

TODAY

BRUCE SATZGER will introduce our Valentine's Day program courtesy of the Redlands Symphony. Kyle Champion, Principal Cellist for the symphony and professor of Music at the University of Redlands along with Esther Back, an award winning graduate student will perform for the club.

LAST WEEK

We enjoyed the vocal and piano performances of ten talented students from our high schools. Our esteemed judges, **JANET GREENFIELD**, **DOUG PEW**, **NATHAN GONZALES** and **BRUCE SATZGER** submitted their results, but at press time not all candidates had been notified so we will just have to look forward to learning who won the competition at a future date.

NEXT WEEK

Once again it's time for that annual battle of wits and articulation - the famous Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Contest will be our program. This year the contest will be coordinated by **BERNIE O'PREY**.

ROTARY VALENTINE: Best wishes to **LEROY** and **HELEN HANSBERGER**. The record for number of Valentines Day celebrations may belong to them. They were married on June 18th 1939 at the home of her parents, on what was then Hwy 99 (now I-10) near the Yucaipa turnoff. The minister who performed the ceremony was the Reverend Ziilch, father of longtime Rotarian Chuck Ziilch. They met through **HELEN'S** sister Barbara who was a classmate of **LEROY'S** at Redlands High School. This year they will celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary! Congratulations from all of us!

PAST PRESIDENT PONDERINGS

Continuing our February Feature and hearing from previous Pooh Bahs:

LYNDA SCHAUF: During my presidency (2002-2003) I view one of our greatest successes as the funds we raised for Polio Plus. With the help of **DOUG MCADAM**, our club raised over \$19,000 that we donated to Rotary's international effort to eradicate Polio in our world. **DOUG** was recognized as Rotarian of the Year for his gallant efforts.

NEAL WANER: My greatest challenge was managing the chaos caused by the financial markets and recession and how it affected our members. While it added a new dimension to my day job, I got to help our members deal with challenges especially if they were in banking, automotive, and a variety of other professions. It wasn't easy each meeting to put on a happy face and try to make light of what was going on all around us. The magic of Rotary is that the members

allowed me to do just that; be human, share in each other's struggles, and in the end I hope our meetings were a place of mental refuge. They were for me.

DON MCCUE: My favorite memory of my presidential year in Rotary was the time I got to spend at the podium fining our Oh So deserving membership. Contrary to popular belief, we have a lot of witty, intelligent members of our club who delight in roasting an unprepared president. Each week you had to have done your homework and even then jousting with wiseacres like **PAT MEYER** or **STAN WEISSER** was always a challenge. Nonetheless I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to have a bit of fun with some first class people.

SCOTT SHOWLER: Scott says he cannot remember ten years ago, let alone last week. Has it really been ten years? Wow!

UPCOMING EVENTS – RED, WINE AND BLUES

From the Committee: OK. Now that Super Bowl XLIV is behind us, we can get on to the real challenge – the competition between the three Red, Wine and Blues teams! Let's see how competitive it gets, and how successful we all can make this year's event, as the Team Captains go into crunch time to lead their teams to victory on February 25th!! (RWB is on 2/27/10).

ALLAN'S AVENUE

I guess we can never get enough of good times, and celebrating Valentine's Day is certainly one of those times, even when we do it a bit early. Wikipedia tells us that Valentine's Day was somehow the invention of Pope Gelasius who was trying to provide sainthood to one or more martyred priests by the name of Valentine, somewhere around the year 496 A.D. Apparently Emperor Claudius had a priest by the name of Valentine killed for trying to convert him to Christianity. What nerve! But for the current status of Valentines Day we must thank the British who turned this day to thoughts of love sometime during the Middle Ages when Chaucer is credited with the promotion of "courtly love" for the masses. Finally in the 19th Century the British again are said to have taken it a step further by commercializing the event through the promotion of the exchange of cards, expressing one's undying love. Today Wikipedia defines the day as "celebrating love and affection between intimate companions". Now who can argue with that sentiment? We can thank our Social Committee for putting us in the right frame of mind, which is especially appropriate today as we welcome and recognize our intimate, or not companion guests.