

## TODAY

You will be delighted with the program by **PREZ NEAL** about his relatives, the famous major league baseball players, the **WANER** brothers. These boys, who played for Pittsburgh, are in the Hall of Fame. By the way, it is not true that we have begun a Club organization for the golfers, hockey players, bike riders, runners, and tennis players called the Redlands Rotary Hall of Shame.

## LAST WEEK

Discussing the “Big Read” initiative, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, was **LEELA MADHAVARAU**, Associate Dean of Campus Diversity at the University of Redlands. From her own desire to see a city-wide reading of one book, **LEELA** started such a project three years ago in association with Smiley Library. Her successful quest of an NEA grant has enabled Ray Bradbury’s *Fahrenheit 451* to be the focus of this year’s read in Redlands. She discussed her love of reading as a child and its continuing influence as the motivation behind her heading up the program for Our Town. She noted that adolescent males are among those who read the least and the program through reading clubs, schools, institutions, and social groups, seeks to engage the community, and especially those who have not read a book lately.

## NEXT WEEK

Today we welcome members of **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). This promises to be an infusion of energy and enthusiasm about this effective and motivational Rotary sponsored program. With **BRIAN AHLERS** as chair, a number of Club members work on this committee: **MARK BULOT**, **DENNIS GUNN**, **MARV HUDSON**, and **ROSS JONES**.

## HEARD ON THE STREET

Poor **KEVIN CORREIA**, he sat alone at the March birthday table abandoned by **CAROLE BESWICK**, **ORV NEASE**, **BOB WEST**, and a host of absent March babies. He even generously shared his cake and ice cream with others. The reward: he inadvertently dragged his sleeve through the frosting and ice cream, wearing his desert as it were, and well . . . such a sight.

## THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

What a terrific Rotary Ride! Excellently organized and carried off by **KEVIN CORREIA**, **LYNDASCHAUF** and their small army of volunteers. It could not have been better weather as well. It all came together very nicely. We also owe a special thanks to the organizations at the finish line who helped greet the riders. Those companies included Alta Vista Credit Union (was that **KEN STEIN**’s daughter in law, Rebecca Finnigan in the tent?), Trader Joe’s, and serving us all was Mi Tortilla, yum. **GARY McCORMICK** was acting as MC interviewing riders as they finished, most were complimentary of the course, aid, and the vistas of our fine communities. **HAP BOTELHO** and spouse were tired but content finishers of the 33 mile course. Well done everybody!

*Neal Waner*

## MORE HEARD ON THE STREET

**MARTHA GREEN** with a pictorial spread of her cooking skills in the *Facts* intends to cook up a storm for the Associates of the Redlands Bowl. Those interested in supporting a good cause and learn more about creating delectable dishes can enroll for the April 2 class.

The GSE team from Sweden arrives on Friday, April 15. Our Club is sponsoring part of the GSE outing to Sweden. **ERICKA SMITH**, our representative, came to say hello, thank you, and goodbye. She will report upon her return. One of the most informative and moving programs is the annual appearance of the GSE team. The Swedes are coming. Only not to our Club.

Congratulations to **CINDY ANDREWS** as a woman of distinction; to **AL CHICHESTER** for rejoining us; and to **KEN STEIN** for all the front page publicity about the work of the YMCA of the EAST VALLEY.

An economic update? Heard at table: “How are you today,” said **SHIRLEY HARRY**. “Fine,” replied **CHRIS BOATMAN**, city planner, “I’ve been really busy.” This potential portend of an upswing was followed by a description of her impending trip to Spain. Things may be looking up . . .

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