

# The Napa Rotagram

## March 10, 2010



### Visiting Rotarians



Cathy Dickey,  
Napa Sunrise,  
Classification:  
Education, and  
Daniel Kent,  
Consulting.

### Thought for the Day

**President Bruce** urged the audience to marry a good speller.



“911 what’s your emergency. Yea, my wife got attacked by a Warthog real bad and I need some one with an ambulance to come to pick her up. What’s your address? 1825 Eucalyptus Drive. Would you please spell Eucalyptus? Pause ... I’m gonna drag her to Oak Street. You can pick her up there ...”

**Ed Barwick** headed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests of Rotarians – John Cardinale** introduced his guest, **Linda Inlay**, who has created a very friendly atmosphere at River School where children thrive.

**President Bruce** also presented in a persuasive, non-repeatable example how the four-way test can be applied in the sale of a house.

**Sunshine: Jill Barwick** reported on **Charlie Harper**, who does not get out of the house much anymore. **Howard Ericson** is progressing well after back surgery. He is being helped along by his physical therapist, President Bruce.



**Dana Zanone** and **Dale Carriker** came THIS CLOSE to winning half of the \$2,800 jackpot. They had the right numbers on their raffle tickets, but found the Joker is still elusive.

Today is **Whole Foods Day**. Shop there because they donate 5% of their sales to **Cycle for Sight** today.

A reminder from **Robert Green**: Mark your calendars for March 31<sup>st</sup> after the Rotary meeting and attend the Responsible Server’s class from 1:45 to 3:45 PM

Update from **Gary Rose**: Responses have been received from across the nation for Memorial Mile signs. Please give Gary the Memorial Mile information before March 31. Please place your name on the sign-up sheets in any category where you can volunteer on April 17. It will be a fabulous event again.



If you have seen the movie “Hurt Locker” then you know what the troops have to endure in Iraq. If anyone knows the contact information for Kathleen Bigelow, please let Gary know. It would be great to have her help publicize our activities to help returning veterans pick up the pieces.

Monday night bowling is a source of joy for the veterans. They compete with Napa Noon Rotarians. The bowling success and failure stories are heart-warming, especially when **Steve Orndorf** is vindicated after severe public humiliation. **Kent Gardella** seems to hold is own at the Bowling Alley.

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FRED	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	8	122
DISCO	9	12	8	10	11	7	8	6	7	8	82
STEVE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	174
KEVIN	20	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	102

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KEVIN	20	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	78

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**BOWLING AND WATER DON'T MIX. PLE**

**Doug Koford** noted that **Kevin Massie’s Son** was honored in American Canyon. He is an excellent student and he gave a great speech.



**Maren Namdar** auctioned off Elizabeth Pschorr's autobiography "A Privileged Marriage" describing the life of a Jewish woman in Germany under the Hitler dictatorship. **Kevin Massie** snapped it up for \$55.



All Cal grads were fined \$5.00 for some reason that had to do with recent accomplishments of their football team.

**Gary Rose** offered a Happy Ten because he knows Judy Ehrlich, who won the "Best Director of Documentaries" prize at the Oscars.

**Happy Tens:** **Tim Cooney** celebrated his 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Las Vegas. **Steve Orndorf's** Daughters **Erin and Ashley** were featured on the sports pages and their comments were somewhat misquoted. **Bill Blanckenburg** was proud of **Rob Bollinger**, who ran in the Napa Valley Marathon with his friend, Eric. Rob finished in four hours plus but could have been faster if he had not helped Eric, who developed problems en route.

**Dorothy Lind-Salmon** reported on a recent Institute for National Education event. They brought in five Afghan women who are members of Parliament. Napa students had raised \$1,000 for Afghan schools. Any idea what it means for women to be politically involved? The hardships they have to face each and every day? After hearing their stories, the women in the audience professed that they will never complain again. This statement really perked up the male members of Rotary!! The visiting Afghan women visited New Tech High School, and they were curious about Mexican food – so they ate at Compadres.

### *Today's Program*

**Kent Gardella** spoke about "If Given A Chance." He showed a video clip about a graduate of the program who described his sad family situation and his total lack of interest in learning.



Luckily, there was a mentor, **Daniel Kent**, who took Angel under his wings and brought him to a point where he could graduate from high school and pursue a career in automotive service. Angel is hoping to find a job in this field in Napa.

The "If Given A Chance" leadership follows each student enrolled in the program up to College graduation. The students provide their transcripts on an annual basis to qualify for financial aid during the following year.

Last year, there were 30 applicants who were referred by high school teachers, and only 10 could be accommodated. Referrals also come from law enforcement, drug rehabilitation centers, the probation department, etc.

"If Given A Chance" publicly acknowledges the success stories they have brought about. This year, graduates will be honored on May 7 at the Marriott Hotel. The key note speakers at this event are graduates from the program who tell the audience where they came from and the trials and tribulations of their personal development. Please try to attend this Award dinner. The personal stories there will bring tears of joy to your eyes. Join the Celebration of courage and triumph in overcoming adversity.

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**Quite a-propos**, President Bruce asked Rotarians to remember that Goliath was a 40 point favorite over David!



Maren / Dana