

The Napa Rotagram

December 2, 2009



President Bruce opened the show with a three-minute inspirational. Pearls of Wisdom:



“You have to show up for your life – whether you like it, or not.” “The best way out is always through.”

Visiting Rotarians



Nick Van Male, Fairfield and Jim Nord, Napa Sunrise. (there were no guests of Rotarians)

Sunshine Report: Former Rotarian and Past President, **Augie Carrion**, passed away on Thanksgiving Day; We are sad to hear that **John Glaser** is in poor health and he has resigned from his position. This is bad news especially for the children in his school district.

Reminder: The board meeting will be at 7:30 AM on Wednesday, December 9, 2009.



If you don't know where to go or what to do on **Monday nights**, consider bowling with fellow Rotarians and the Pathway Home Veterans. Get to know these interesting Veterans and improve your bowling score!

Pathway Veterans are available for weekend work (labor, truck away, pressure washing, etc.). Contact Christiana at 707.774.5646; Julie at 707.290.4225; or the Program Desk at 707.948.3031 (Cathy) for details. Please call before weekend.



We are starting to work on Cycle for Sight projects. Watch for **Gary Rose** to announce future opportunities to volunteer.



Announcements:

We will not have a noon meeting on **December 23**. There will be a dinner at the Wine Train kitchen on 8th Street, off Soscol, at 6:30 PM. Make sure you have signed up if you would like to attend.

There are a few spots open for **Salvation Army** bell ringing.

Wayne Panchesson's free lunches are over. He received his red badge today. He is the General Manager of the Meadows Senior Residence, where he is **Tom Young's** personal concierge. Wayne grew up in Chico. He lives in Napa with his wife, who is a Chef, and his three children. Wayne is anxious to get involved in our many projects.

Jason Luross was sad because the Navy had accidentally shredded his application – but then it was found. That merited a couple of Happy Tens.

Tom Mills celebrated three wonderful events: He has moved from his home in Silverado; has become a grandfather for the 13th time, and he made a nice contribution to Rotary coffers.





Dorthy and John Salmon served turkey at the Salvation Army this Thanksgiving. They had a wonderful time. They'll spend time in Hawaii before Christmas.

Our once-upon-a-time youngest Rotary member, **Misty Tarver**, is expecting! The due date is March 26, 2010.



Jill Barwick presided over the Birthday celebrations. **Richards Lyon** was born on November 8. Did you know that no famous person was born or died on that date?

Our Speaker ... Is this the same Man?



Joe Dacanay spoke about Burning Man. Well, they don't really burn a man. It's just a man in effigy and it sounds like this man gets bigger each year. The burning man festival started in San Francisco, got bigger and bigger and finally moved

to the desert. There are various principles that apply to the desert gathering of about 42,000 people. **RADICAL INCLUSION** means that everybody is invited to attend. There is no money exchange once you have paid to get in. Food and drinks are free. Tango, guitar and Yoga lessons are offered. The attendees are required to practice radical self-reliance and they have to dispose of their grey water elsewhere. There is a DMV – Department of Mutant Vehicles. There were cars with flamethrowers (Dragons) and a bus with a dance floor. Radical self-expression is expected of all attendees. This can be done via make-up, art, dance, music, etc. Joe was involved in the construction of a stainless steel structure with pipes for propane gas. Participants have to be responsible in a civil society. Only legal drugs are allowed. There are MOOP patrols – they assist in the removal of Materials Out Of Place. When the festivities are over, magnetic sweepers go over the sand to remove anything metal. The desert will be cleaner after the event than how they found it. Joe and his wife, Carol, had joined a fun group: The Flaming Lotus Girls. It is required that participants be radically spontaneous. When Joe went in 2008 as a medical volunteer, he saw trauma caused by heat and cold exposure, cuts, bruises, blisters on feet, injuries from falling from stilts, drug and alcohol-related problems. The highlight is obviously when the man burns. Attending this event is guaranteed to recharge your batteries, gives a boost to your creativity and gives you the chance to build something great and outrageous. Joe was photographed wearing a skirt. We politely called a kilt and wondered about the obvious question. The location is Black Rock, one hour North East of Reno. This “chill out” place is apparently not supported by your tax dollars.



Burning Man fest – Sculptures Called “Soma”
Submitted Photo



The Rotarian's 4-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do

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- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

