

# The Napa Rotagram

May 26, 2010



## Visiting Rotarians



**Scott Young,**  
*Prosecutor/  
Attorney;*

**Dan Brauning,**  
*Appraiser;*

**Tim Healer,**  
*Banker.*

(all from Napa  
Sunrise)

## Thought for the Day "Somebody's Someone"



As Memorial Day is just around the corner, President Bruce reflected upon the many who gave their lives to let us live in peace. A sad song was played to remind the listener of the void left behind by a soldier who dies on the battle field. According to the song, the soldier was someone's son, brother, friend, cousin, uncle, neighbor, husband. They all were somebody's someone who became someone's memory.

## "Somebody's Someone" - A Video Tribute

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6r-WiVq-24>

John Woodbury headed the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Sunshine Report:

Jill Barwick is soliciting information for her Sunshine Report. Let's call Don Murray to see how he is doing.

John Emory reminded Rotarians that the Kick-Out will be on **Thursday, June 17**, at the Napa Valley Country Club. The word is that President Bruce wants to keep it tame.



**The Raffle:** Ticket sales were sluggish, and the amount in the pot is \$25 currently. **Ed Barwick** had the winning ticket; but he did not pick the elusive Joker.

Gary Rose reported on his participation at **The Ride to Recovery**. It was a fundraising ride and our Club contributed \$1,000. to this good cause. Ride to Recovery is a national organization and there may be a way of partnering up with them for our next Cycle for Sight event. Ride to Recovery aims to help people with physical and mental recovery.

Gene Kelly spoke about **Connolly Ranch** and Rotary's focus on education. Connolly Ranch has been our project for several years. There is nothing comparable in this area. Thousands of kids learn about the environment and farm life. They catch up on an experience that urbanization has taken away from them. The Connolly Ranch recently had a successful grandparent's day. Connolly Ranch will be even more effective in the future as it has just become a non-profit entity. Rotary is funding a new working windmill at Connolly Ranch, exactly where one existed 100 years ago.



**President Bruce McCall** received a plaque to commemorate this fact. Rotarians applauded President Bruce and all previous presidents who supported the Connolly ranch windmill project.

**Kent Gardella** had good news about "**If Given A Chance.**" Once again Rotary has approved another large grant. We were able to increase our

donation to \$12,000. Kent thanked Rotary on behalf of the kids who will receive financial support.

**Ron McKinney** had happy news.



He went to Madison, Wisconsin to attend the graduation ceremony of his identical twin grandsons. They graduated in electrical engineering. Ron was able to commission both young men into the Air Force, where they will serve as Second Lieutenants. Ron managed to wear his old Class A uniform. The twins are headed for pilot training. Ron donated \$100 for each twin and he still wonders how so much good intelligence showed up in his family.

**Teacher's Appreciation Night** was a great success. **John Woodbury** had plenty of help and he thanked especially **Barbara Nemko** and **Brenda Perry** for all they did. \$100 went to John's Paul Harris!

**Tim Cooney** reminded all Rotarians that **John Glaser's** Celebration to honor his commitment to education – and his retirement will be held on **June 14**, at the Marriott Hotel. Make your reservation prior to May 28, by calling 253-3512.

**Phil and Lynne Champlin** braved the Icelandic Volcano cloud and spent time in Europe; Southern and Northern Italy, to be exact.



Phil auctioned off authentic Italian Limoncello, the real stuff, from Sorrento. There was a gladiator book Phil purchased at the Coliseum. It was written in some language – maybe Latin or Italian...; plus a Gladiatorial sword and REAL Italian extra virgin olive oil. There was also a Rosary for the spiritual Rotarian – the Rosary was blessed by the Pope's deputy in charge of blessing. Phil also brought back a tiny little Ferrari along with a Ferrari Hat. **John Cardinale** was the lucky bidder at \$120.

Please contact **Dorothy Lind** if you would like to volunteer next Tuesday and Wednesday nights to help grade the speeches of Napa High School students. You are needed from 5:45 on.

**The May Birthday Bash:** **Dorothy Lind**, who admits to having seen 41 birthdays, could not identify **Brenda Perry** as the highly accomplished, adventurous Rotarian and **Chuck de Lorimier** had trouble identifying **Barbara Nemko's** claims to fame.

### *Today's Program*



Recently, when **Alecia Hancock** and **Kathy Zastrow** reconnected at a High School Reunion, our Rotary Club was the real beneficiary. Alecia secured Kathy as our speaker and we were treated to a heartwarming speech on how our canine best friends can be trained to assist disabled persons.



For many years Kathy has been involved with an organization called **Canine Companions for**

**Independence (CCI)** where exceptional dogs are matched up with exceptional people. Raising puppies for future service has been a passion for Kathy's entire family for the last 40 years. CCI is the largest non-profit organization that breeds, trains and places service dogs. CCI is funded only through fundraisers and private donations. CCI has training centers in the South East, Florida, Ohio and Santa Rosa. CCI uses Labrador/Golden Retriever mix dogs for their good temperament and their excellent ability to learn. Volunteer puppy raisers teach the dogs socialization skills and ways of dealing with every day life.



After 16 months, the puppy raiser returns the young dog to the CCI training center for advanced training. Here the dogs learn to retrieve dropped items, turn lights on and off, open doors and drawers. They also learn to alert the hearing-impaired to ringing phones and doorbells. Of course, the dogs are not machines. They are emotional animals. It is always a moving experience when trainers and raisers turn the leash over to a new owner. Dogs enable disabled persons to gain self confidence and to become more outgoing. The dogs perform miracles in their interaction with people who need to improve their motor skills. Hard work, dedicated people, sacrifices, commitment, love and the dogs uncompromising loyalty bring happiness to many disabled people. Kathy brought along 5 month old Rusty and 1 year old Tessa, as examples of the gentle nature of the future service dogs. The dogs wear their service vests and during training, they go to school, the movies, shopping, to church, everywhere they may go in their future service lives. And as we have seen recently at the Pathway Home, dogs are the perfect companions for those who suffer from **Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome**. Dogs have the

ability to calm down a person suffering a panic attack.

**CCI Website:**

[http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4256663/k.9EFA/Veteran\\_Stories.htm](http://www.cci.org/site/c.cdKGIRNqEmG/b.4256663/k.9EFA/Veteran_Stories.htm)

**Final Thought:**



**“This nation is the land of the free because of the brave”.**



Maren / Dana

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**Artist:** Lonestar  
**Song:** Somebody's Someone  
**Album:** Let's Be Us Again

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6r-WiVq-24>

**(Richie McDonald)**

Turn to the six o'clock news, another soldier dies  
 Tried to hide it but I couldn't help it, I had to cry  
 When my little boy asked me daddy was he your friend  
 I said no, I didn't even know him

But he was somebody's someone, a neighbor, a husband, A brother, a father, and a mother's only son,  
 He was an uncle, a cousin, somebody's best friend. And I'm sure at times a shoulder to lean on  
 He was somebody's someone

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So I sat there in that chair and helped him  
understand How this brave young man gave his life  
for our land And although he's someone we'll never  
know To you and me he is a hero

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husband A brother, a father, and a mother's only  
son He was an uncle, a cousin, somebody's best  
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To the world he was a total stranger  
Who kept us safe and out of danger  
But now he's just a picture on TV  
Somebody's memory

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**Monday Evenings** - Napa Bowl with the Pathway  
Warriors (6:30 to 8:30 pm)



**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 Program Desk at 707.948.3031 -  
(Cathy) for details. Please call before weekend.

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