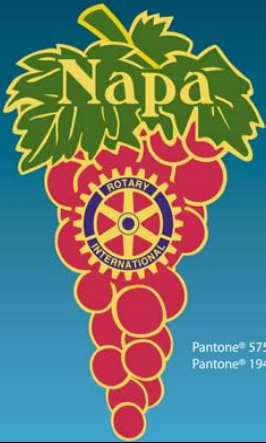


The Napa Rotagram

June 2, 2010



Thought for the Day



**Marine Lance Cpl.
Phillip G. West**

Visiting Rotarians



Norman Galumbaugh
St. Helena,
Don Straul
Sarasota, Florida
and
Edwin Oviatt
At Large
From Tiburon.

Phillip West was the first Napa County resident to die in the Iraq war. In his honor, his hometown of American Canyon has renamed its swimming complex, where West worked as a lifeguard, the Phillip West Aquatic Center.

Memorial Day celebration in American Canyon

Mike Loughran attended a Memorial Day celebration in American Canyon. The late **Lance Corporal Phillip West** was born in this area. He was killed providing suppressive fire during home searches in Fallujah. Phillip died as he was trying to get a wounded comrade out of harm's way.



Phillip's last act was to throw a hand grenade into the house. **Phillip's Father, Ed West**, was present on Memorial Day as a flag pole was inaugurated in front of the Community Center. American Canyon has a good troop support program. **Kent Gardella** and **Robert Green** donated \$100 each to this effort.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting will be held at the Board meeting on **Wednesday, June 9, at 7:30 AM**. It will be a meeting of present and incoming Board members.

Guests of Rotarians:

Ed Barwick managed to round up three ladies to accompany him to this Rotary meeting, **Robin Lockhart**, **Lynne Champlin** and his own General Manager of Domestic Operations, **Linda Barwick**.

Bruce Kettron shared with Rotarians a wonderful Memorial Day tradition celebrated by his in-laws and he headed the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Raffle has reached the impressive \$50 mark. No winner this time.



Rotarians will be treated to a free viewing of the Play "**Death Trap**" at **Dreamweaver's Theater**. On **June 10th**. The gates open at 7 PM; the play starts at 8 PM. Free pizza and drinks will be provided. Watch **Barbara Nemko** in the role of a Psychic. There is room for 90 people.

<http://www.dreamweaverstheatre.org/>

Don deVincenzi and **Maren Namdar** have graduates in their family. Justin Sienna High School donated serious scholarship money to their graduates. **Jason Luoro** reflected upon his law school buddy who took six years to graduate. **Gary Norman's** Son graduated from grade school; and **Bruce McCall's** grand son graduated from Kindergarten and he has already entered an elementary school talent show. He "wowed" the audience. Everybody said "wow, Sam, wow!" to this little legend in his own mind.

Three Minute Drills:

Jill Barwick did not have a May birthday quiz prepared and therefore she had to perform a three minute drill. Jill is a lawyer who has been practicing since 1983. She is a mediator with a real estate license, married, no children. Jill's house is very cat-friendly. In a prior life, Jill was in the Kawasaki motorcycle business. She has rung in the New Year on jet skis in very cold water!

Visiting Rotarian **Ed Oviatt** remembered that his parents had a number of good children;



he was not one of them. He was known as a scurvy elephant – but really, the teacher called him a disturbing element!

Motor Trend Magazine recently recognized **Kevin Massie**. There is a Rotarian who treats his customers well! Kevin does not discriminate.



Kevin even has a member of the Kiwanis Club on his payroll. Kevin works seven days a week; he has three children who play soccer and football. Karla, his wife of 24 years, has hung in there with him ... and she still likes him! Kevin and his sister are racing formula Fords.

Bruce Kettron recalled his early lawyering days in Washington, D.C. during the Watergate era.



Bruce was advising several suspects in the Watergate scandal. The perpetrators thought that they would not get charged because they were soooo well connected! Except that they did not realize that J. Edgar Hoover's death would change things to their detriment. President Nixon did not pick up on the fact that Washington, D.C. had changed.

Today's Program: Ed Barwick



Tim Cooney introduced **Ed Barwick**. The latter spoke about Napa in the early days. Ed and his family arrived in Napa in 1936. They arrived in a quaint, small, friendly and isolated Napa. Cars moved at 40 mph speeds. From San Francisco you had to take the ferry to either Sausalito, or to Berkeley to get to Napa. Napa had a 20% unemployment at that time. The many jobs available at Napa State Hospital certainly helped the economy here. NSH was self-sufficient with its farm, dairy and nursery. Ed's piano lessons ended

when the piano had to be sold to pay for the move from San Francisco to Napa. The Maxwell Bridge was built in 1949. An electric train connection existed from Vallejo to Calistoga. Ed and his buddy by the name of Buddy did very well in Math. Buddy's family owned a refrigerator. Both boys felt hungry one day and they fixed a hamburger. Little did they know that the little package was the dog's Alpo ration. Ed and Buddy got in a little trouble when they threw grapes at one another inside a home that was under construction. The two boys caused \$40 worth of damage! There was good discipline in Napa schools. Ed had a few conversations with Principal McPhearson. The suggestion that Ed's father might have to be called to bring about a change in behavior, worked like magic. In 1936, Ed's father earned \$125 per month and Ed brought home \$5 - \$6 from his paper route. In 1939, Ed's father was able to buy a Studebaker with 6,000 miles on it. The car had a heater and it was very useful for **Bob Barwick** to take girls out on a date. People from everywhere found work in Mare Island and Basalt Rock. Napa High School had 600 students in 1940. Ed turned 16 in 1942 and he landed the best job of his life. He worked for a title company and did a good and well-paid job copying maps. In the early days, Ed was given a 15 cent allowance. Ten cents of that went to Bank of America and Ed got to spend the other nickel any way he pleased. Kitchen chores were no problem for Ed. He fondly remembers shelling peas. In 1936, Napa had six police men, and in 1939, Ed's mother had a wringer type washing machine. Ed had a dream job driving a truck as he was delivering laundry all over the Napa Valley. He visited hotels and resorts. There were nicer girls working on Ed's route, and they cooked great dishes for him. The Fox and Uptown Theaters were important venues for Napans looking for entertainment.

Final Thought:



A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

**Dwight Eisenhower
(1890 – 1969)**

And

There are two philosophies to apply when you argue with a woman – neither of them works.

Reminders:



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.



***Favorite Ed Barwick
Quote upon Retirement:***

***"I was here before fins,
during fins and after fins.
Now I'm finished".***



Maren / Dana