

The Napa Rotagram

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Jeff Ericson presented his bell ringing report. Sign up with Jeff to find your two hour spot in front of Trader Joe's, and watch your friends come and go and get them to drop their loose change into the kettle. Let's ensure that 2008 is the year that we do better than the "K" club.

Steve Orndorf brought us up to date on the Pathway home. There are still seats on the bus next Sunday for a visit to the California Academy of Science. It is an impressive place after its renovation. There is also a need for volunteer van drivers to transport the recovering veterans. You can always sign up so you can help out when you are needed.

With great pleasure we welcomed two new members – **Roger Billings** (sponsored by **Kevin Massey**) and **Chuck Kosmer** (sponsored by **Joe Dacanay**).



Chuck Kosmer arrived in Napa in 1996 and found it to be not only the nicest place, but discovered the nicest Rotarians. He is a member of the US Army California Reserve, and runs a safety training company.

Roger Billings is a self-described Wisconsin cheese head and a Packers fan. Following many years as a golf pro, he is now the manager of the Chardonnay golf course.

We heard a persuasive and articulate description of the River Middle School's Global Challenge. At a later date, there will be information how Rotarians can get involved in the next conference where we can help out as judges. The event will be held at Napa Valley College in 2009. The students will prepare formal presentations. The

Steve Orndorf presented a Thought of the Day that somehow tried to suggest that women complain a lot. HMMM.

Dick (new knee cap) Lonergan lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



Our Visiting Rotarians : Two visiting Rotarians, origin or classification unknown, joined us. They are **Bruce Lederer** and Dr. **Herb Butler**.

Denys Michaud had the winning raffle ticket for the \$1000 prize. He did not pick the joker – no cigar this time!

Sunshine Report: **Alecia Hancock** fell and suffered a broken hip. Please send her your good wishes via snail mail cards or e-mails.

Announcements: **Joe Dacanay** was happy to part with a "Happy Ten" for the birth of a new grandson, and Joe broke his toe. The two events may not be related.

Gene Kelly hit a deer with his truck on his way home from Baltimore – the deer got away, so there will be no venison stew at the Kelly home. He paid a Happy Ten.

Three Cheers for **Kirk Candles** – Queen of the Valley's new Volunteer of the Year!



subject next year will be immigration. The students will prepare a global awareness quiz. They learn to be solution-oriented problem solvers and will present research results after they have checked their resources a number of times. The conference brings together volunteers with an international perspective. The people who have volunteered as judges in the past, have a very high rate of return. Be prepared to be dazzled by the awesome work and talent of our Napa students!



Bruce McCall announced that three baskets and Rotarian baked pies will be delivered to the Pathway veterans. In addition, Bruce made a deal on the

upcoming football games. If Cal wins, Cal graduates pay. If Stanford wins, Bruce will match the fine money collected from Stanford graduates.

Our Speakers...Craft Talks

Dana Zanone was the first speaker. He was born in Oakland, lived in Southern California and earned a degree in business administration. He is in the consulting business and he helps his clients obtain environmentally appropriate permits in the areas of air emissions, wastewater discharge, and storm water. He also does employee training for hazardous materials handling.



Doug Koford, our acting sheriff, presides over the vast Sheriff's Department to keep us all safe. Under his watch the Department will find us if we are lost in the wild via the

Rescue Volunteers (**Joe Dacanay** is a member), the aero squadron and the mounted posse. Doug also oversees the Coroner's Department investigating unexplained or accidental deaths, patrol personnel, criminal investigations, narcotics, SWAT teams, bomb teams, all located in the beautiful new complex in South Napa. The Sheriff's Department has issued 2,300 arrest warrants this year, and training exercises resulted in 3,300 rounds of ammunition being fired. Doug gave us a quiz - who was the first sheriff of Napa County? **McKinney** (smart man - he hired **Dick Lonergan**). There have been 27 sheriffs; the last hanging took place in 1898 - invitations were sent out for this event. William B. Rowe was hanged for a murder he committed on the Greenwood Ranch.



Walley Kempkey, who is in the insurance business, is still looking for company that will sell him life insurance despite his hang gliding activities. Walley is a yet unpatented inventor, who has designed a hang gliding device, as well as

an electricity generating machine. Walley also has gained a lot of experience in downhill carting. To gain speed, he even shaved his head to cut down on wind resistance. So, all you people with a full head of hair out there, now you know what is really slowing you down!