

# The Napa Rotagram

April 28, 2010



## Thought for the Day April Showers



A wonderful Music Interlude:

Though April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May. So if it's raining, have no regrets, Because it isn't raining rain, you know, (It's raining violets,) And where you see clouds upon the hills, You soon will see crowds of daffodils, So keep on looking for a blue bird, And list'ning for his song, whenever April showers come along.

Photo Courtesy of National Geographic Society

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests



**Mark Bunyard**, Wealth Management, Silverado Sunrise,  
**Leona Charfauros**, Business Banker, Napa Sunrise, **John Dumars**, Retired, Napa Sunrise  
Guests: **Laura Wence**, introduced by **Jim Tidgewell**.



**Jill Barwick** presided over the April birthday Quizz. **Michael Davis** was asked about the Rotarian who was once a prospect with the Pittsburgh Poets. He threw a wicked curve ball and threw a 90 mph fast ball; He is married to a Chef. (**Wayne Panchesson**). The latter was asked to identify the Rotarian who had shot three wholes in one – two before graduating from high school. (Don DeVincenzi). **Maren Namdar** was spellbound by the accomplishments on the football field and motorcycle prowess of ... **Kevin Massie!** **Elizabeth McKenzie** guessed the Rotarian who was born on Easter Sunday, stole horse feed from the British Cavalry without getting caught, and who is on the Board of California's oldest charity, the German Ladies General Benevolent Society (**Maren Namdar**). April birthday victim, **Tom Young**, could not identify the Rotarian who had shot a double Eagle on the South Course at Silverado Country Club (**Tom LeMasters**).

**Finemaster, Jim Reilly**, picked on a few Rotarians, **Dana Zanone, Stuart Slipiec, Ed Barwick, Tom Woodbury**, were identified as Rotary's sharpest dressers. They paid \$5 each and will get an issue of GQ to share.

**Wally Kempkey** headed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Acting Past President Dick Lonergan** started the meeting with a musical interlude: "April Showers."

### Sunshine Report:

**Past President Kent Williams** is confined to his home and would appreciate cards and visits.



**The Raffle:** The Raffle pot is growing. **Maren Namdar** had the right number but failed to pick the Joker out of four cards!

**Bruce Tschida** was recognized for his work at the Cycle for Sight event. He was there when it started, and he was there when it ended... a Rotarian who totally deserves the "How to Pace Yourself" Award (eye shades and ear plugs for that in between nap). One Rotarian was caught parking his car on Solano Avenue and then pedaling through the finish line after a one-mile ride. That Rotarian is "bad knee" **Wally Kempkey**.

**John Woodbury** rounded up plenty of volunteers to evaluate submissions for the Teach Appreciation event on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Yountville.



## Today's Program - It is Craft Talk Day.



**Don deVincenzi** was born in San Jose. His father was a Marine. He remained in the Marine Corps Reserve until retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel. The home was run something like Camp Pendleton. The children had to mow the lawn, vacuum the swimming pool, etc. Don lived in Hollister, Fresno, Yuba City, Firebough, Sacramento, and he attended U.C. Davis' Dental School. Playing football in high school in Sacramento was a challenge. You could have drowned in the mud when other guys jumped on top of you. Don found out at UCLA dental school that dentistry works better with a good amount of humor.



**Jim Tidgewell** has the mistaken idea that CPA work is boring! Jim was born in New York. At the age of six, he drove cross country and settled in Orange County. He played football as tackle and defense. He had to get through Wayne Nye, who later played for the Dallas Cowboys. Jim's best efforts did nothing to hinder this scholarship contender. Jim attended the University of Notre Dame. He took accounting after flunking out of engineering. He joined ROTC so he could become an officer rather than an enlisted man. As an armor officer at Fort Carson, Colorado, he later went to Viet Nam as an infantry platoon leader. In 1976, Jim came to Napa and went to work for the Seiberlich firm, he became a partner and he specialized in tax and financial statement preparation for 34 years. Jim and his wife, Jan, have three children, one in the Air Force, a pilot, and a

daughter who is married to a Reserve Air Force pilot. So far, Jim has four grand children.



**Wayne Panchesson** experienced challenging baseball days in high school. The 60's and 70's in Chico were truly interesting. His team got caught in a beer keg bootlegging operation. The least needed player took the fall. Wayne is now taking care of the elderly living in a retirement community, i.e., The Meadows, on 20 acres with 165 independent living apartments, 82 assisted living and 69 skilled care places. The property is owned by the Oddfellows of California. Wayne is employed by Pacific Management Services, a non-profit organization that manages 11 other properties in the U.S. Elderly people come from all over the country to move to the Meadows to enjoy the beauty and attractions of the Napa Valley. The Meadows has a three year renovation and expansion plan. The entry hall, dining room, and patio have already been refurbished and there are plans to add two bocce ball courts. The Meadows' Mission Statement is to promote excellent quality and to provide innovative, cost-effective service for all residents. A 20-unit memory care facility was added recently. Open House will be held on Sunday, May 2, from 11 AM until 2 PM at the Meadows on Atrium Parkway.



**Monday Evenings** - Napa Bowl with the Pathway Warriors (6:30 to 8:30 pm)

**Pathway Veterans are available for weekend work** (labor, truck away, pressure washing, etc.) Contact Christiana at 707.774.5646; Julie at 707.290.4225; or Program Desk at 707.948.3031 - (Cathy) for details. Please call before weekend.

