



BUNG STARTER

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No Breakfast Meeting This Week



Club leaders brace themselves for meeting withdrawal.

DCM Thursday

Thursday evening is the DCM at Crane Park hosted by our club and the Yountville club. The official start time is 5:30 but **Jeff** would like volunteers to arrive early to help with set up. Bring \$\$ for the raffle, a fundraiser for NEWS (Napa Emergency Women's Services). A representative of the group will be there to describe the good work they do. Entertainment will be provided by the Silvertones Big Band from the Yountville Veteran's Home.

And don't forget \$\$ for drinks – as a matter of fact, feel free to contribute a bottle or two of wine for **Drew** to serve at the bar.

Reminder: <u>Park in the Grayson Ave</u> <u>parking lot</u> to avoid congestion by the bocce courts.

Work Project Planned for Saturday

The Club Board of Directors has approved a project on Pratt Avenue which is to construct a ramp in the enclosed portion of a back yard of a home occupied by a single mother and her daughter who has been diagnosed with MS. The design is progressing and work is scheduled to begin Saturday July 19. The initial design by George did not comply with ADA requirements, so a redesign is in the works. Those members who signed up to help last week, when the project was postponed, will hopefully be able to attend this Saturday. Check with George for final details.

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St. Helena, a chapter in good
standing of
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since 1950,
is dedicated to serving the
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Last Week at the Club

The Heights... and the Depths

(July 9) **Lester** took a hardy swing at the bell and 16 assembled folks snapped to attention, sang lustily, faced **Lowell** and leaned in. "Words of Wisdom from Teddy Roosevelt... Complaining about a problem without proposing a solution is called whining." Which certainly didn't happen during breakfast... nobody brought any cab. After a few bites **Lester** launched the formalities. "My fellow Kiwanians... good morning... is there a Jester?" [Hmmm, when will he learn to read *The Bung Starter*? It's right there on p.2.] "... and now I'll introduce the funniest guy in the room, **George**." Not missing a beat, **George** stood, waited for some love, and asked, "OK, when does a person become an engineer?... [punch line]... speaking of charisma and originality... switch to James Bond... what character was first in, first out? [punch line]." We have our own Dilbert.

Lester wondered, "Any guests?" TomD introduced Karl Ericson, "Steve's handsome son." Drew introduced Dave Yewell, our speaker this morning. Now for some Happy/Sad \$\$. Lowell tossed a S\$. "Bocce last night... again managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory... but great time eating and drinking." Howard paid a H\$. "All my kids and grandkids will be here during next 2 weeks... I think that's a Happy\$?" Drew paid a H\$ for the A's, which drew groans from the Giants fans. John, looking over at Howard, paid a H\$ [or perhaps a Suggestion\$]. "Do like us... just go someplace with the kids and grandkids." Howard, mumbling "We have," paid a ThankYou\$ "for the guys who did the flags... record time... 22 minutes." Bill paid a S\$. "My daughter was with us so I couldn't do the flags... must be why they did it so quickly." Lester consulted his Mayan Calendar and declared, "No birthdays or anniversaries. Is there a good guy?" Drew beamed, "That would be me... everybody except the late arrival, Steve."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Lowell said, "I'm doing market research... how many saw the fireworks?... Jay and my 2 sons and I worked the event as guardians."
- 2) Don announced, "No workday planned Saturday, although there's the possibility of a pretty small project... nice lady on Pratt Avenue...needs a ramp. Board members should stay after the meeting and discuss approval." Somebody suggested doing it right now, so after brief discussion the project was approved.
- 3) Lester reminded members about cooking and serving at the American Legion meeting tonight. "Early birds come at 5:00."
- **4) Lester** pitched the DCM for next Thursday night. "No breakfast meeting next week... Jeff needs RSVP by Friday... 15 have signed up so far... the basket guy is **BobM**... raise money for NEWS."

DRAWINGS:

Jester of the Week is... **BobB** Fine Free is... **John** Marble game was... **Howard** [dud]

No <u>guest speakers</u> are scheduled for the rest of July, although last minute changes are often made. Please forward suggestions for guest speakers to **Lowell**.

Our Appellation



As soon as **Dave Yewell**, President of Appellation St. Helena, was introduced as guest speaker he added, "My wife [Nancy] and I do ASH together."

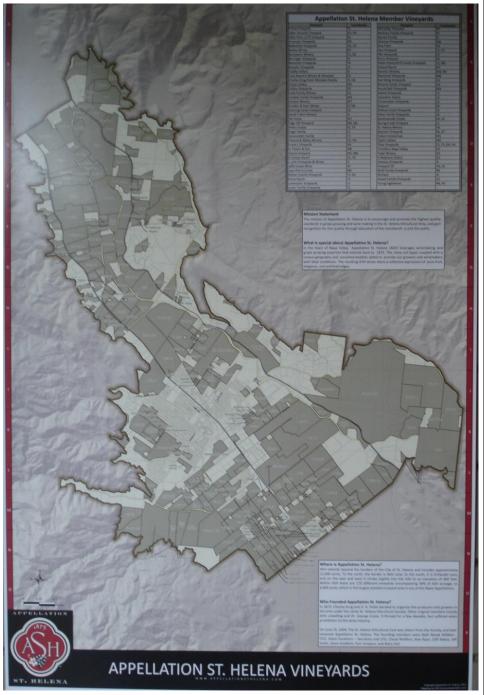
Standing next to an ASH map, Dave gave a quick history of the organization. "In 1974 the St. Helena Viticultural Club was founded by a veritable who's who of Napa Valley vintners: Charles Krug, H.W. Crabb, Connely Conn, Seneca Ewer, H.A. Pellet, J.C. Weinberger, Charles Wheeler, R.A. Hasken, C. Heymann, J.H. McCord, Dr. Crane, John Thomman, John Llewelling, John York, D.O. Hunt and others. In 1880 they changed the name to SH Viticultural Association and lasted until 1912.

"124 years after its founding it was reborn in 2004 as Appellation St. Helena. Beth Illiken, Duckhorn, Chuck McMinn and Pam Simpson were some of the original members. Now it is more of a marketing organization, to encourage high quality and promote education through awareness.

"We've had booths at Cheers and Premier Napa Valley. We also have a great event called bASH. It's at the CIA, \$95 per person, and has 33 wine/chef pairings. It's almost too much.

"We give out a couple of small scholarships, \$500 each to 2 students who want to study viticulture. We also have informal get-togethers for neighbors and do grower reports for the news."

That's A Lot of Vineyards



"Appellation SH extends from Bale Lane to Zinfandel Lane and is defined along the sides by the 400-foot elevation. It has a very consistent climate and topography. There are 411 different vineyards – 58% of the Appellation land (6500 acres) is vineyard. We have 52 winery members (wineries must have a St. Helena designated wine) and 30 grower members, so I have some work to do."

Kiwanis Club of St. Helena

Guinness World Record Holder
Longest continuous wine toast 10/7/12

CLUB CALENDAR

Every Wednesday – Club Meeting at American Legion Hall, 7:30 a.m.

- **July 16** No meeting this morning
- July 17 DCM at Crane Park, sponsored by St. Helena and Yountville
- July 19 Work Project: Wheelchair ramp at 652 Pratt Ave, 9:00 a.m.
- July 23 Guest speaker, TBD
- July 30 Guest speaker, TBD
- August 2 Training for next year's Prez & Prez Elect, SH Wine Center
- August 4 Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- August 6 Guest speaker, TBD
- August 9 Work Project: Build wooden bins at Bale Grist Mill, 9:00 a.m.

Worthy Causes

August 16 – The Big Night fundraiser for SH B&G Club, Trichero Estates

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Special Notices

- **1.** <u>Membership Committee</u> seeks names for potential club members. Contact Jeff, George, BobB or BobM.
- **2.** <u>Fundraising Committee</u> seeks dollars. Contact Jay, Lester or TomD.
- **4.** <u>Publicity and Outreach Committee</u> needs your help lining up weekly speakers. Contact Lowell, Lester, Steve or Jay.