

# The Napa Rotagram

January 13, 2010



## Thought for the Day

The Thought of the Day brought up Abraham Lincoln's observation that he learned something from each person he met – although it was most of the time what not to do.

## Visiting Rotarians



Our Guests were Lilly Kenting and John Dumars from Napa Sunrise



**Rod Wiesner** headed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**From YouTube** - The University of Iowa Engineering Department's creative orchestra was an enjoyable, creative presentation.

There were two guests of Rotarians – **Senator John Dunlap** and **Edwin Kempkey** (Wally's Brother).



No winner. **John Woodbury** and **David Wildhagen** tried their hands at the Raffle, but left the stage empty-handed.

## Announcements:

There is still room for additional diners at the **Boys and Girls Club's crab feed** on Saturday, January 23. Location: Fair Grounds. Price per person is \$50.00.

**Barbara Nemko** was fined and complemented for her role in the Dreamweaver's Play "Lend me a

Tenor" According to **Bruce Ketron**, Barbara's performance was just "scandalous!"



**Mike Loughran** described the Pathway Home graduation as an emotional event that gives participants an appreciation for all the hardships and difficult times the graduates have suffered.

\$5 squares for the Super Bowl wagers are still available. Join the Pathway Home Residents and other Rotarians for the game on February 7.

Volunteers are gathering around **Gary Rose** to work on the **Wine Valley Cycle for Sight and Rotary Ride for Veterans** event in April. Please consider to buy an honor sign for the memorial mile leading to the Veterans Home. Help round up donations, sponsors and be prepared to sell tickets. **Robert Green** advises that 21 wineries have signed up thus far.

**Napa Bowl - with Veterans** - Get out your bowling shoes and join the Pathway Home residents for a friendly game! 6:30-8:30 pm on Monday nights.

**News from the Napa Bowl** Monday Night (starts 6:30 PM) night scene is certainly salacious. Diva **Barbara Nemko** scored three strikes in a row while Tim Cooney is trying to get his bowling scores up and his Golf scores down. **Kent Gardella** explained the good, the bad and the ugly. His bowling performance falls into the "ugly" category but he pointed out that **Steve Orndorf** does not merit the "good" category.



**Gene Kelly** showed up at the Elk's Club on the day we were dark in December. So, he attended the Kiwanis meeting so he could gleefully rub in the fact that we won the Salvation Army bell ringing contest. Gene generously supported the Dictionary project and a Paul Harris account.

**Jerry Medlin** had been very worried about a family member in Haiti, but then he received good news. That was certainly worth a Happy Ten.

### *Today's Program*



**Gary Lieberstein** introduced our speaker,



**Jean Mitchell**, Special Agent in charge of the San Francisco office of the Secret Service. Jean's Department protects visiting dignitaries in her jurisdiction. Jean showed a video about the activities of the Secret Service, a Mission of Honor, a Commitment to Duty.



The Department is active in two areas: Investigative and protective. The Secret Service was founded in 1865 and after the assassination of William McKinley in 1901 became responsible for the President's safety. For Secret Service work it is essential to demonstrate integrity, attention to detail, and commitment. On the investigative side, technology, counterfeiting, credit card, fraudulent mortgages and financial crimes are exposed and

prosecuted. Agent retention in California is difficult because of the proximity of Silicon Valley and Wells Fargo Bank. It is essential that citizens know their money. If you have counterfeit money in your possession, it is your loss. The White House party crashers have definitely caused a change and tightening of screening procedures to prevent a recurrence. The Secret Service has a very cordial relationship with the Napa Sheriff's office. They have worked together in the past to protect the President and other government officials.



### **Reminders:**

Sign up for the Boys and Girls Club Crab feed on January 23. There will be a specially decorated table for Rotarians. 6PM Cocktails, 7 PM Dinner. It will be at the Fairgrounds in Chardonnay Hall.

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The Rotary Ski Event will occur **Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>** at Alpine Meadows. See **Gary Rose** for details.

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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?



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