

TODAY

Having now had time to decompress, it will be interesting to hear **JEFF FRAZIER** talk about his recent emergency relief experience in Haiti and the logistical issues that had to be confronted.

LAST WEEK

DELLITA KOBOLD introduced Tom Thomas who talked about the Lake Elsinore Club several other Rotary clubs including one from Tijuana supporting the building of an orphanage located about fifteen minutes across the Otay Mesa border. A total of 1,414 square feet, the orphanage will be able to house 20 children in four 12x14 bedrooms. Labor was donated along with much of the materials so the cost came in at about \$13 per square foot. Our club contributed \$500 from our World Community Service budget in support of this project.

NEXT WEEK

SHIRLEY HARRY will introduce Jackie Johnson for a program about the Guide Dogs of the Desert organization whose mission is to "...improve the lives of the blind by creating opportunities for live-changing independence..."

MEMBER MUSINGS

With the University of Texas coming up just short of winning a football championship, **KATHY JOHNSON** was hoping that the Longhorns would go all the way in this month's "March Madness". Alas, the Longhorns fell to Wake Forrest in overtime.

The City of Banning's Redevelopment Agency recently chose **HAROLD HILL's** building that houses the San Gorgonio Ballet School of Dance as being eligible for funds to spruce up its façade.

Rumor has it that **MARTHA GREEN** is still trying to figure out what **Prez ALLAN** fined her for last week.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

This group is small enough so there is no excuse for not being seated at the birthday table (**RALPH FELLER** has agreed to the pay the fine should anyone be missing from this list):

KEVIN CORREIA – 19th

CAROLE INMAN – 4th

ORV NEASE – 8th

JACK OSBORN – 13th

DALE VENTRES – 30th

BOB WEST – 2nd

JOHN PATTERSON – 7th

Add birthdays: An idea for Attendance Committee members **RALPH FELLER, JANET GREENFIELD**

and **STEVE GUGGISBERG** — the "Birthday Wheel" originally was the "Hooky Wheel". The "Hooky Wheel" was used to fine members who had not made up a missed meeting – the member spun the wheel and then paid the indicated amount. The "Hooky Wheel" was such a success that there was never a murmur about providing the peanut butter and celery appetizers. The barbaric fining practice ceased during **LARRY WORMSER's** term as President and the "Hooky Wheel" was converted to the "Birthday Wheel" (rumor has it that **LARRY** weighted the arrow so that it always stopped on the highest dollar amount). The dollar amounts on the "Birthday Wheel" obviously harken back the late 1970's (probably the same year **SCOTT SHOWLER** last updated his last roster photo) and needs to be updated.

ALLAN'S AVENUE

Certainly one of the most significant and successful programs Rotary has created is the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program. This program which started in 1947 is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program. Each year Rotary awards 800 scholarships to students which not only assist them in their education, but also give them the opportunity to serve as ambassadors of goodwill while studying abroad. To date over 37,000 scholarships have been awarded to students from over 110 countries. This provides an excellent opportunity for these students in their formative years to be exposed to points of view and cultures different from their own. Hopefully this leads to an understanding that diversity has evolved for a reason. All this diversity from the same genetic code clearly demonstrates that the potential of the human animal is much greater than we readily acknowledge. These students not only become educated academically, but also in the breadth of humanity, and how to celebrate that breadth as a richness that helps us live together on this planet. **JACK OSBORN** has led this program for our Club since 2001 and our students have been awarded almost a half million dollars in that span. You all are aware of this level of success, for not only have we been extremely well represented in the past nine years, you have on several occasions, heard from these impressive scholarship winners themselves upon their return. **JACK** is again asking for our recommendations for this year's candidates. Give serious thought to the importance of this program and students you may wish to encourage to apply. The deadline is April 16th.