

The Napa Rotagram

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Thought for the Day

A quote from Victor Frankl on the meaning of freedom when he was being held in the Auschwitz concentration camp ...



Visiting Rotarians



No visitors today -- unless you count **Tom Nelson's** mythical celebrities whom he turned away at the door

"The one thing you can't take away from me is the way I choose to respond to what you do to me.

The last of one's freedoms is to choose one's attitude in any given circumstance."

Bad, Bad T. L. Young ...



When **Pres Bruce** kicked off the meeting to the strains of "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown," Tom couldn't resist the urge to cut a rug with **Maren Namdar**.

Bob Barwick joined Rotary in 1951 ...



Brother Ed told of Bob's battle with prostate cancer. Hospice has been called in to provide some additional care for the former District 5130 Governor.

Coming up ...

Next week - Board meeting at the Gasser Foundation office and regular meeting honoring Veterans Day and a look at the Big Game between Napa and Vintage High Schools ...

November 14 - Rotary Foundation Dinner (See Jeanne Christofferson) ...

November 25 - Joint meet with Kiwanis (Pres Bruce has a "special surprise" planned) ...

December 16 - Napa High Choir with holiday music ...

December 23 - Holiday dinner meeting at the Wine Train Commissary ...

Congratulations to our newest Paul Harris Fellows ...

Jim Febring honored wife Shiloh with a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Mike Davis was also honored ...

... as was Don Fretz.



Tim Cooney reports the dictionary program for third-graders went well, and "Thank You's" are coming in. Some of the letters from students fall under the category: "Out of the mouths of babes ..."



Reminder ... The annual Queen of the Valley Hospital Foundation dinner this Saturday Honoring the 2009 Award Winners **James Tidgewell** with the Karney Kenchelian Award for Dignity ; Dwight H. Murray Jr., MD, **Gary Rose** and **John Imrie**, Volunteer Awards for Service; Walter J. Fogarty, Jr., posthumously President's Award for Excellence; Peter A. and Vernice H. Gasser Foundation, Sister Ann McGuinn Award for Justice.



Jill Barwick celebrated birthdays for those born in October.



Stewart Slipiec and **Kent Gardella** were among the celebrants, all of whom showed they didn't know as much about their fellow Rotarians as they should. Others included **Joe Dacanay**, **Larry Wolfe**, **David Wildhagen**, **Wally Kempkey**, **Jeanne Christofferson** and **Tim Cooney**.



Is Jeanne making a political statement here? It's one of the items she brought back from a cruise from Bucharest to Amsterdam.

Jeanne had a veritable treasure trove of goodies which went to **Dick Lonergan** for \$70. Perhaps he was after the bottle of "sacramental" wine -- or maybe the paprika vodka -- or maybe the Hungarian brandy -- or ...



Our Speakers ...

The well-known children and family services non-profit group, Aldea, was represented by clinicians Larisa Whipple and Katie Bullard.



Aldea has been around since 1972 and takes clients and referrals from all around the North Bay. Some 4,000 children a year are in need of mental health services in Napa County alone.

Larisa is a bilingual clinician who said she had seen their video presentations dozens of times, and it never fails to bring a tear to her eye.



Katie said Aldea oversees a foster care program and a newly instituted adoption program. A new facility in downtown Napa, the Alan Ewig Building, serves as an outpatient clinic. They also have a campus facility at Vintage High School.

They invited Rotarians to stop in and see the Aldea facilities which have an especially welcoming ambience.



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