

The Napa Rotagram

February 24, 2010



*Visiting Rotarians
Guests of Rotarians*



Guest of Rotarian:
Tom Mills
introduced **Doug
Wright**, Retired
Alameda District
Attorney

The thought of the Day included a photo show beautifully narrated by **Kent Gardella**. Here is a sample of the inspirational messages: The most important things in life are not things. Breathless moments are more important than how many breaths you take. The man on top of the mountain did not fall there. You are always one choice away from changing your life. Choice, not chances determines your destiny. There are no traffic jams at the extra mile.

Elisabeth Frater headed the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bruce pointed out that **Fred Guzman** is going to talk about the Pathway Home during our March 17th meeting. Everyone is encouraged to invite guests. It will be nice if our community learns more about our support of returning Veterans.

Sunshine: **Jill Barwick** asked **Jeff Erickson** to report on his father, **Howard**. The latter is improving after back surgery and it is expected that he will make a full recovery so that he can soon resume his busy schedule.



Raffle Results

Barbara Nemko and **Kevin Massie** had the lucky raffle tickets, but they came up empty-handed.

WINEVALLEY
CYCLE FOR SIGHT
& ROTARY RIDE FOR VETERANS

Mike Loughran and **Robert Green** are working on the responsible beverage server class. It is possible that we will have a private lesson after our next Rotary meeting. The training is essential for our ABC license for the Cycle for Sight event.

Next Tuesday at 5:30, there will be a Cycle for Sight meeting at **Gary Rose's** Real Estate office.

Steve Orndorf described Whole Foods' generosity in donating 5% of their gross sales to the Cycle for Sight event. Please buy whatever groceries you can at Whole Foods and get your friends to do likewise.



Next Sunday, at 3 PM **Mike Loughran** will prepare his legendary BBQ for the Pathway Home residents. Please join the Rotary team putting on this meal, and get to know the Veterans.

Stuart Slipic admitted that he is a little bit sensitive about comments concerning the Canadian men's ice hockey team.

President Bruce recognized **Ann Cash** for her efficient leadership and sponsorship of gifted Napa Valley high school students.



President Bruce talked about the satisfaction you can get from sponsoring our local high school sports teams.

On the cultural scene, watch Vintage High School's great performance of "Beauty and the Beast."



Birthday Celebrations: Please remember to designate future birthday fines to the Polio Plus program. Polio is the greatest cause of disability in the world. The Gates Foundation will match our contributions towards Polio Plus.

On the birthday quiz, **Dennis Scherzinger** did not have a clue when he heard about **Dana Zanone's** accomplishments.

Elisabeth picked the wrong guy when she was asked about the Rotarian who chose his college on the basis of a two-to-one ratio of women to men. This same Rotarian accomplished a negative yardage tee shot when the ball ricocheted, landing behind the tee box. Well, this highly accomplished Rotarian is **John Imrie**.



The three minute drill snagged **Dale Carriker** who convinced fellow Rotarians that it is fun to have been in the appliance business for 35 years. Interesting: when you marry numerous times, you can wind up with a lot of children.

Robert Green is in the insurance investment business. He loves back packing, white water rafting and winemaking.

Gene Kelley is in the education and the security consulting business. Enterprising as he is, Gene has in the past smuggled contraband into China. Gene is married, has real children, plus four-legged children. Gene has never grown up and enjoys his young-at-heart life. He owns a 1957 Chevy. Gene loves wilderness hiking and traveling.

Today's Program

Barbara Nemko introduced our speaker, **Carolyn Mark**. Carolyn described the Change 4 Kids organization that aims to supply schools with the appropriate supplies for children. It is a community-drive project involving individuals, businesses and organizations working in partnership to provide school supplies and classroom

volunteers to the students of the Napa Valley Unified School District.



Change 4 Kids is opening a permanent, sustainable teacher resource center where teachers can shop for needed school supplies free of charge. Change 4 Kids is modeled after Napa's most successful "Community Projects." Research of and visits to other successful classroom supply distribution centers around the country provide the organization with the tools for success.

Change 4 Kids Projects include:

1. Back to school bargain shopping by the community via e-mail blasts.
2. Coin canister campaign in businesses to generate "change for kids."
3. Themed supply drive involving organizations.
4. Creation of long term business and community relationships.
5. Grant requests.
6. Classroom volunteer program matching teacher needs with community volunteers.

Change 4 Kids is an opportunity for the entire community to show its support for teachers, students, and education. The success of this project depends on the community commitment and volunteer participation. NVEF (Napa Valley Education Foundation) will be happy to receive donations at 2425 Jefferson Street, Room 105. For any questions, please contact **Carolyn Mark** at chapter4@earthlink.net or **Kathleen Montgomery** at montgmry@comcast.net.

Carolyn showed a brief video clip made by two high school boys who concluded that children who have good classroom supplies learn better than those who don't.

Final Thought: Luck is the residual of Design (Branch Rickey).



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