

TODAY

We will be graced by former president Theodore "Bull Moose" Roosevelt, portrayed by Rotarian JOE WIEGAND.

LAST WEEK

DR. ALBERT KARNIG, the third President of California State University, San Bernardino, regaled us with insight regarding the focus of the institution, its achievements and current challenges. DR. KARNIG believes in community service and academic excellence. CSUSB, one of 23 state university campi, now has about 17,000 students and anticipates up to 30,000 in 20 years. In addition to the San Bernardino campus, the institution is developing and completing the first phase of the Palm Desert Campus, a 5-building, \$40 million facility, built without state funds. This is a testament to DR. KARNIG's focus upon entrepreneurship and partnering with the business community. DR. K stated that it's important not to judge success by enrollment alone - the CSUSB is sort of a regional monopoly. While CSUSB enrollment is 85% full-time students, there is a new wave of "non-traditional" students who are professionals seeking career advancement and graduate programs.

DR. KARNIG focuses on three things: Academic Excellence; A Wholesome Environment for Faculty, Staff And Students; and, Partnerships with the Community. For a 40-year old institution without any Division I sports, or Law or Medical Schools, CSUSB has excelled because of their lighter, faster, more responsive and more entrepreneurial approach.

NEXT WEEK

District Attorney MIKE RAMOS will be giving us a primer on gangs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19. See RAY WATTS about participating in the Hands of Mercy project building pre-fabricated housing for impoverished parts of Mexico as part of the U of R's Centennial celebration. Tow structures will be fabricated on Colton Avenue with volunteer help. RON JEFFREY is donating the insulation for the two houses.

May 31 through June 3. La Gran Fiesta (D.G. Helene K's description, not mine) District 5330 Conference at the Doral Princess Resort in Cathedral City. Sign up forms are available on the District 5330 web site <http://www.rotary5330.net/>.

June 9. Victoria Elementary School revitalization. See: <http://www.handsoninlandempire.org/> to sign up.

June 22. ALAN GRIESEMER still needs volunteers from the club to usher at the Bowl.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Congratulations are in order to ORV NEASE for receiving the Roy Coble award this past week and to RON JEFFREY, who generously agreed to pick up the insulation costs for the Hands of Mercy home building project taking place this Saturday at 8 am in the University of Redlands quad. Contact RAY WATTS if you want to participate in the home building.

I was with a group of 30 Lincoln enthusiasts at Lincoln's Tomb in Springfield, Illinois when I received the unwelcome news of the passing of JOHN LEHMAN. JOHN was a gentleman of many talents who contributed much to both Rotary and his community. I am exceedingly grateful that we had the opportunity to recognize him just 3 short weeks ago. There will be a celebration of his life this Sunday between 1 and 4 pm at the Tartan restaurant on Redlands Blvd and 5th Street. Rest in peace, JOHN, you will be missed.

Don McCue

DERBY REDEUX

Well, the Noon Club held its honor, leaving the Sunrise Club participants holding their poles. The trout caught by the morning club (approx 12 fish) were smaller and much less robust than those caught by our Noon fishermen (30 fish). Our only weak spot was not realizing that RALPH FELLER needed lessons on how to operate a walkie-talkie. Another fun event enjoyed by all participants.

GAELIC LESSON

An té a phósfas an t-airgead pósfaidh sé óinseach.
And after the meal comes the speaker.

MEMBER MISCELLANY

Here's hoping, for the safety of the entire community, that neither SCOTT SHOWLER nor GRAEME AUTON volunteers to pilot the Redlands Police Department's soon to appear sky patrol. CLETE HYMAN – a little help, please.

Long time Noon Club member and great Rotarian, JOHN LEHMAN passed away May 11, 2007, his 81st birthday. A Celebration of his life will be held Sunday May 20, 2007 at the Tartan restaurant from 1 - 4 PM.

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