

TODAY REDLANDS' TREASURES

We welcome NELDA STUCK who will help us to discover Redlands' own "Treasures in Your Basement." There is an amazing amount of worthwhile work and artifacts that as of yet are not available for viewing due to lack of exhibition space or programs to finance this worthwhile venture. I am sure we will all be a bit surprised by her presentation.

LAST WEEK ROTARIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE CHARLES KEAN – QUARTERS FOR KENYA

DAVE MAUPIN has been and continues to be moved and motivated by our Rotary project that was organized and founded in June of 2004 following the death of our own **CHARLES KEAN**. The problem was aids; orphaned girls were the byproduct. Rotarians stepped up to the plate with the goal to raise \$1 Million through our "Quarters for Kenya" project. The purpose: To establish a sanctuary in Kenya where **CHARLES** was born and raised. Now, nearly 6 years later, 24 little girls – affectionately referred to as "Charlie's Angels" – are healthy, happy and looking forward to the future. **DAVE's** bottom line is to promote their college education which can be accomplished if 24 Rotarians agree to pledge \$50/month for 4 years. (Maybe 2 Rotarians could sponsor 1 girl for \$25/month each?) **STEPHANIE EDWARDS**, our guest, stated that "Sometimes loose canons change the world. One day these girls will change their continent" "Hatred is the problem; giving is not." "Feeding of prejudice stunts action." "Rotary is a cut above the others." This has been evidenced by the progress we have made. The logos and messages on the aircraft that launched this mission cross the boundaries of religion, politics and race. Romans 12:13 "If God's children are in trouble, you be the one to help them out." ABCDStopAIDS – the wave representing the tsunami of aids where each year 189,000 children are orphaned because of aids. **Dr. DOUG MILLHAM** applauded Rotarians efforts and noted that through education we will conquer aids. In Kenya and Uganda for the first time since its drastic rise, Aids is now on the decline. Rotary is a part of this.

NEXT WEEK

Three Dancing Bears – Live from the Moscow Circus – were scheduled to perform. Unfortunately, there were some unforeseen security issues as well as some overweight luggage, so we will need to see what the replacement program will be.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RED, WINE & BLUES — SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th at the University of Redlands. Let's try and get those sponsors. We now have the tickets available for sale. Your Red, White and Blue Teams should be poised for combat. Don't hold back, let's get competitive and mean if we have

to! We have a goal and a mission!! Also, work on those sponsorships.

!!!NEIL WANER IS MAN OF THE YEAR!!!

What more needs to be said? Our Rotary Club should be proud and honored to have **NEIL** as one of our own. What an outstanding testimonial to our members. We should also acknowledge Joyce who is her own right gives so much to the community, and as we know, behind every good man is a great woman.

NEWS HEARD HERE AND ABOUT

PETER DAVIS and Serena are starting off the New Year with a little fatter wallet. How about that \$1500 win in that football pool. I heard he cleaned out **BOB HODGES**. Oh, by the way, have you heard about the new "friendly gambling laws that took effect January 1? In honor of the 44th President of the United States, Baskin-Robbins has a new flavor: "Barocky Road." It is a blend of ½ vanilla, ½ chocolate and surrounded by nuts and flakes. The vanilla portion is not openly advertised and usually denied as an ingredient. The nuts and flakes are all very bitter and hard to swallow. Cost: \$100.00/Scoop. When purchased it will be presented in a large, beautiful cone. After you pay for it, the ice cream will be taken away and given to the person in line behind you at no charge. You will be left with an empty wallet and no change, holding an empty cone with no hope of getting any ice cream.

ALLAN'S AVENUE

What a great start for the new year. We certainly had a full house last Thursday and for whatever rational those visitors came, they were well served, with food for their bodies, hearts and minds. **DAVID MAUPIN** gave a very thought provoking and heart-rending recall of why we all have chosen to be a part of the most responsive and effective service organization around, a point which was echoed by our featured speaker, Stephanie Edwards, and later Doug Millham. What has made the Quarters for Kenya project so significant is that even though we are serving a relatively small population in Kenya, we are showing that there are those in the world who do care what happens to all fellow human beings. Not only have we demonstrated that we care with the gift of funds, perhaps even more important, we have provided a kernel of motivation that has clearly made a huge difference in a world of 24 children, whose future before our intervention was non existent. As we heard, they are on their way to an educated adulthood, and their potential personally and beyond has multiplied a thousand-fold. That is what Rotary International is really about, and we should all feel very humbled and proud to have played a small part in the success story of these potential difference makers – for who can tell how broadly the difference they generate will spread?