongs (neighborhoods) exist next to skyscrapers. Some of the old neighborhoods are also being rebuilt in detailed handicraft by cheap labor.

Rickshaw rides can be expensive because the drivers seem to change the price a lot in an upward direction. There were extraordinary sights in the Forbidden City, Tienanmen Square, and the fall colors at the **Great Wall**.



The food was good and very varied everywhere, and the air quality was decent. The citizens of China seem to think that the government needs to exercise a certain amount of control to manage 1.3 billion people.



Thank you Vince!



Reminders:

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

Did anybody have fun at the Crab Feed Rotary Table on Saturday Night ... please turn the page:



Maren / Dana

Boys and Girls Club Crab Feed ~ Rotary Table
Jan 23, 2010 (thank you Debby Hight!)

