

# The Napa Rotagram

## February 10, 2010



### Thought for the Day

Jack Webb: Now let me see if I got the facts straight here? Cleaning woman Clara Clifford discovered your clean copper clappers kept in a closet were copped by Claude Cooper a kleptomaniac from Cleveland. Now is that about it?



Johnny Carson: One more thing. If I ever catch kleptomaniac Claude Cooper from Cleveland who copped my clean copper clappers from the closet... I'll clobber him!

### Visiting Rotarians



Our Guests were

~ None Today ~

An amusing story was presented about a kleptomaniac who did the clapper caper under cloud cover.

<http://www.badge714.com/dragquot.htm#ccc>

[http://www.metacafe.com/watch/266947/copper\\_clapper\\_caper/](http://www.metacafe.com/watch/266947/copper_clapper_caper/)

**Kirk Candland** headed the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Raffle: **Rick Whatley** and **Steve Orndorf** had the right numbers, but they walked away empty-handed. Rotarians were offered proof that the Joker is still in the deck!!!

**Sunshine Report** by **Jill Barwick**: Happy news – **Larry Wolfe** has made a nice recovery after back surgery. Please call Jill with news about ailing Rotarians.

### Announcements:

**Gary Rose** reminded Rotarians that the Alpine Meadows ski race will be on March 5, followed by a banquet.

We could use more members to support our projects. If you know people who are eager to get involved, please introduce them to our Club.

There were several happy fives and tens, plus Gary Rose's Super Bowl Quiz. The Super Bowl head referee was Scott Green, who used to be Joe Biden's aide. **Jerry Medlin** is proud of his nephew, who is doing good work in Haiti. **Jim Fehring** is grateful for his daughter's new driver's license and spotless driving record.



Time is getting shorter between now and the **April 17<sup>th</sup> Cycle for Sight / Rotary Ride for Veterans** event. Please sell your tickets, give thought to putting up a Memorial Mile sign, help round up sponsors and let Gary's crew know that you are ready to volunteer. The Napa Valley Register will have Ads for the event and 204 riders have already signed up.

Generous Rotarians who had opened their wallets to give a contribution towards the quilts for the Pathway Home received a standing ovation. It is amazing how much the Veterans appreciate this personal touch.

Unfortunately, the Veterans only won \$150 in the Super Bowl wager. **Tom LeMasters** won the big prize of \$250. In a classy gesture, Tom turned the entire amount over the Pathway Home project. The \$100 half-time winner, **Bob Mullikin**, was encouraged to do likewise; however, the money had already been earmarked for Valentine's Day festivities. Bob expressed the hope that his betting skills on fast ponies will generate an even larger return for the Pathway Home project.

If you need odd jobs done around your home or property, please remember our Pathway Home friends who are eager to work. Call the Pathway Home at 948-3028.

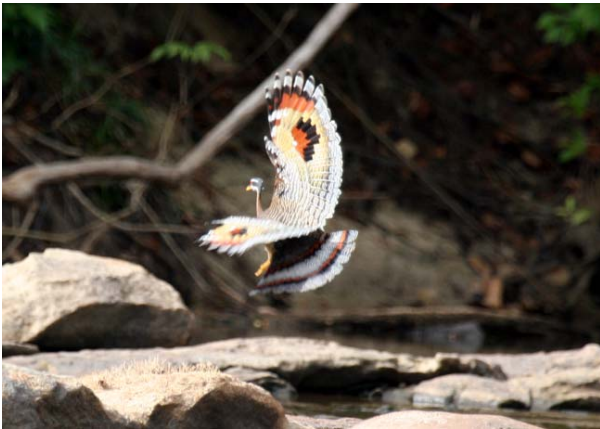
**Napa Bowl - with Veterans** - Get out your bowling shoes and join the Pathway Home residents for a friendly game! 6:30-8:30 pm on Monday nights.

## Today's Program

### Orndorf vs. Suriname 2009 a Rumble in the Jungle



Rotary's intrepid fisherman, **Steve Orndorf**, spoke about his adventures in Surinam. With **Dana Zanone's** help, Steve put together a Power Point presentation. Rotarians appreciated seeing the pretty sights, bird population, the river, the fish, etc., without having to dodge the poison dart frog's trajectories, the Piranha's sharp teeth, the Vampire bat's bite, the Anaconda, the heat, the bugs, etc.



The river's water level was quite low and the skipper had to navigate creatively to avoid the rocks. There are 400,000 people in Surinam. The country consists mostly of pristine virgin jungle. 90% of the Surinamese people live in the Capital. The ethnicity is a mixture of Indian, Black and Japanese, and they are called Creole or Maroon. At a local market Steve saw bizarre jungle herbs. Photos are not allowed because the people think you are stealing their soul. Steve did get a picture of a parking lot shared by a Mosque and a Synagogue. Steve slept in hammocks, protected by mosquito nets. The animal life is abundant; green ibis, black

hawk, gold Macao, and 600 lb. Tapirs, the latter being the largest animal in South America, lizards, and the yellow-legged tortoise, howler monkeys with a huge larynx, and the largest eagle in the world. Steve's guides spoke the "forbidden language" spoken by the natives, and which is not allowed in schools.



Steve has good memories of the tea made from jungle leaves, the Parbo beer, and not having been shocked by the 600 Volt electric eel.



**Final Thought for the Day:**

**My wife said "Watcha doin'today?"**

**I said "Nothing"**

**She said, "You did that yesterday"**

**I said "I wasn't finished."**



Maren / Dana