

The Napa Rotagram

May 12, 2010



Visiting Rotarians and Guests



Lili Keating,
Interior Design,
Sunrise. Guests:
Laura Wence,
Partner at
Seiberlich;
Jan Sabo, Assistant
Superintendent of
Schools.

Thought for the Day



Sir Alexander Fleming

President Bruce presented a story about a chance meeting of **Alexander Fleming** and **Randolph Churchill**. Churchill put Alexander Fleming through school and the latter discovered Penicillin. Randolph Churchill later suffered from Pneumonia. He was given Penicillin and it saved his life. Moral of the story: **What goes around, comes around.**

Wayne Panchesson headed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests of Rotarians: **Ed Barwick** introduced **Laura Wence**, a Partner in the **Seiberlich** firm, a guest for the third time. She was originally introduced by **Jim Tidgewell**. **Barbara Nemko** introduced **Jan Sabo**, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.



The Raffle: **Gary Norman** came very close to winning the Raffle ... but the Joker remained elusive as Gary picked the wrong card, leaving only the Joker. Next week will be a straight Raffle. Your number gets picked and you win!!! All **"pick the right card"** hurdles have been removed.

John Glaser introduced his wife, **Carol Glaser**, who works hard in placing international exchange students in families.



It is becoming increasingly more difficult, for a lot of complicated reasons, to make these exchanges possible. Through the support by Rotary, there was a student exchange success story. Austrian student **Dennis Schick** found a happy home with the family of **Guillermo Llamas**. Dennis' year is coming to an end soon and he will return to his home country with improved skills in English and also a good comprehension of the Spanish language. Dennis is happily returning to his home in Vienna, having spent a year as an American teenager.

Announcements:

Our Club has won many awards that will be presented at the District Meeting this coming week-end. Let President Bruce know if you want to represent our Club in Rohnert Park at the Double Tree Hotel.

John Woodbury promoted the **Napa Valley Wine Festival** on **Friday, May 21**, at 4 PM in Yountville. John needs volunteers to help set up at 2:30 PM on May 21st.

If you are able to, visit **New Tech High School** on **Saturday, May 15**, and support their Art Festival.

Mark your calendars: **June 17, 2010** is kick-out night at Napa Valley Country Club.

Brenda Speth participated in a Vintage High School memorial Golf tournament. At the 8th hole she sank a 162 ft. (54 yards) putt. Oh, that must have felt good! The real winner was the Rotary Club with a \$100 donation!



Gary Rose talked about a Pathway Home resident who has a special relationship with his dog. This animal is very helpful with all sorts of post traumatic stress syndrome issues; a therapeutic guide dog, who keeps its master safe at all times.

Please join the Monday night bowling meet with the Pathway Home residents. Get to know these wonderful people who have done so much for this country!



Thanks also to **Kent Gardella** for his involvement with the quilt project. Kent's dedication and generosity has made a huge difference. So, anyone who reads this should feel inspired to make the next jewelry purchase at Kent's establishment.

Gary Rose is participating in the **"Ride to Recovery"** bicycle event in Sacramento on Saturday. "Ride to Recovery" events are held all over the country. The main one starts on 9-11 in New York, then goes to Pennsylvania (9-11 crash site) and the Pentagon.

Jerry Medlin was awarded the **Service Above Self** pin for his work with **International Exchange** projects.

Chuck deLorimier's late brother received honorable mention in the Wine Spectator. Chuck donated \$100 in his brother's memory.

Today's Program

Paul Harris Fellows Awards:



President Bruce opened the ceremony with words from his favorite hymn: **"There is a balm in Iliad that makes the wounded whole."**

A Paul Harris fellowship award is offered to those who have donated \$1000. The Rotary fellowship was born on February 23, 1905. As Rotary ideals swept the world, a Rotary endowment fund was established in 1917.

The Code of Ethics, a.k.a. The Four Way Test, came along in 1932. International Rotary cultural exchanges began and they inspired the establishment of UNESCO. In 1980, the Community Corps was established to bring about economic development and self-sufficiency in Third World countries.

In 1985, the Polio Plus program was started to immunize all children against Polio. 99% of the world is now rid of this crippling disease. This is Rotary's legacy to the children of the world. In the 1990's, Rotary opened its doors to female membership and the Eastern countries rejoined Rotary. Rotary Centers were created for the studies for peace and conflict resolution. Master's Degree level certificates are available for a new generation of negotiators and ambassadors.

Rotary's history of compassion also includes a Micro Credit program to encourage self-sustaining entrepreneurs.

Paul Harris Fellows Awards:



Jeanne



Corky

Jeanne Christofferson reminded us that our own club has contributed 303 “Paul Harris” and helped present today’s awards. As you accumulate more and more Paul Harris, you receive pins with Sapphires and then Rubies.



Bill Blanckenburg received a Paul Harris award for his late Daughter, **Kathy Blanckenburg** Bollinger. Bill talked about the 12 Redwood trees that have been planted at the Alta Hights school were Kathy once taught. It is a peaceful place to visit and a marvelous way to remember a dedicated teacher who was well accepted in the teaching profession.



Rotarians fondly remembered **Bud Cain**, when his Daughter, **Linda Fisher**, and his grand daughter, **Lilly**, accepted his Paul Harris award. Linda said her Father was a very busy man who always made time to attend Rotary meetings. Bud really enjoyed the camaraderie he found at Rotary.

A Paul Harris award was given posthumously to **Chris McCarthy**. He did wonderful things at the helm of Napa Valley College.



Randy Bryant received his second Paul Harris award. **Dorothy Lind** and received their third Paul Harris award. **Jill Barwick** received her 5th Paul Harris award.

The following Rotarians have completed seven Paul Harris fellowships this year: **Jeanne Christofferson, Randy Bryant, John Glaser** and **Alecia Hancock**. Alecia does a lot of work behind the scenes.

Further Paul Harris Award recipients were **Deborah Inman, Denys Michaud, Branda Perry, Dean Donaldson, Terry Gardella** and **Christina deLorimier, Dorothy Lind** and a mascot by the name of **Corky**.



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.

Final Thought:



Doc Searls

President Bruce's closing quote by **Doc Searls**:

"We play the hands of cards life gives us. And the worst hands can make us the best players."



Maren / Dana



Sir Alexander Fleming

What Goes Around, Comes Around

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to eke out a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black mulch, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes," the farmer replied proudly.

"I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to a man you can be proud of."

And that he did. In time, Farmer Fleming's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin.

Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.

Someone once said, **"What goes around, comes around."**