

The Napa Rotagram

October 28, 2009



Thought for the Day
Pres Bruce offered a
Japanese proverb ...

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"Fall seven times, but
stand up eight times."

Visiting Rotarians



Welcome to **Tom Stubbs**, St. Helena
Rotarian and
superintendent of
Howell Mountain
schools.



Speaking of superintendents, we had a bunch of them at the meeting ...



Left to right, it's our own John Glaser of the NVUSD; Esmeralda Mondragon, Calistoga; Rotarian Barbara Nemko, Napa County; Allen Gordon, St. Helena; Florence Eaton, Pope Valley; and Tom Stubbs, Howell Mountain.

The Raffle



Barbara Nemko drew an Ace, thus getting her money back, but no Joker, so next week, the pot will be well in excess of \$500!!

In Memoriam

Despite indications of improvement, Rotarian **Dr. Margaret Pranger** lost her battle and succumbed on October 22.



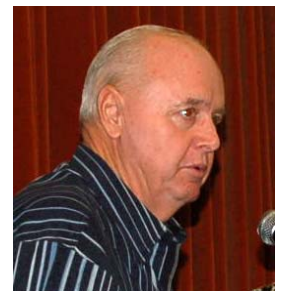
Today's Three Minutes of Inspiration led nicely into the awarding of several **Paul Harris** Fellowships. The video showed what we can all be doing to make the world a better place ... such as mentor a child, adopt a pet, donate blood ...



Recipients included **Debra Inman**; **Ron McKinney's** wife, Missy; **Wally Kempkey**, **Stewart Slipiec**; **Carol Lowe's** son, Roy; and your humble scribe (**Jay Goetting**).

And while we're on the topic of scribes, journalists and questionable media types, hats off to **Dana Zanone** who has stepped up to the proverbial plate and will take over Rotagram duties, assisting **Maren Namdar** and other Santa's helpers while I attempt to track down **Harrell Miller** in the great Southwest.

Thanks,
Dana



Mark your calendars ...

November 11 - Honoring vets plus the Napa-Vintage game previews ...

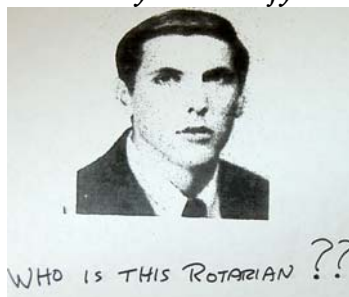
November 14 - Rotary Foundation dinner ...

November 25 - Joint meeting with Kiwanians; we'll pour the wine ...

December 5 - A day at Golden Gate Fields ...

December 23 - Dinner meeting ... Happy Holidays!

Can you identify this mystery Rotarian



Tom Mills swears it's this guy ...



Wyman Smith reminds us the annual Queen of the Valley Foundation dinner will recognize some significant Rotarians -- **Jim Tidgewell**, **John Imrie** and **Gary Rose**.

Rick Marsh, a stroke victim, will be the recipient of the generosity of those attending a fundraiser on November 7 at Artesa Winery.

Steve Orndorf sends out the call to all past-presidents that you're invited to the annual gathering of this elite group on November 12 at 6 p.m.

Our Speaker ...



Phil Barber is the Oakland Raiders beat writer for the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat (owned by the New York Times' organization). He's had the gig since 2003 and emphasizes he does NOT work for Al Davis' team.



Barber, a Napa resident, says the newspaper business is shrinking, and staffers are becoming more "diversified" (read: stretched thin). The Raiders have a "strange relationship" with the media, says Barber -- and it's the toughest beat in sports.

Barber was relatively non-committal on the recent incident involving Raiders coaches and alleged assault charges, but he stopped short of criticizing the Napa County DA for failing to prosecute. "He picks his cases carefully and wants to win," said Barber of **Gary Lieberstein** with a veiled reference to the fact our Rotarian colleague is coming up for reelection.

Barber does not think the Raiders do much for Napa financially since the Marriott would be full without them, and they don't generate much local commerce.



So, **Pres Bruce** took advantage of the day's theme and noted Vince Lombardi's admonition ...



Gotta get back to basics .. "This is a football."



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