

# The Napa Rotagram

## October 7, 2009



*Thought for the Day*  
**Pres Bruce** offered one from Teddy Roosevelt:



"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

**Pres Bruce's** Three Minute Inspirational Message noted, "Even an Eagle Needs a Push," implying there are times when we need a push as well.

### Sunshine Report



**Pres Bruce** has been by several times to see **Margaret Pranger** at her home. Even though Hospice has been brought in, he reports she appears better and more communicative each time. He said, "There's a sparkle in her eye," and called her "courageous."



**Dick Lyon** and **Larry Wolfe** ponder a 1936 photo of the Napa Rotary club. See the end of page two for ways to help ID some of these people.

*Your chances are getting better ...*

**Tim Cooney** didn't get the Joker, so it's well over \$300 for next week's drawing.



**Kent Gardella** was among those who attended the Pathway Home graduation. He called it a very emotional experience.

The club has learned it has successfully applied for a \$1,150 matching grant from Rotary International to help purchase bicycle equipment for Pathway Home.

**Steve Orndorf** said all past-presidents will soon gather to go through the "arcane process" of picking prospective board members for the coming year. They'll also pick the president to serve after **Tim Cooney** assumes the duties next year.

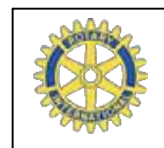
**Ann Cash** announced this year's student achievement awards will start soon. **Wally Kempkey, Steve Orndorf** and **Barbara Nemko** are sponsors for the young people who will receive a certificate, plaque and \$200 in cash for their achievements. The endowment fund contains \$131,000 for six scholarships at the end of the school year. The Sherry Bennett scholarship also gives \$1,000 to a deserving student.

**Larry Wolfe** said the Festival of Brotherhood is coming up in late October near Guadalajara, Mexico, and the District Foundation Dinner will soon be held in Rohnert Park.

**Maren Namdar** had items from Vancouver and from her recent trip to Germany for auction.



Maren had this handsome Canadian shirt plus a bottle of "fog" from Germany -- but when it was learned it also contained schnapps, the bidding picked up considerably.



## Our Speaker ...



Jane Albert, executive director of the Napa Humane Society, said that organization was founded in 1972 and moved to its clinic on California Boulevard in 1990.



Jane said the traditional approach to taking care of unwanted or abandoned animals has been a "band-aid." Napa Humane hopes for more permanent solutions.

She added they are considered to be on the "cutting edge" of animal care --- or sometimes even "over the edge," but they advocate for virtually no euthanasia and finding good homes for all animals.

Napa Humane's theme: Spay-Neuter, Spay-Neuter, Spay-Neuter - Here's its new rescue vehicle.



Napa Humane does 360 surgeries a month, did 1,796 vaccinations last year and hopes to do 1,800 microchip insertions this year.

The fundraiser, Cause for the Paws, will take place once again at Silverado Resort next July 25.

Dogs, cats and rabbits are the primary "companions," but more exotic creatures show up. Jane promised to get more info on "Tea Cup Pigs," apparently a new pet fad.

The current state of the economy has added to the need for pet homes. Go to the Napa Humane website for info - [napahumane.org](http://napahumane.org).



## Rotary not-so-old-stuff ...

**November 29, 2000** - From the sounds of it **Steve Orndorf** had a lot of bites on his last fishing trip.

Unfortunately, most of the bites were on him!!!! But, the real stinger came at the meeting when Marlane Shoop's fine for buying a new twenty-three foot fishing boat was "flipped" to him!!! Thank you, Steve.

**February 7, 2001** - The Camellia Festival last weekend was a success according to **Don Fretz**. Our very own **Jill Barwick** won first place for her magnolia bloom. Stipulations of how many entered that category buzzed through the room. In honor of the win **President Jill** paid a Happy-Ten and Don a Happy-Five.



**Pres Bruce's** closing thought from that great philosopher Woody Allen: "Eighty-percent of success is showing up."

If you can help ID some of these past Rotarians, call **Bill Blanckenburg** for a closer look.

