

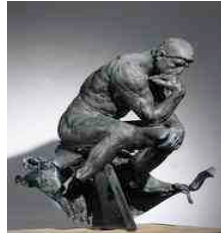
The Napa Rotagram

September 16, 2009



Thought for the Day

Pres Bruce presented his "Three Minutes of Inspiration" as the day's thought.



It offered a number of insights on making the right life moves under the banner, "You Can't Send a Duck to Eagle School."

Visiting Rotarians



Two Rotarians from Napa Sunrise joined us, **Tom Feutz** and **Charles Knechtel**.

Where Are They Now?

Kent Gardella gave us an update on the successes of young people from the If Given a Chance program.

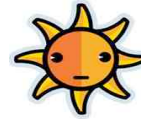


Using Rotary scholarship funds, students are attending colleges and universities around the state. A recent speaker at one of our meetings, Wes Simpson, is getting excellent grades in the Napa Valley College's criminal justice program.

Diana Lindsey thanked Rotary for the opportunities the money has afforded her, especially in these times of state budget cuts and difficult-to-get student loans. She's studying Environmental Science at UCLA.



Sunshine Report



A not-so-sunny update on **Margaret Pranger** ... she remains in ICU at the Queen and "not doing well." **Brian Kearney** just celebrated a birthday and would appreciate hearing from you. Condolences to **Alecia Hancock** who lost her mom.

Raffle



The "pot" is over \$1,300, and with good odds, neither **Tom Nelson** nor **Kevin Massie** could pull an Ace or a Joker. Better luck next week!

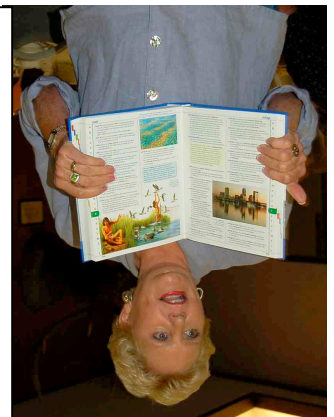
The Napa Red Cross is honoring Real Heroes, and among them is Pathway Home director Fred Guzman. Club members are invited to a recognition breakfast next Tuesday, the 22nd at Silverado Resort.

A reminder ... there will be a Pathway Home graduation at 11 a.m. on October 1, also at Silverado, a cycling day on Angel Island October 8 and a day at Golden Gate Fields in early December.

Teacher Appreciation Day was termed a success. Thanks go to **John Woodbury** for coordinating the event and to those volunteers who helped out.

Tim Cooney reports dictionaries are getting into the schools and into the hands of local third-graders.

Dorothy Salmon held up one of the handsome lexicons -- only problem is -- it's upside down to the cover. No doubt this binding faux pas is an anomaly.



Some Happy Tens were donated by **Don DeVincenzi** for UC Davis football activity, **Debby Hight** for making the new class of Leadership Napa Valley and **Jason Luross** for his partner Mary Hudson announcing the Napa County Women Lawyers' luncheon at Churchill Manor, 11:30 on September 30.

Our Speaker ...

Bill Chadwick is the executive director of the California Veterans Support Foundation. He calls himself a "one-man show," working ten hours a week (much more in reality) to help get the fledgling organization off the ground.



He offered some interesting statistics: There have been 1.8 million troops serving so far in Iraq and Afghanistan; 100,000 have returned with mental health issues, and there are twice as many women veterans as men suffering from these problems.

At the Yountville Vets Home where the Pathway Home Project is based, there have been more than 300,000 residents during its existence. There are 5,500 vets buried in the cemetery there.



Chadwick noted at one time, the goal was to get veterans a job and back into the community. Today, most stay at the facility. He would like to add a women's component to the Pathway program.

Needed are: Fund-raisers and tools to do that job; Help with program development (lending your expertise); Community outreach; Volunteers of all types. Contact Susan Heims at the Vets Home - 944-4930 or susan.heims@cdva.ca.gov.



Push to end polio gains ground
By Dan Nixon
 Rotary International News -- 16 September 2009

Rotarians go door to door to immunize children in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, one of the last remaining reservoirs of polio in India. *Rotary Images/ Alyce Henson*



Although the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) has faced sobering challenges in the past year, officials say it is moving forward in key political, technical, financial, and operational areas.

Stepped-up efforts to end the disease in the four endemic countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- are paying off, they say.

"Rotary International has played an extraordinarily special role [in the GPEI], not just as one of the initiators but in bringing financial resources, political advocacy, and volunteerism on the ground to getting the job done," said Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the GPEI.

A new vaccine will be introduced in India as early as November to help stop the transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses. Worldwide, the number of polio cases has dropped from more than 350,000 in 1988, when the GPEI began, to 1,651 in 2008.

"Global health experts are calling the push to end polio "the final inch," in light of the remaining 1 percent of cases that are the most difficult and expensive to prevent. [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#), which ends 30 June 2012, is seen as crucial to the initiative's success.

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