

## TODAY

**Past Prez KEN STEIN** won't give a postmortem on his year at the podium but will talk about one of the institutions that play an integral part in making Redlands the place that it is --- the YMCA of the East Valley.

## LAST WEEK

After a mini-tribute to **ORV NEASE** who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, Noon Rotary headed across the street for the annual high school music competition. Introduced by **SABINE ROBERTSON-PHILLIPS**, ten students performed a range of musical offerings. The winners were not announced as **LORI RHODES** needed to tabulate the scoring from judges **RAY MILLS, NATHAN GONZALES, DOUG PEW** and **ALLAN GRIESEMER**.

## NEXT WEEK

The program hadn't been inked by the time this was written but expect continued excellence from Program Chair **ZACK TUCKER** and able cohorts **PAT MEYER, BRUCE SATZGER, CAROLE BESWICK, JIM HOLMES, ROSS JONES** and **AMANDA CARNEY**.

## MEMBER MISCELLANAE

You would not have found **JEFF MARTINEZ** at his office two Mondays ago since he was out for the day in the company of a group of attractive young women that did not include his wife. As the recording says on **JEFF's** voice mail: "Go Bulldogs!"

Add Bulldogs: The UOR recognized **JIM WATSON's** 30+ years as team physician by inducting him into its Hall of Fame in 2007.

While they might plead retirement penury when being "recognized" by Prez **NEAL, BOB HODGES, CINDY ANDREWS** and **JANET GREENFIELD** all have lucrative, post-retirement, consulting careers.

There is no truth to the rumor that President Obama has appointed **DEB KINDER** as Information Technology Czar for the overhaul of the healthcare system.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Just around the corner is March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day to most, but also Patron Saints' Day to those of us here in Redlands. Pansies will adorn the outside of A.K. Smiley Library, inside Friends of the Library will offer refreshments and information about the contributions of Alfred and Albert Smiley to our city. Known best and most for going into debt to establish our library named in their honor, the Smiley brothers also helped Redlands High School, the Congregational Church, Smiley Park, Family Services and Fortnightly Club among others.

Our Rotary club was established in 1920, well after the majority of the Smiley's gifts to our city. I'm not sure if either Alfred or Albert were Rotarians, but I have a feeling if our club had begun 20 to 30 years earlier, they would have been members. As **LARRY BURGESS** writes of the brothers, "They desired to maintain the cultural and aesthetic qualities know as the 'Redlands Spirit'." They would have fit in nicely with many in our club. It's good to see their Redlands Spirit still alive.

*Neal Waner*

## MORE MEMBER MISCELLANAE

There also is no truth to the rumor that **KELLY PEXTON** runs a retail and wine tasting operation on Pearl Street when he's not practicing law (that would be Paxton's).

**BETH SANDERS** has a convenient meeting make-up spot at the Mission Inn with her new position at Riverside's Security Bank of California.

Redlands Chamber of Commerce President **LARRY PYLE** has been conducting "links with LARRY" sessions at the Chamber office - **LARRY** gives his vision for the Chamber and seeks input over a lunch of hotdogs that he grills out on the second floor of the Chamber building.

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