

TODAY

LEELA MADHAVARAU, Special Advisor to the President and Associate Dean of Campus Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Redlands, will talk about the University's "The Big Read" initiative. "The Big Read" kicked off March 15th with a production of "Fahrenheit 451" at the Orton Center.

LAST WEEK

Past District Governor (2006-07) and Governor's Aide DR. HELENE KALFUSS gave an interesting program on a cadre of 270+ Rotarians that "audit" Rotary International projects. DR. KALFUSS shared slides and information about an ocular lens transplant program in India that truly was an eye opener.

NEXT WEEK

In honor of the opening of the MLB season, **Prez NEAL** will share stories about family members PAUL ("Big Poison") and LLOYD ("Little Poison") WANER who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates and are members of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If your schedule for this Saturday has changed and you have some free time, Rotary Ride Co-Chairs **KEVIN CORREIA** and **LYNDA SCHAUF** would still welcome help!

MEMBER MISCELLANAE

If **JIM ZIEMER** isn't at today's meeting, in all likelihood he is off gallivanting around Europe. If **JIM** is at today's meeting he will no doubt make the comment that an updated version of Fahrenheit 451 would have protagonist Guy Montag erasing the memories of Kindles instead of burning books.

What is it with **LARRY PYLE** and dogs? The *Spoke* noted **LARRY**'s cooking and serving dogs as part of an effort to touch the arteries of Chamber members. Now **LARRY** is promoting a dog house auction . . .

Add Chamber: **KEITH KASIN** and crew were in a photograph of the Plymouth Village Masterpiece Living Launch and Ribbon Cutting that was prominently displayed in the March issue of Redlands Chamber Today.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Yes, it is true our present Rotary Ann, my wife JOYCE, is wearing a knee brace and using crutches. In today's society unfortunately rumors fly about an incident like this, so in deference to Rule #1 of Rotary, "Is it the Truth?", allow me to elaborate.

Her condition was not a result of a domestic dispute. More on that in a moment.

Yes, last week my absence was due to our annual sojourn to spend family time and ski together, all five of us. Her injury did not occur on that trip. It occurred a week prior at the top of a local resort just before going down Geronimo, a wonderful, double black diamond (extra steep) run. Oh, get over it, she went down a double black diamond many years ago while five months pregnant with our son TYLER. Yeah, it took some kissing up because I took the wrong turn, but in the end all was fine, including TYLER. This time, our skis got tangled up and she being the lighter, she got the worst of the fall. An MRI and hopefully just an arthroscopic procedure later, (her second such procedure due to skiing) all will be fine. Besides, it's a good eight months until next ski season.

Back to the domestic dispute comment. Someday if you see she's injured however I'm in a pine box, you'll know we had a domestic dispute.

Neal Waner

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

CAROLE BESWICK	(18)
KEVIN CORREIA	(19)
DEBRA GRISAMER	(6)
CAROLE INMAN	(4)
MILT MINER	(25)
ORV NEASE	(8)
JOHN PATTERSON	(7)
MARILYN PRIOR	(8)
DALE VENTRES	(30)
BOB WEST	(2)

Add birthdays: Pals **CAROLE INMAN** and **MARILYN PRIOR** share March as a birthday month and Redlands Boulevard as a business address. There is no truth to the rumor that **DALE VENTRES**' "Honorary Member" status was only grudgingly granted by the Board due to his sponsorship of several questionable members.

96 days and counting!

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