

The Napa Rotagram

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Visiting Rotarian



Stan Scott of the Sun Lakes Rotary Club.

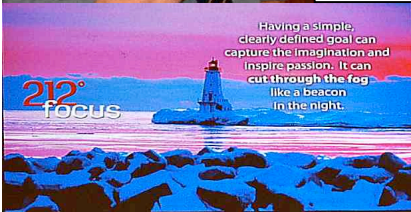


Thought for the Day
Mike Loughran had a little Labor Day history, such as it had its beginnings in 1882, a couple of years after Canada began recognizing it ...



... a fact accepted nonchalantly by our resident Canadian, **Stewart Slipiec**. Mike's other Labor Day facts: End of summer; beginning of NCAA football.

Pres Bruce said a board meeting, to which all are invited, will be held next Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Gasser Building on Soscol Avenue.



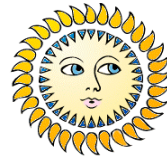
Our weekly Three-Minute Inspiration noted water is hot at 211 degrees ...

... but that extra degree to boiling can be the difference between good and great.



Tim Cooney is still looking for volunteers to help distribute dictionaries to area third-graders. Look for the sign-up sheet at your lunch table.

Sunshine Report



Hold good thoughts for **Margaret Pranger**. After being home recuperating from a fall, she is back in ICU; **Brian Kearney** is reportedly doing well after prostate surgery; **Rod Wiessner** continues on the mend after open-heart surgery.

Mr. "O" hoped for a piece of that growing jackpot, and a dwindling number of cards, but alas ... he drew the Nine of Clubs.



John Woodbury had another reminder that Teacher Appreciation Day is next Friday, the 11th. Volunteers are still needed to help set up and clean up at the Hatt Building prior to and after the 4:30-6 p.m. event.



Here's a scene from last year's Festival of Brotherhood. **Chuck DeLorimier** said the 14th annual event will be held in Mexico with an emphasis on helping out local communities -- but with plenty of time for fun in Guadalajara. You can sign up online.

Gary Rose is still counting the proceeds from the highly successful Cycle for Sight. He brought in a \$1,000 check from Santa Rosa Rotary.



John Imrie (aka Johnnie B. Goode) witnessed **Pres Bruce** in a recent golf match as he collected a hole-in-one, plus a couple of two-stroke holes and a three. A couple of sixes, however, brought the total to a still respectable 79.

A half-dozen new Rotarians and transfers traded their red badges for those of the blue variety.



They included Gary Norman, Tyler Cokeley, Dick Barry, Constance Coughlan, Debra Matteri and Mark Nichol.

Dorothy Salmon announced she is a grandmother for the seventh time. It was thirty-nine years ago Labor Day she was in labor herself.

Gene Kelly said a visit to the First Christian School revealed how much they like the dictionary program.

Bill Dodd said a pen and pencil set given to his dad fifty years ago after his tenure as Rotary president provided him with fond memories.

Steve Orndorf's daughter just landed her first job -- as a health and wellness specialist in Portland where she attends school.

Our Speaker ...

Former Noon Rotarian, District Attorney **Gary Lieberstein**, had an update on state and local budgets as they relate to the criminal justice system, as well as a look at some local programs.

Gary spent a lot of time in Sacramento during the process and said there were "unique dynamics" at work as lawmakers cut more than a billion dollars from corrections spending.

That could mean early release of prisoners and more lenient sentencing practices. Gary isn't opposed to all those practices across the board but urged caution in implementing the plans.



Napa County, because of good fiscal management, is faring better than most counties and certainly than the state as a whole.

Gary is proud of a newly implemented program known as the Community Corrections Service Center. All 2,100

Napa County probationers were screened for possible participation. They are generally high-risk individuals identified due to their needs or non-compliance.



Gary Lieberstein is current president of the California District Attorneys Association. He said, "I'm one of the more moderate members," of the group.

The Napa County DA's office has also helped put in place facilities and programs aimed at young people and instituted a bad check restitution program.

It's probably not exactly a scoop, but you can say you read it here first: Gary Lieberstein will run for his fourth term next year.



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