

## TODAY

More of Rotary's outreach, this time internationally: the visit of the Group Exchange from Sweden. Impresario **CAL BOOTHBY** will direct the program. These Exchange programs always prove to be among the best.

## LAST WEEK

RYLA — it reminds the editor of the old, over-used phrase that there is only so many ways you can cut salami. Ah, true, but there is only one way to prepare a perfect chateaubriand and these kids really know how to do it. Of course they are under the tutelage of master chefs of human relations, **BRIAN AHLERS**, **AMANDA CARNEY**, and their committee colleagues **MARK BULOT**, **DENNIS GUNN**, **MARV HUDSON**, and **ROSS JONES**. Each of the students presented concise, poignant, and meaningful accounts of what RYLA does to change their life. Imagine 1,000 students apply, 312 are chosen, and of that 100 alumni applied to help with the next year and on 16 will be selected. **JEFF SERENKA** from the morning club ably assisted with the presentation and is also one of the coordinators. Young **AHLERS**, incidentally, was chosen the leader of leaders this year. Imagine all of the Rotary goals accomplished in the nearby mountains: new friends made, discussion of issues candidly presented and disagreeing points of view accepted, lives changed for the better, the Four Way Test applied in new, creative ways, and we helped sponsor 16 grateful students.

## NEXT WEEK

Author **DIANE ADAMS** will discuss her new children's book *I Can Do It Myself*.

## HEARD ON THE STREET . . .

Reliable sources (**MARV HUDSON**) during an informal lunch conversation allows that people seeking to add to the success of next year's annual Redlands Bicycle Classic, as well as assisting in the tying up of this year's effort, could direct their contribution through him. The Classic has a terrific reputation. The editor recently drove around a candidate from Virginia for a vice presidential position at the dear old U of R. He asked about the Classic because he has heard of it in the old South.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It was a pleasure to have the RYLA students with us last week and hear of their exploits at RYLA camp this year. What a bunch of high energy, engaged, active young adults. Every year we hear stories how positive an experience this is for the students. This year I was especially touched by the one young woman who said the experience “. . . turned her life around, 180 degrees.” I don't know the context of her comment, but the sincerity in her voice rang true. RYLA indeed had been a positive life changing experience.

Rotary is a magical organization in the way it touches lives. There are a handful of kids who are different now, better, because of this Rotary experience. We may not get to see **AMANDA CARNEY** and **BRIAN AHLERS** a lot during the year, but the hours of dedication they put into RYLA, and the experience they help provide for the RYLA youth are Rotarians, and Rotary, at its best.

*Neal Waner*

## MORE HEARD ON THE STREET

Cards of get-well to **STAN SNYDER** and to **ORV NEASE**. Congratulations to judges **DOUG PEW**, **ALLAN GRIESEMER**, **RAY MILLS** and **NATHAN GONZALES** for selecting the excellent winners in the recent music competition. Also, appreciation to **LORI RHODES** for coordinating the highly successful effort. Don't forget to help with the joint service clubs' project at Sylvan Park: April 18, 25, or May 2. Contact **A. GRIESEMER**, aka prexy-elect, for details. A cautious reminder re. SCOOTING. We all have our occasional reasons to have to leave before the program. A few of the habitual marching exit veterans, however, may want to polish up their deportment. Even guests seem to know when the “call” comes only when the program is realized to the marcher.

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