

THIS 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..."

LAST WEEK

Our own **JEFF FRAZIER** spoke to the Club about his recent trip to Haiti following the massive and destructive earthquake there. **JEFF** is involved with the Urban Search and Rescue System Task Force, which draws from across the nation. His work impressed upon everyone the difficult work and heroism involved in the 140 live rescues of people entombed by collapsed structures. A new advantage in Search and Rescue is the use of special cameras, the prototypes for which are known to many in the club but for a different reason...

NEXT WEEK

It's a SURPRISE!!!! Don't you love surprises? I love surprises. Especially with Mint Chocolate Chip ice cream. And get your mind out of the gutter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget that President-Elect **PAM HUSTON** needs you to turn in you "Committee Assignments and Pledges" form as soon as possible. If you turn it in on April Fool's Day you're supposed to check the committee opposite of what you really want to do. Won't that be fun?

Who knows what devilish prank Prez **ALLAN** will play on the club today! How will he try to fool – or bring out the fool in – us? We're on to you, **ALLAN**.

ABOUT TOWN

Rumor has it that **CHRIS WALKER'S** mane was recently shorn in an establishment new to him. Be sure to compliment him on the new 'do.

In addition to her quest to find the most friends on social networking site Facebook of any member of the ROTARY CLUB OF REDLANDS, travel agent-ess extraordinaire **LYNDA SCHAUF** can be found penning musings for Inland Empire Magazine. Isn't it fun knowing someone famous?

And speaking of Facebook, a notable cadre of Rotarians has given in to social networking pressure. Included in goup (and in descending order of popularity – based on number of virtual "friends") are: **LYNDA SCHAUF** in the lead, followed very closely by

RAY WATTS. Would you believe that the third most popular on this list is **SCOTT PIERCE**? He's ahead of **TIM TIMMERMAN**, **NEALE ADAIR**, **MARTHA GREEN**, and **JIM NOLIN**. Other Rotarians aren't nearly as popular electronically: **CAL BOOTHBY**, **FLORIN ROMINU**, **SHIRLEY HARRY**, **CHRIS WALKER**, **STAN WEISSER**, **DAVE MAUPIN**, **PAT MEYER**, **RON BURGESS**, and **JIM BELOTE** round out the list – maybe they need to "spice up" their profile pictures...

The phantom of a Rotarian was seen wandering up and down South Center Street this week, first sporting a shiny new walker, and then a really nifty cane! Hopefully this is the last time, for a few years, at least, that **PETE DAVIS** will require such assistance.

ALLAN'S AVENUE

Even though we are a volunteer organization, and pride ourselves on this fact as we provide extraordinary service to this community at no cost, it may go unrecognized much of the time that we also rely a great deal on a paid staff of between seven and ten people (depending on how elaborate our luncheons become). Although the kitchen crew run by our venerable Lola Rhine go about their business almost silently and unseen each Thursday, you may not know that they arrive early each morning in order to meet the critical grocery delivery. In addition to Lola, her steady crew also includes Robin Phillips, Mary Rehome, and Sachita Cienzeski. On occasion she needs to call on reserves including Sandra Phillips, Mary Woodson, and Yvonne Miller. This team has worked very hard with **JANET GREENFIELD** this year to accommodate our Club's tastes and cost concerns, and we owe them serious accolades. In addition, I must also bring to your attention, the excellent piano accompaniment we have received all year from Sally Rehfieldt. It is amazing how she is able to play the songs our song masters request of her each day, on a moments notice, accolades to you as well Sally. And finally, last but definitely not least is the serious appreciation we need to extend to our "Main Men", **RALPH** and **STEVE** for the endless efforts they expend to keep the Club running on keel and our financial status meeting the standards required by Rotary, the Board and the law. I am sure we all feel the same when I extend a profound expression of thanks to each of you, without which, our meetings would be in dire straits or worse. THANKS TO YOU ALL, YOUR CONTTIBUTIONS ARE SIGNIFICANT AND MOST WORTHY OF OUR APPRECIATION!