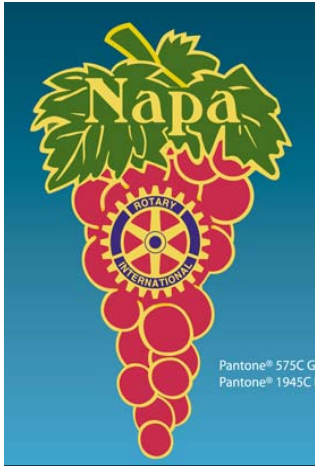


The Napa Rotagram

November 18, 2009



Visiting Rotarians



Larry Wolfe introduced Howard Erickson.

Thought for the Day

*"Dear Rotary Club,
I want to thank you for
the Dictionary. I took
it home and I*



*looked at the pages
and I can tell you had a
lot of members help you
do all those Pages. For
real I can tell.*

From Akira

Al Nuccion took the lead for the Pledge of Allegiance.



2009 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Jeff Erickson has the Salvation Army bell ringing schedule. Please find a time slot that suits you. We will once again be in front of Trader Joe's. A special welcome to Howard Erickson, a Rotary "drop-in" who made a much appreciated, rare appearance.

Sunshine:

Bob Barwick is under Hospice care. He is allowed visitors – especially those who bring Oreo cookies and Starbuck's Mocha coffee.



Bill Blanckenburg had a 5 minute presentation about the late **Ross Game**. He was a well known member of our community. He wrote a book about Amelia Earhart and served as Napa Valley Register Editor among many other endeavors. He entertained friendships with three presidents: Kennedy, Johnson and Reagan. We look forward to an entire program on Ross Game and hope that such will lure Howard Erickson back for another visit.



No winner. *The Raffle* is over \$750

Meeting Schedule ...

November 25 - The joint meeting with our Kiwanis friends.

December 2 – Our own Joe Dacanay on Burning Man!

December 9 – Gary Rose on the Cycle for Sight and Rotary Ride for Veterans.

December 16 - We will be serenaded by the Napa High School Choir.

December 23 - meeting will be in the evening, at the Napa Valley Wine Train Commissary at 8th Street & Soscol.

For other events visit the Calendar section of our website at:

<http://www.naparotary.org/calendar.php>

On January 23, Rotarians will get together for a Crab Feed at the Boys and Girls Club on Pueblo.



Congratulations to Napa Hi's football team. A lot of Rotarians had to pay up for various reasons – no matter whether their alma mater's team lost or won. The fines reached from Napa – Vintage to the Harvard – Yale, the Cal game, and we were once again left wondering how Tennessee is doing.



Gary Rose is gathering up volunteers for next April's Cycle for Sight and Rotary Ride for Veterans event. Various levels of sponsorship are still available. Please participate in this wonderful event – our most profitable fundraiser of the year!

Other Pathway Quick Notes:

- Please bring home made pies to the meeting before Thanksgiving. The Pathway Home residents really appreciate them.
- Napa Bowl - with Veterans - Get out your bowling shoes and join the Pathway Home residents for a friendly game! It is lots of fun! Ask President Bruce for details. 6:30-8:30 pm on Monday nights.
- The Pathway home residents need pillows.
- There are Pathway Veterans who wish to be hired for weekend work. If you need a capable worker, please contact Bruce for details.
- December graduation from Pathway Home



Our Speakers ...



Our speaker, **Judy Blix**, described the very junior Napa dining experience. **The Little Gourmet**, in the location where Celadon once was, offers meals that appeal to the very young. The fare there is

enjoyed by adults and children alike. There are toys to amuse the children during that difficult time between arrival and presentation of the meal. The food for kids has a great presentation of vegetables that are usually rejected by discerning youthful palates. There is, admittedly, a little bit of deception that leads to cheerful consumption of green stuff, i.e., vegetables. The Little Gourmet also offers cooking parties, with complete chef attire, as well as etiquette sessions, and for budding artists, there is a gingerbread house decorating event. What a nice addition to the Napa gourmet scene!



Another venue for children is the **Scientopia Discovery Center** at 1785 B Tanen Sreet. **Marcy Deeds** provided a description of the facility and hands-on arts and crafts. Children are entertained Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 5 PM. The parents stay with their children but babysitting events can also be booked. The Discovery Center offers treasure hunts, wind tunnels, magnet magic, puppet theater, instruction in the use of musical instruments, etc. It was reported that the place is **VERY CLEAN**. So, parents do not have to worry about germs. This venture is a good start to prevent obesity and too much TV exposure for our little ones!

Final thought for the Day

“It is not near as important how folks have lived as how many people were grateful that he lived”

