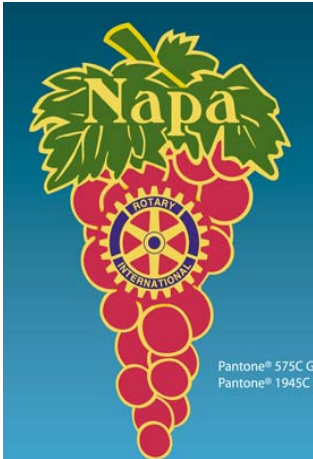


The Napa Rotagram

June 16, 2010



Visiting Rotarians



Stephen Holliday
Lake Berryessa
Park Ranger,
Baton Rouge
Club.

Thought for the Day



John Wooden

“It’s what you learn after you know it all that really counts.”

Jim Ford headed the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bruce reminisced about **John Wooden** who recently passed away at the age of 99. He was a great Christian and a man of integrity. He was the “Wizard of Westwood” from 1978 to 1995. Under his leadership, players learned valuable lessons of life.

The Raffle:



The Raffle is up to \$300 now. **Tim Cooney** and **Dale Carricker** were the two “almost winners.”



On **Wednesday, June 23**, **Kent Gardella** will deliver eight quilts to the **Pathway Home**. If you have contributed to the quilt project, please plan to be there at 9 AM.

Announcements:

Jill Barwick urged Rotarians to attend the annual **Volunteer Center of Napa Valley** fundraiser on Saturday June 19 from 4 PM to 7 PM. The Volunteers provide \$500,000 worth of free service hours for our community. The event is at the Yountville Community Center – Generations Hall.

Steve Orndorf received kudos for his “al fresco” buffet of gourmet Pizzas and soft drinks. The suspenseful **Dreamweaver’s Play “Deathtrap”** is worth seeing. **Barbara Nemko** plays the role of a Psychic. It’s playing two more week-ends.

Paul Harris News - Many Rotarians took advantage of the matching funds for their **Paul Harris contributions**.

Jason Luross is involved with the Redwood Chapter to set standards for new green building construction.

An adventurous **Steve Orndorf** has just returned from a four week trip to Quebec and Ohio. Before he could go arrowhead hunting in Ohio, he had to endure the true joys of travel: a canceled flight and an exciting overnight stay at O’Hare airport. While arrowhead hunting, Steve found himself in the middle of a soybean field. Here he was confronted by the farmer, he was escorted off the property, and he had to explain his actions to the local police. To

sum it up: Steve admits to having had better vacations.



Don't forget about the 6:30 PM Monday Night Bowling adventures. Watch fellow Rotarians play their best and worst against the **Pathway Home Veterans** and make new friends! It is wonderful entertainment. The Smithsonian Institution will do an article about the Veterans and how they connect with the community at the Bowling Alley.

A Pathway Home Veteran has to get a new service dog to protect him. It costs \$2,500 to train the dog so that he can effectively help his owner deal with PTS issues. The dog will learn to turn on lights, open doors, help with suicide prevention, and he will let his owner know when someone approaches from behind. This PTSA-afflicted Veteran talks to his friends on line. He has signed over his parental rights because he will need years of therapy. His new dog, "Athena" is a female German shepherd.

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.

Harrell Miller took full advantage of his press pass to get behind the scenes of spring training.

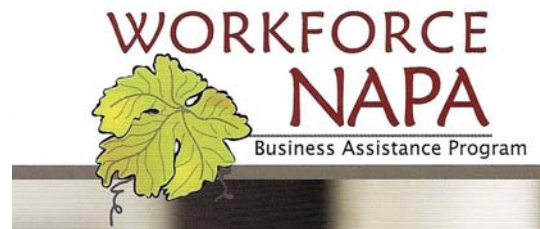


He followed his grand son's budding baseball career, which mostly consists of supporting the

team from the bench. This situation reminded Harrell of Oakland A's Catcher Landon Powell who watched 114 games from the bench, eating sunflower seeds. The story continued about Landon catching a perfect game on May 9, 2010.

And then **Pres Bruce** told a story a Baseball story of **Ray Fosse** who was outsmarted by **Willie Mays** in a sun-and-shade situation.

Today's Program



Tim Cooney introduced our speaker, **Julia Smith**, representing Workforce Napa, a business assistance program.



There are wonderful resources that the **Workforce Investment Board** can offer the community. WBI is a partnership of businesses, education partners, labor and government focused on workforce development for Napa County. This program is funded by federal tax dollars. It allows businesses to have access to qualified, job-ready workers. There is a brochure outlining the benefits of business assistance programs, or employee assistance, where the employee is referred to a solutions provider. The **Business Assistance Program (BAP)** explains to businesses what kind of assistance they can access. It provides business consulting, staff training, access to qualified employees and access to capital. For laid off

workers, there is re-employment assistance. People who are laid off after many years on the same job often need assistance to reconnect, and to update their job skills. The Napa Career Center is located at 615 Imperial Way. The Center takes care of anyone who walks in the door. There is coaching for interview techniques, and other workshops. There is counseling available for those who need to improve their coping skills and support for people who feel helpless and hopeless. Youth programs require employer participation. Workforce Napa pays the wages for young trainees. They also have access to career development workshops held at the Library. Workforce Napa was quite successful in finding a qualified sausage maker for a Sonoma company recently. Employers can take advantage of subsidized employment where up to 80% of wages are covered. Focus groups have identified industries in Napa that can benefit from the services provided by Workforce Napa. They are food & beverage, durable goods, health care, construction and remodeling, housing and utilities. Workforce Napa has recommended the establishment of an industry skills panel that conducts skills assessments and they identify reading, math, critical thinking skills, as well as the ability to work with other people. There is also a phone etiquette class. Workforce Napa will find the right employee, and thus save employers the cost of turnover.



Final Thought: According to Yogi Berra



On the marriage of Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe.

"I don't know if it's good for baseball, but it sure beats the hell out of rooming with Phil Rizzuto!"



Maren / Dana

President Bruce's Kickout

June 17, 2010

Highlights

