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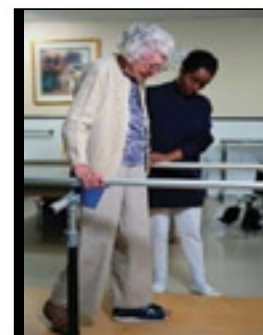
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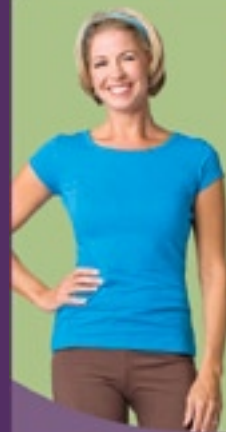
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# Dec. 12 event to benefit kids at Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital

By **SUSAN LAIRD**  
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The Christmas season is a time of hope. All around the community, there are sounds of good tidings and cheer – and the hope for peace in every heart.

When one is walking through the Valley of the Shadow, however, it is sometimes hard to realize that the Good Shepherd is there. That others do, indeed, care.

Nicole and George Carollo of Sacramento are reminded of this every December, when they celebrate their oldest daughter's life in a special way. They have turned a personal tragedy into something that gives hope to others.

In 2004, little Rosalia Ann Carollo lost her battle with a catastrophic childhood illness – a rare childhood epilepsy called infantile spasms. She was almost two years old. George and Nicole were devastated. It was a loss they never anticipated.

Three years after Rosie's death, Nicole and George came upon a way to celebrate



*Photo courtesy of the Carollo family*  
A Christmas Lights & Toy Drive will be held in Sacramento on Dec. 12 in memory of Rosie Carollo, who died in 2004 from a severe childhood illness. The toy drive and fundraiser benefits the Child Life program at Sutter Memorial Hospital.

Rosie's life with their family and the community at large.

"George and I were walking through the neighborhood, looking for ideas on light decorations for our new house, and an idea came to us," Nicole said. "We noticed that some families had barrels in their front yards for food donations by those who would come by to enjoy the Christmas lights. We thought,

'Let's do something for Rosie. Let's do toys and give them to the children at Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital.'"

So, with just a sign on the lawn and one email, the Carollos started their first annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive in 2007. The results were astounding.

"We had 741 items donated that one night," Nicole said. "And \$236 in cash donated also. George and I looked at each other and said, 'Wow, look at what Rosie has done!'"

Each year following has brought more donations of toys

and funds for the Child Life program at Sutter Memorial – a total of nearly 2,500 items and \$3,676. The Carollo family hands out cookies and hot chocolate while taking donations of new and unwrapped toys that are later delivered to the children's hospital.

Several hundred guests show up every year to enjoy the light show, quaff some hot chocolate and donate a toy to help a hospitalized child. It has become quite a community event.

This year's display includes a full size nativity scene, flying reindeer, a gingerbread

village, 40 foot tall Christmas trees choreographed to music, and much more. The Carollo home is located at 3961 Fair Oaks Boulevard in Sacramento, at the corner of Fair Oaks and San Ramon Way.

Despite the loss of their beloved Rosie, George and Nicole have no regrets. They believe that their daughter's brief life on earth continues to have great meaning and purpose, especially through the annual light show and toy drive.

"Without a doubt, this is the most joyful night of the year for me," Nicole said.

## Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights & Toy Drive is Dec. 12

The Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive event is Sunday, Dec. 12, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visitors are invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital.

This year the Child Life program at Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital is in special need of crib side soothers such as the

Fisher Price aquarium or rain forest soother, non-fabric infant toys, toy doctor kits, board games, arts and crafts kits, comfy slippers for school aged and teen patients, toys of current characters loved by children and DVDs for children of all ages.

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# North area's oldest record store still spinning after all these years

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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In an ever-changing world, it can be nice to see certain long-time businesses continue to survive, especially during more recent times in which a down economy has spelled the end of many once prosperous businesses. And this is only part of the intrigue of the story of one such surviving business, Esoteric Records.

Located at 3413 El Camino Ave. in Sacramento, Esoteric Records may seem out of place for several reasons.

For starters, the store's location within an aging strip mall on the north side of El Camino Avenue and just west of Watt Avenue, coupled with its far from flashy storefront, makes this business's existence somewhat hidden to the average commuter.

Many people traveling from "Point A" to "Point B" can pass by the store on a regular basis, yet would never be able to win a prize for pinpointing the location of Esoteric Records.

Furthermore, many such people would even ask, "What is Esoteric Records?"

The store may also seem out of place for many due to the "Records" portion of its name alone.

### A record store?

In a day and age when CD sales have declined by way of newer mediums such as computer downloads and iPods and many of the younger generation have no clue what a vinyl record is, having a name like Esoteric Records can seem a bit antiquated.

But none of these things seem to affect the existence of this

longtime-operating record store, as Esoteric Records has both evolved with the times, yet has remained very much the same.

Unlike some older "record stores" around the country that may have kept their "Records" name, yet have almost entirely stepped into the digital age, Esoteric Records still carries a large selection of vinyl records – about 8,000 to 10,000 to be more precise.

But this is not to say that Esoteric Records has bypassed any music mediums postdating the days when vinyl records were considered the most popular form of recorded music.

### True to its roots

To the contrary, part of the evolution and success of Esoteric Records is its willingness to embrace newer mediums in the recorded music market, while still holding onto its roots.

It is for this reason that shoppers in this 1,300-square-foot retail store can also browse through a selection of about 15,000 CDs.

### Remember laser discs?

The store also offers about 2,000 DVDs and even laser discs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes and as Esoteric's owner Denis Tomassetti describes it, "about 20 pounds of 8-tracks."

"We'll sell you 8-tracks by the pound," Tomassetti jokingly – or perhaps not so jokingly – said.

With Esoteric's openness to accepting both the new and the old, this combination makes the store one of the north area's more unique businesses. And with the 2006 demise of Tower Records at Watt and El Camino avenues, Esoteric is



Esoteric Records owner Denis Tomassetti stands in front his longtime north area business at 3413 El Camino Ave. Arden-Carmichael News photo, Lance Armstrong

currently the north area's oldest record store.

Tomassetti said that in addition to simply offering older merchandise, the store serves as a sort of museum.

### Older merchandise popular

But fortunately for Esoteric, the store has a strong enough following that a lot of its older merchandise sells on a consistent basis, thus continuously making room for new "museum" exhibits.

Tomassetti said that among his store's most loyal customers are vinyl record collectors and those who have discovered the economic value of purchasing vinyl records for much less than a brand new CD.

Records offered at Esoteric generally range in price from 25 cents to \$8 each, although many collectible records sell for more.

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One loyal Esoteric customer, Sacramento resident Mike

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Numbers included in the concert are: “The Lords Prayer” (Albert Hay Malotte), “Fum, Fum, Fum” (traditional Spanish dance carol), “I Wonder as I Wander” (traditional, featuring soprano Elaine Mackis), “God Bless U Everyone” from “Disney’s ‘A Christmas Carol’” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” (Hugh Martin and Ralph Blaine; duet by Stephanie and Jamie Bobolis).

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Roller derby first appeared on local television in 1961. It featured teams with names like: the San Francisco Bay Bombers, Portland's Rose City Rollers and the San Diego Thunderbirds.

They played weekly on a local UHF television station. The four man teams, two blockers and two jammers, thundered around a short, elevated, banked, wood track. The goal of the competition involved getting the smaller jammers past the big and brutish blockers which resulted in points scored.

Competitors sometimes flew right off the elevated track into the fans. We marveled at the athleticism of the skaters and the violence of the head-knocking competition.

So, naturally, we had to have our own roller derby matches.

We held our roller derby events in the smooth cement halls of Phoebe Hearst elementary school. Our track started in the covered hallway running down the center of the school, then turned right into the open pathway running in front of the classrooms, rounded the side of the building then up the pathway along the back of the classrooms, only to return the covered center hallway.

We played four man teams just like the real roller derby: using the big boys as blockers and the smaller boys as jammers. Games lasted four quarters and the team with the most points in the end, won the competition.

Because the front and rear classroom hallways were so narrow, virtually all the passing took place on the wide, covered, center hallway. This made for some bone-bruising spills, but no serious injuries ever occurred. However, we often suffered scrapes, bruises and cuts in these enthusiastic competitions. I recall bouncing right off the walls of the building into oncoming skaters which led to bodies flying all over the halls of the school.

By the end of a hard-fought match, we were fully ready for a trip over to Bossie's Drive-in or to the A&W root beer stand for a tall soda pop where we reviewed the events of the day and argued over which team actually won or lost the match – no champagne for the winners of the roller derby.

Eventually, like all things in the world, roller derby left the Sacramento airwaves and we lost interest in playing the sport. This probably spared us from suffering some sort of serious injury.

But the passage of time has not blurred the memories I have of these competitions – another bone-bruising Janey Way memory.

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# Esoteric: Record store founded forty years ago, now oldest in north area

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Parlette, who was recently browsing through the store's bargain records, which sell for 25 cents each, said that he appreciates the many deals he can find at Esoteric.

Parlette, who has been an Esoteric customer for more than a decade, added that vinyl records are still a very important medium, when considering that a very low percentage of all recorded music was ever made available on CD.

## Founded 40 years ago

The fact that Esoteric Records has survived the test of time is an especially intriguing story, when considering that it was founded nearly four decades ago.

The business, which was initially known as John P. Hogue Books and Records, opened at 720 Alhambra Blvd. in 1974.

The following year, Hogue renamed his business, Esoteric Record Service, and apparently no longer sold books.

Esoteric Record Service is described in the 1975 city directory as "an old-fashioned, service-oriented record shoppe, where your request is our specialty."

The following year's directory notes that Hogue's business was a dealer in phonographs and retail records.

For a brief time during the mid-1970s, the store was owned by Bryant Williams, a fan of English folk music, and was known as Dancing Bear Records.

In 1978, Rick Da Prato, who resided at 3533 21st Ave., became Esoteric's new owner and operated the store as its sole owner for about four years, at which time Tomassetti, who was 28 years old at the time, became co-owner of the store.

It was also in 1982 that Esoteric relocated to 1716 Broadway.

After about three years, Tomassetti opened a second location of Esoteric Records at 3329 Balmoral Drive, where Shelley's Hair Salon is now located. This location was in operation until about 1990, at which time this store relocated to its current location.

The Broadway store relocated to 1427 L St., Ste. D in 1996. This store was closed eight years later due to the fact that the property was sold and redeveloped.

Throughout the years, Esoteric has achieved its success through the assistance of its dedicated employees, who have included Jim "Tony" Larejeno, Brian Gould, Tom Darling, Keith McKee and Ryan Samples.

## Continuing tradition

Tomassetti, who has been the sole owner of Esoteric Records since 1985, said that he has enjoyed continuing the tradition of the store and hopes to see the business continue to prosper for many years to come.

"I haven't had to work since I became involved



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Store merchandise at Esoteric Records includes laser discs, cassette and 8-track tapes and of course, vinyl records. Left to right, Denis Tomassetti, Jim "Tony" Larejeno and Ryan Samples of Esoteric Records.

with Esoteric Records," Tomassetti said with a chuckle. "I don't know if I'd want to do anything else. It's like the last man standing. I enjoy it and I'll keep doing it as long as I can. It's just been a pleasure bringing music to Sacramento music fans and collectors for so many years."

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The toolkit, called the Elimination of Non-medically Indicated (Elective) Deliveries Before 39 Weeks Gestational Age, provides patients educational materials focused on the adverse consequences of early elective delivery as well as tools for health-care providers and hospital staff to develop efficient and successful quality improvement programs.

Traditionally, pregnancy has been thought of as a nine-month process, and many mothers erroneously added up the number of weeks to 36. However, the accepted benchmark for a full-term pregnancy is 40 weeks. It’s during those last four weeks of pregnancy that mothers are feeling their most uncomfortable, and many of them ask – and sometimes plead with – their obstetrician to induce labor. The March of Dimes noticed a disturbing trend in the 2000s showing that doctors and midwives were allowing these early deliveries on a more frequent basis.

“I urge every pregnant woman to have a conversation with her doctor or midwife to determine if an early induction or delivery is medically necessary,” said William M. Gilbert, M.D., a Sutter Hospital obstetrician. “If not, ask if the delivery can be postponed until after 39 weeks of gestation. Nine complete months of a healthy pregnancy is the best gift you can give your baby.”

Sutter Health views the toolkit as a model and next year plans to implement the initiative across all Sutter hospitals in Northern California as a part of its ongoing efforts to improve care quality for our smallest patients. For more information on the toolkit, visit [www.marchofdimes.com/ca](http://www.marchofdimes.com/ca).



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# Folsom Lake Symphony rings in an ecumenical 'Season of Cheer'

By **SUSAN LAIRD**  
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Whether one's family celebrates Hanukkah, Christmas or simply enjoys the sounds of the season, the Folsom Lake Symphony will have something special in store for everyone when it presents "Season of Cheer" on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. in Folsom.

For seven years, the Folsom Lake Symphony and Maestro Michael Neumann have presented the community with memorable moments – with music that brought audiences to soaring heights, to brief musical "mini lectures," to a wildly funny Dave Bender as "guest conductor" on one occasion. Composed almost entirely of volunteer musicians, this organization likes to take the music seriously – but with light hearts that let their humanity shine through.

It's not possible to be bored at a Folsom Lake Symphony event.

The "Season of Cheer" concert will include special guests, including the Riverbells Handbell Choir, with its director, Paul W. Allen.

The evening's program is beautifully ecumenical, and there is a lot of music by great composers.

Kicking things off is the "Blue Danube" by Johann Strauss, Jr. (1825–1899) Then, Maestro Neumann takes the audience to "Second Waltz, Suite No. 2" for jazz orchestra by Dmitri Shostakovich (1906–1975).

"Ancient Airs & Dances, Suite #1" by Ottorino Respighi (1879–1936) is an appropriate piece for this concert. Respighi was fascinated by the music of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries – so he composed music inspired by those eras.

The overture to "Orpheus in the Underworld" by Jacques Offenbach is erroneously known outside musical circles as the "Can-Can." It is a wild, fun gallop that will engage every member of the audience.

The Riverbells Handbell Choir will present several numbers.

"Festival Sanctus" by Cathy Moklebust (b. 1958) brings a holy, set-apart, mood to the evening with the beautiful sounds of handbells. Moklebust is one of the most popular modern-day composers of handbell music.

Karen Lakey Buckwalter is internationally known for her handbell compositions, including "Season of the Heart." This piece is rich in melodic and harmonic content.

"I've Got a Gal in Kalamazo" by Henry Warren was originally performed by Glenn Miller and his Orchestra, along with Tex Beneke and the Modernaires, for the movie "Orchestra Wives." It was nominated for an Academy Award in 1942.

Traditional carols include: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "O Tannenbaum," "Carols and Bells," "We Three Kings," "Go, Tell It on the Mountain," and a sing along of Christmas carols and Hanukkah songs.

The sing along will also include George Frideric Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

The evening concludes with the rousing "Radetzky March, Opus 228" by Johann Strauss, Sr.

After many years of performing at the Jill Solberg Performing Arts Theater on the campus of Folsom High School, this evening will be a lovely farewell to that facility. Future performances are scheduled for the new Three Stages facility on the campus of Folsom Lake Community College.

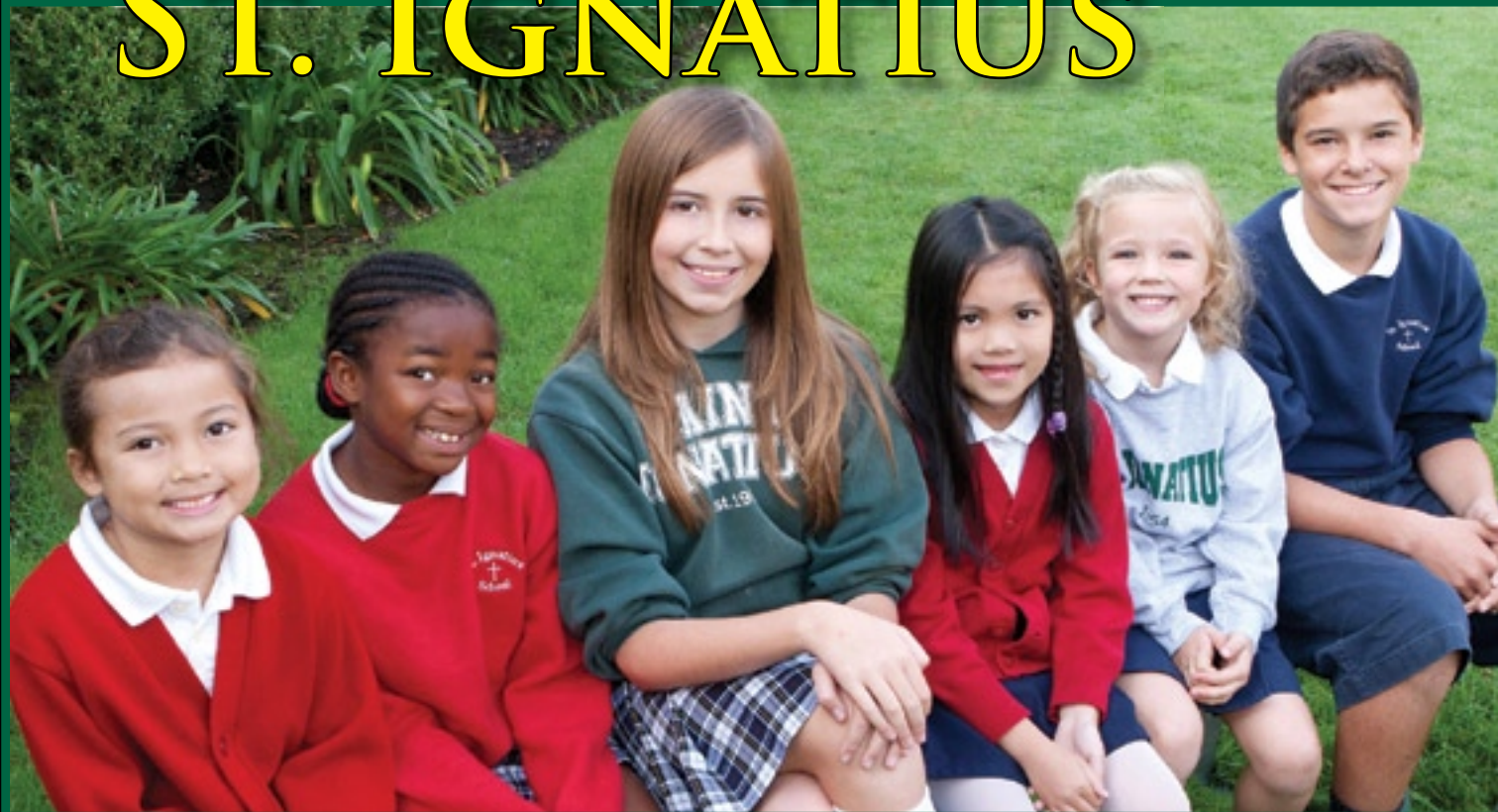
The "Season of Cheer" concert will be performed one evening only, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. Order tickets soon, as all performances for this season are expected to sell out – and the symphony packed out the house at the season opening. The Jill Solberg Performing Arts Theater is located at 1950 Prairie City Road in Folsom.

Season tickets and single tickets are available. Single tickets are \$22 to \$42. To purchase tickets, call the Ticketline at (916) 357-6718 or visit [www.folsomsymphony.com](http://www.folsomsymphony.com).



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Maestro Michael Neumann will conduct the Folsom Lake Symphony on Dec. 12.

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# Former Sacramento Solons umpire, World War II veteran reminisces about his eventful life

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Many longtime Sacramento area residents have fond memories of attending baseball games at the original ball park at the corner of Riverside Boulevard and Broadway. And among such locals whose memories extend to America's pre-World War II era in the capital city, they almost undoubtedly have seen Roseville resident P.R. "Tony" Tonelli.

Although the name Tony Tonelli is not a familiar name for the majority of local baseball fans of this era, those who attended baseball games at this local stadium at just about any time during the years 1939 to 1941, likely have at least a vague recollection of seeing Tony.

This is a certainty when considering that Tony was a regular at these games, as he called balls and strikes from behind home plate, which was located at what is now the northwest corner of the Target parking lot.

At 88 years old, Tony admits that many of his memories of his days of working as a Pacific Coast League umpire have faded with time.

## Love of the game

But that does not take away his love for this part of his life or his place in the grand history of baseball in Sacramento.

As a baseball city, Sacramento was once home to a large, 10,000-seat, mostly wooden stadium that was home to the Pacific Coast League's Sacramento Senators or Solons, depending upon the era.

Originally known as Moreing Field and later receiving the name Sacramento Ball Park, then Cardinal Field, Doubleday Park and



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Following his time as a Pacific Coast League umpire, P.R. "Tony" Tonelli served in the Navy during World War II.

lastly Edmonds Field, the stadium stood at the corner of Riverside Boulevard and Broadway from 1922 to 1948. A second Edmonds Field opened at the same Land Park site in 1949.

## The PCL years

It was the first Edmonds Field, however, where Tony spent three seasons working behind the plate.

As a PCL umpire, Tony never resided in Sacramento, as he instead lived in Oakland, which was one of the six California cities that were home to PCL teams.

Although the league consisted of eight teams, including teams in

Portland and Seattle, Tony said that he only umpired games in California.

In addition to its teams in Sacramento, Oakland, Portland and Seattle, the league, during this time, included teams from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hollywood and San Diego.

Among the Sacramento players who Tony recently recalled from his years of umpiring were: Art Garibaldi, Gene Handley, Robert "Buddy" Blattner, Walker Cooper, Al Sherer, George "Red" Munger, Max "Milo" Marshall, Herman Franks and Averett "Tommy" Thompson.

Tony, who was born and raised in Cottonwood, Ariz. by his parents, northern Italy immigrants Peter Tonelli and Julia (Arigoni) Tonelli, also recalled Pepper Martin, the former Major League All-Star who became Sacramento's manager in 1941.

Although Tony does not immediately recall the names of former Sacramento players and managers, he was certainly quick to name Dominic "Dom" DiMaggio as his all-time favorite baseball player.

Dom DiMaggio, who was the brother of the legendary New York

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# Tonelli: A baseball umpire in pre-WWII Japan was viewed as 'upper class'

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Yankees slugger Joe Dimaggio, played for the PCL's San Francisco Seals from 1937 to 1939. He later had a lengthy Major League Baseball career with the Boston Red Sox.

Despite maintaining a longtime involvement in baseball, Tony said that he did not play baseball during his childhood.

"I was probably 19 when I first started playing baseball," Tony said. "I was a catcher. My father passed away when he was 42 in 1932 and I was the only boy. I was 10 years old at the time. I had two sisters, Margaret and Mary, and one half-sister, Eleanor. We owned a motel - we called them cabins back then - so, I had to help my mother out with the business."

Tony said that his road to becoming an umpire included his coaching of a youth team in Southern California.

"There were about three complexes in the area and all the kids had one team and we were undefeated for two years," Tony said. "I wish I could remember the name of the kid that was on the team, but he ended up playing on, I think it was the San Diego Padres. His (batting) average in Major League Baseball was about .280."

## Pre-WWII ump in Japan

Tony said that his time as an umpire began through his friendship with a man, named Chris, whose last name, to the best of Tony's knowledge, is spelled, "Peliciutus."

"(Chris) asked me to be an official at a baseball game at Korakuen Stadium in Tokyo," Tony said. "He said, 'I have letters from people over there who would like to see an American umpire.' So, we went to Japan. I was (umpiring) behind the plate and (Chris) was (umpiring) at first base. That was something. There were probably 10,000 people there. I naturally got butterflies and so did Chris, but we thought it was great."

Tony said that Chris wanted him to work as the home plate umpire due to his ability to speak Japanese.

"I spoke enough Japanese to get by, so that's why I went behind the plate," Tony said.

In addition to learning English and Italian in his childhood home, Tony developed a fascination with languages at a young age and he eventually learned Japanese, Spanish and Portuguese.

Although he was only working as a guest umpire for one game, Tony said that there was nonetheless added pressure to be accurate on his calling of balls and strikes.

"Japanese are very fanatic about being precise on their calls and umpires are considered upper class in Japan," Tony said.

Due to his friendship and baseball experience with Chris, Tony, who also umpired community baseball games in Southern California, was asked by Chris to be a



Photo courtesy of Tony Tonelli

P.R. "Tony" Tonelli (front, center) gathers together with other Fleet Reserve Association members in this 1981 photograph.

PCL umpire. And to become qualified for this position, he spent six weeks attending an umpire school in Florida.

## World War II

Tony's time as a PCL umpire ended with the U.S. involvement in World War II.

Having joined the Navy on June 6, 1939, Tony said that he was called to sea in 1942.

"I had orders (from the Navy) to go to sea," Tony recalled. "I went aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga, CV-3, which went from Long Beach to the Pacific, between the states and Hawaii. I was aboard the ship for two and a half years."

Tony's subsequent duties included assignments on the USS Mid-

way, USS Coral Sea, USS Ticonderoga and a converted carrier, known as USS Salvo Island.

Altogether Tony spent 42 years in the Navy and also worked as an attorney at law and was a dedicated parliamentarian.

Today, Tony enjoys spending time with his wife Dorothy, participating in USS Saratoga Association and Fleet Reserve Association of the West Coast Region gatherings and annually donating funds to Easter Seals.

Reminiscing about his many experiences in life, Tony said, "In knowing what I did, I'd do it all over again. That's how much I loved the work that I did."

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## DECEMBER

### 'Tomorrow's Legacies'

Through Jan. 9: "Tomorrow's Legacies: Gifts Celebrating the Next 125 Years." Exhibit celebrating the Crocker Art Museum's 125th anniversary and 125,000 square foot expansion. 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### 'A Pioneering Collection'

Through Feb. 6: "A Pioneering Collection: Master Drawings from the Crocker Art Museum." The finest early collection of European drawings in the U.S. Works by Dürer, Fra Bartolommeo, van Dyck, Fragonard and Ingres. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### 'The Vase and Beyond'

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### Art Mix: Art in the Dark

Dec. 9: Explore the darker side of the season with art events throughout the Crocker inspired by the use of light and shadow in the master drawings exhibition *A Pioneering Collection*. Enjoy beats by DJ Rated R, contemporary dance

from CORE Dance Collective, life drawing with models, spotlight talks, and a screening of the 1964 vampire classic, *The Last Man on Earth*, presented by Movies on a Big Screen. Free with Museum admission. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### Big Band Dance

Dec. 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30: Dance to the rhythms of the Big Band era. Every Tues. & Fri. \$5 admission. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 972-0336.

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Dec. 14 & 15: Ballet performances of "Christmas Angels" & "The Nutcracker Suite," both choreographed by Don Schwennesen & coached by the esteemed faculty members of the Crockett-Deane Ballet Co. & the Deane Dance Center. Admission: Adults \$15, Seniors/Students \$12, Children \$10. The Center, 2300 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento (916) 453-0226; [deanedancecenter.com](http://deanedancecenter.com)

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### Guitar concert

Dec. 9: The Sacramento City College Intermediate Guitar Class, directed by Mathew Grasso presents its winter concert, including works by Grasso, Knable, Handel, Khatchaturian, movie themes & more. 7 p.m. Free admission. SCC Auditorium Bldg., Rm. A27, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kurt Shiflet (916) 558-2243

### Rotary Club of East Sacramento

Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

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### Sacramento Walking Sticks

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Dec. 9: Does your child have a story to tell? At this workshop they will get a chance to tell it, illustrate it and bind it into a book of their creation. Pre-registration required to attend. 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Public Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2700 www.saclibrary.org

### Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

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### Turn Up the Jazz

Dec. 9: The Sacramento City College Jazz Band presents its winter concert, playing bebop by Dizzy Gillespie, soul jazz by Forest Silver and Latin Fusion by Gato Barbieri and David Benoit. 7 p.m. Free admission. SCC Student Center, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Rob Knable (916) 558-2515

### Christmas choral concert

Dec. 10: Sacramento City College Choral Dept. presents its Christmas concert, featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria," popular holiday songs and sacred melodies. 8 p.m. \$5. Lutheran Church of the Master, 1900 Potrero Wy., Sac. Doreen Irwin (916) 558-2496

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### Rotary Club of Point West

Dec. 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

### Soroptimists of Sacramento

Dec. 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

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Dec. 11: The ACT college entrance exam will be administered. Visit www.actstudent.org to sign up and for test locations near you.

## Art appetizer

Dec. 11: Start your evening at the Crocker with a tour of the Museum's most recent exhibitions. This is a 50-minute experience designed to fulfill your art cravings. Free with Museum admission. 4 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

## Arts Q&A

Dec. 11-12, 18-19: Join other art lovers and discover the essence of the art on view in tours that emphasize looking, conversation and group interaction. Free with Museum admission. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

## Art symposium

Dec. 11: "Pioneering Collectors - The Crockers and Master Drawings." The finest early collection of master drawings in the United States, the Crocker collection was a forward-thinking

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## Food Addicts Anonymous

Dec. 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

## Book preview

Dec. 11: Get an in-person review of the latest bestsellers and some old favorites. 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Public Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2700 www.saclibrary.org

## Drop, Yak, Splat!

Dec. 11: A museum adventure for families. Different artworks will provide inspiration for a stimulating gallery experience for families and children of all ages. Free with Museum admission. 1 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

## Christmas choral concert

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## Co-Dependents Anonymous

Dec. 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

## Community Sunday breakfast

Dec. 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict,

corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

## Sacramento Symphonic Winds

Dec. 12: Dello Joio's "Scenes from the Louvre." 3 p.m. Tickets at the door: \$10 general, \$5 students & seniors, children free. Free parking. La Sierra Community Center, Smith Hall, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael. mLehr@sbcglobal.net (916) 489-2576 www.sacwinds.org

## Co-Dependents Anonymous

Dec. 13, 20, 27: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

## Hatha yoga

Dec. 13, 20, 27: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.



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# Tree lighting and 'Theatre of Lights' in Old Sacramento

Arden-Carmichael News photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY

Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson was on hand to greet Father Christmas as the community gathered in Old Sacramento for the annual Old Sacramento Tree Lighting and Theatre of Lights on Nov. 24.

The Salvation Army Brass Band helped to contribute to the festive atmosphere as Johnson flipped the switch to light this year's tree. A symphony of lights, sounds and visual effects took the audience back to the era of Clement Clarke Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas" – in 1857.

The Old Sacramento Theatre of Lights will run two 20-minute light shows throughout the the holiday season Thursdays through Sundays at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

There will be several "enhanced" evenings that will include a visit from Santa Claus in The Olde Christmas Shoppe following the performances, with living history characters, themes street vendors with traditional treats such as spiced nuts and hot cocoa. Also new this year are the celebrity "Papas" who will appear in the Theatre of Lights performances.

## Dates and guests are:

- Saturday, Dec. 11 (Amy Lewis and Ed Crane, KFBK)
- Friday, Dec. 17 (Melissa Crowley and Guy Farris, Sacramento & Co.)
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