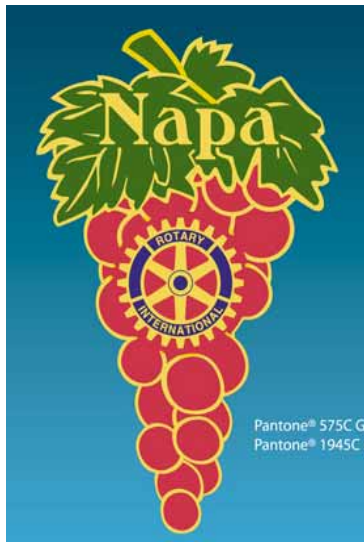


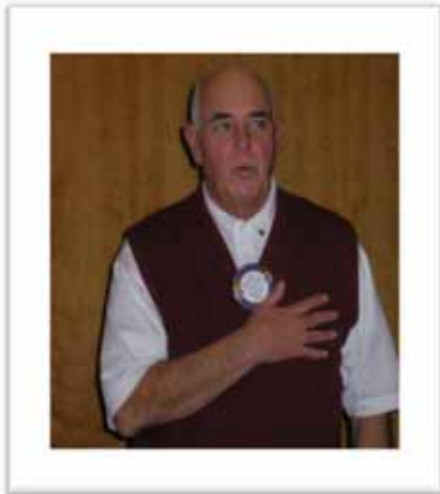
The Napa Rotagram January 7, 2009



*Mike Loughran presented
the Thought of the Day:
Wisdom from 100 AD Rome
when it was already known:
"The more corrupt the state,
the more numerous the
laws."*

President Gary had a few additions such as: While you cannot stay young forever, you can certainly be immature for the rest of your life, and you can get so old that your friends in

heaven think you didn't make it.



Randy Bryant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our Visiting Rotarians : **Debra Matteri**, Commercial Loans, from the Petaluma Valley Club. There was one guest, **Chris Clemens**, who works for Wachovia Securities.

Jason Weiss had the winning raffle ticket, but then he was not lucky with the cards.



Announcements: What a deal! Consider attending the Boys and Girls Club's crab feed (one of the better ones at \$50.00 per person) on January 24th.



Rotarians welcomed **Elizabeth Mackenzie's** daughter Maya Mackenzie Cody to the extended Rotary family – this is traditionally done with a contribution to the first savings account.

Calling all skiers!!! The race at Alpine Meadows will take place on February 27. **President Gary** is putting on a spaghetti feed; he will even serve breakfast and cocktails!!!



Steve Orndorf is busy preparing for the Pathway Home Super Bowl celebration at the Veteran's Home.

You can place a bet on the outcome of the game. Ask Steve for details. Meanwhile, the Pathway Home Project has held its second graduation. This is a moving experience. Fred Guzman will speak about the Pathway Program at the February 12 Napa Sunrise meeting (starts at 7 AM).

By the time you read this, **President Gary** will have held his first Cycle for Sight committee meeting. The big event is on Saturday, April 18. Join the committee, ride a bike at the event, contribute to a memorial mile sign, become a sponsor, or volunteer at the event itself! There are so many choices for each level of ability.

Tim Cooney is working on the dictionary project. We are enlisting two volunteers at each site to distribute the dictionaries at Napa schools. We still need to raise more money for the dictionary project. Please remember that the next time you are fined.

The Elks' Club servers sent a lovely Thank You card. They were happy to receive our Christmas check.

Our Speaker...

Bruce McCall introduced our speaker, **Dave Matthews**, California State Park Superintendent at Angel Island.



Angel Island is the greatest piece of open space in all of California. In 1775, Lt. Juan Manuel de Ayala, a Spanish navigator, sailed the "SAN CARLOS" into San Francisco Bay and anchored at Ayala Cove. He christened the island "Isla de los Angeles." In 1850, during the Gold Rush, California became a state, and all islands became a part of the federal government. In 1863, the U.S. Army was fighting the Civil War in the East. There was fear then that California could be attacked because it had guns, gold and guys, and there were confederate sympathizers in California. The military took over Angel Island when it moved into Camp Wells to

establish a defense station for the entire Bay Area. In 1898 the Marin Hospital Services established a quarantine station on Angel Island to house sick passengers from ships and anyone returning from areas known to have contagious diseases.

The Island also served as a discharge and detention camp. Discharged soldiers, on their way home, were transported to Oakland and put on a train there so they would not venture into "Sin City," San Francisco.

At the hub of the island, the East Garrison, hundreds of thousands of soldiers were processed each year. The mess hall served 250,000 meals per year. They served the best food in the entire military experience.

In 1952, everything that had been built on the island became obsolete. There are 120 structures on the island; many of them are in poor repair. The buildings are historic treasures and the island is a wonderful place for recreational activities.

Angel Island also served as an immigration processing center. The buildings are being renovated and will be open for visitors in February. While immigrants were welcomed to the United States, the situation was much different at Angel Island. Immigration policies back then had to comply with the Chinese Exclusion Act. Chinese immigrants were sent back if they did not fit the exclusion classification. Later, Japanese immigrants were denied entry. There is a lot of evidence on the walls where detainees have written poetry expressing their despair.

Feel free to explore the Angel Island and its history, take a tour, hike, bike, or use one of their campsites



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