

TODAY

Dr. RICHARD HART, President of Loma Linda University and Medical Center will present “Global Health Challenge”.

LAST WEEK

GARY THOMAS, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools provided insight regarding the pressing issues facing the public education system in the county. Summed up in a word, “lots”. DR. THOMAS led off his presentation with the statement: “Parents today underestimate their role in the education of their children.”

The role of the county superintendent was originally established over 150 years ago as the liaison between the state board of education and the local school districts. As local school districts have found themselves troubled with financial and student achievement difficulties, the responsibilities of the office of the county superintendent have increased exponentially. The office is responsible for the approval of district budgets, and applying the “criterion standards for oversight” developed by the state board of education. To meet its responsibilities, the superintendent’s office maintains the following divisions to oversee the county’s 543 schools and 428,000 students:

- Administrative services
- Business division
- Education support
- Human resources
- Student services
- Information technology.

The priorities that DR. THOMAS has for the county schools include closing the achievement gap, college preparation, reducing the drop-out rate, and school safety.

NEXT WEEK

DOM DeLOUISE was scheduled to present the “comedy of cuisine”, however; his untimely demise prompted RAY WATTS to volunteer to provide a full program of audience participation “camp songs”. Hopefully, program committee chair ZACK TUCKER will be able to schedule someone, anyone. I’d rather have a Club Assembly than RAY’s camp songs.

SERIOUS AND FOOLISH (I Report, You Decide)

We all can keep up with the adventures of ERICA SMITH, the noon club’s sponsored GSE team member to Sweden, on the recently established Blog: www.Sweden09.com.

At the recent district Conference, your Noon Rotary Club received awards for RYLA involvement, sheer number of Ambassadorial scholarships, and for one of the music competition finalists, originating from our club’s competitors

THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

After many years of faithful service, MARV HUDSON is looking for a replacement from our club on the Redlands Community Baccalaureate Committee. One Rotarian works with one Kiwanian in providing the planning and funding for Baccalaureate for RHS and REV. It begins in January conferring with the schools, setting the date, and coordinating with the City for the use of the Bowl. February and March bring written communication with regular donors to the event. In April logistics such as audio equipment are finalized. In May a final round of solicitation letters are sent out. June is the event, including some announcements done from the stage. Finally in September letters of reminders are sent to the regular contributors regarding the following year. See MARV or I for a job description including time estimates which total about 11 hours spread across the year. It’s a nice program with established procedures and lists of supporters. See MARV or I for more details.

Neal Waner

MORE SERIOUS AND FOOLISH (I Report, You Decide)

AL CHICHESTER is preparing to update the club roster. Please make sure that your information is up to date in the current roster. If not, please transmit updated information to AL (this means you, FLORIN - get your birthday corrected).

June 25 - Demotion party, where we celebrate the replacement of the current club president (NEAL WANER, remember?) with the president-elect (ALLAN GRIESEMER - hooray for geologists). The countdown begins - only six more weeks to endure the current despot.

June 26 - Noon Rotary will be responsible for a portion of keeping the Redlands Community Music Association solvent in 2009 by ushering and strong-arming all available pocket change from the Redlands Bowl attendees that evening. The San Bernardino Symphony accompanied by singer Rita Coolidge will be the program that evening.

It is rumored that “The Three-wood Crusher” PAUL GRANILLO still has one year of college athletic eligibility remaining, and that JEFF MARTINEZ has been coaxing PAUL to enroll for the fall semester at U of R to bolster the golf team’s prospects next term. JEFF keeps touting the “employee discount” for tuition.