

# The Napa Rotagram

## December xx, 2009



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### Visiting Rotarians



*John Dumars of  
Napa Sunrise*

### Thought for the Day



"The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'"

President Ronald Reagan

**Bruce** opened the meeting by a rousing tune from Kenny Loggins: **Footloose!** Followed by the Flag Salute:



**Marie Dolcini** (Executive Director of Napa County Landmarks) announced the 21st Annual Holiday CandleLight Tour will occur on Saturday December 12.



**Salvation Army Captain Rachel Johnson** indicated that the Kiwanis / Rotary fund raising competition was stiff and the final tallies will be announced. Other projects include the collection of Christmas presents for the Adopt a Kid program. Rotarians Bruce, Dorothy and Joe have already contributed to this fine effort.

### Raffle



Tim gets his money back with an Ace! What? Is that Jim up there again!!!

### Sunshine

**Jason Luros** is reported to be engaged! Congratulations! **Steve O's** gutter balls at the bowling alley were also of honorable mention!

### Our Leaders...Announcement Reminders



**Per Bruce:** Please put \$5 in the plate if you leave early! A day at the Races last weekend was a great success and will be planned again.

**Is this your Hat?** If you are missing your hat, please see Jeff.

**Wednesday, December 23** We will not have a noon meeting. There will be a **dinner at the Wine Train kitchen** on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, off Soscol, at 6:30 – 9:00 PM. The cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. Make sure you have signed up if you would like to attend and enjoy a nice meal.

**Saturday - January 23** - Boys and Girls Club Crab Feed - We will have a Rotary Table, Details to follow.

**Bruce** also explained a recent club donation and activity which enabled a Pathway amputee veteran to bowl with his friends.

**Jim Riley** invited all to his office Christmas party Friday and put \$100 in the coffers. Thanks Jim.

**Tim Cooney's** daughter is home for the Holidays and made a nice contribution.

**College Bowl games**, member Alma Maters and fines were discussed and settled. Happily, all left as friends!

### *Inspirational Moment*

**Bruce** played a tribute of **Thanks to American Solder Heroes** performed by an Australian Choir and excerpts from **Thomas Paine** on “**The Summer Solder**”.

*Our Speaker ... Gary Rose!*  
*Cycle for Sight/Rotary Ride for Veterans*



Gary shared a 30 minute video and spoke regarding the Support the Pathway Home

project at the Yountville Veterans Home--a first-of-its-kind program designed to assist returning veterans with post traumatic stress disorder, and the Enchanted Hills Camp for the Blind & Visually Impaired. The funding for this service project is the Cycle for Sight event scheduled for April 17, 2010. Cycle for Sight has three scenic 50, 25, and 15 mile courses that wind among the hills and vineyards of the World Famous Napa Valley. The ride starts and finishes at Justin Siena High School where the Cycle for Sight Wine and Music Festival will take place. The project also involves Memorial Mile Sponsorship signs at \$100 per veteran recognized.

### *New / Promoted Board Members*

By recommendation of a quorum of Past Presidents, the following club members were nominated to serve on the 2010/2011 club board of directors:

Jim Riley	President Elect
Tyler Cokeley	Treasurer
Gary Norman	Secretary
Brenda Speth	Board Member
Tom LeMasters	Board Member
Dana Zanone	Board Member

A motion from the floor was made to accept and approve the nominations. The motion carried.

### *Final Thought from President Reagan*



*There* are no great limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder.



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