

THIS WEEK

San Bernardino County Sheriff ROD HOOPS will be on hand, doubtless with warrants from the IRS for all of you who cheated on your annual income tax. Again.

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The Redlands Shakespeare Festival's "leading light" informed the membership thus assembled about its forthcoming production season, which was highlighted by Romeo and Juliet live, in person. Maybe this time they'll live happily ever after.

NEXT WEEK

Prez **ALLAN** will be teaching all members of the club the lyrics and melody to "Hail to the Chief" in preparation for next week's visit by District Governor **RICHARD DELLI'ACQUA** (hopefully it will be less embarrassing than the club's rendition of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" as a round was). And remember to jump to your feet when he is introduced or your knuckles may slapped with a ruler.

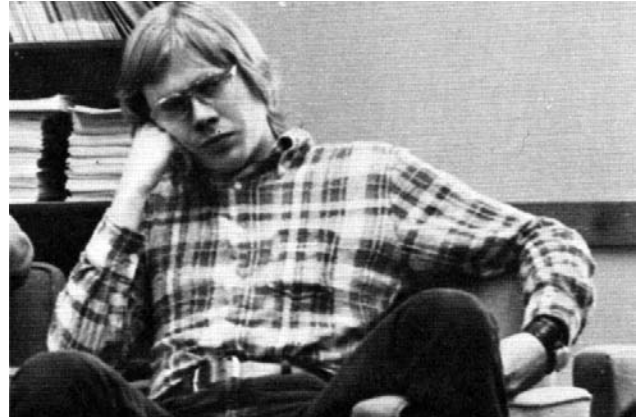
ABOUT TOWN

Rumor has it that a certain fitness center chain struck a deal with the City of Redlands to offer specials for its employees. Where was **KEN STEIN'S** YMCA in all of this? Not that your humble scribe wants any more competition from people who park it on certain machines in the fitness center for seemingly hours on end...

Today is TAX DAY!! You're all excited about that! **DOUG MCADAM** and **DICK ROMO** are certainly looking forward to April 16, when they can finally sit down, pour a strong spirituous beverage, and breathe a sigh of relief before gearing up for May 15.

Enjoying a leisurely Sunday breakfast out at local favorite McDuff's was **RON JEFFREY**. Did you know that Chef **ELIBORIO AGUIRRE** has been in the McDuff's kitchen for 28 years? Looks like he can stand the heat!

Can you name this sullen looking Rotarian? He's clearly bored by his fellow Bulldogs in Merriam Hall.



ALLAN'S AVENUE

This past Friday and Sunday I had the rewarding experience of participating as a "Rider" on a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) bus escorting selected high school students to Camp Thousands Pines near Crestline. The RYLA program actually started in Australia more than 50 years ago, and was adopted by Rotary International as a worldwide program in 1971. The official purpose for RYLA is to promote leadership skills, personal development, and good citizenship for 14 to 30 year olds. In other countries it is not restricted to high school age students. It was refreshing to sit in the bus as we headed up the mountain, and hear conversations behind me center on future plans, and concerns for what was happening in the larger world around them. I need to congratulate **BRIAN AHLERS** and **AMANDA CARNEY** for their ongoing efforts to make our Club a major contributor to this critical program. **BRIAN** indicated to me that District 5330's program may be the largest in the country that operates for multiple days. I wasn't privy to the actual number of participants, but it must have been close to 300. I know all of you will remember the sincere enthusiasm that we have witnessed as the local students have time and again come back to our Club to express their profound appreciation for this two and a half day experience. There can be no doubt in all our minds that Rotary's influence in our community can be no better realized than in the offering of this extraordinary program.