

TODAY

Club Assembly. A progress report on President **NEAL**'s term.

LAST WEEK

DR. RICHARD HART, President of Loma Linda University and Medical Center spoke of the many funding challenges that hospitals in general, and Loma Linda University Medical Center and Children's Hospitals in particular. He noted the almost simultaneous founding of Loma Linda University and the University of Redlands, creating tremendous benefit to the local area.

Health care in the I.E. is in tough times. 40% of the population of San Bernardino is on public assistance, and medical reimbursement payments in this area are the lowest in the county.

Globally the big three: HIV/Aids; Malaria; and, T.B. continue unabated in the developing world. In the poorer countries per capita annual expenditure on health care is \$5. In Africa HIV/Aids has decimated areas, reducing the former life expectancy from 55 years to 45 years. HIV/Aids is experiencing its fastest growth in Russia, China and India.

The global outreach of Loma Linda University Medical Center includes trying to establish a teaching hospital in Palestine (perhaps some of the difficulty is that a Palestine state does not yet exist). Also, LLUMC works with a facility in Kabul, Afghanistan, where the bureaucracy established to combat theft of hospital supplies resulted in the requirement of 21 separate signature approvals to dispense a single dose of medicine.

Obviously, Health care problems are not limited to the USA. **DR. HART** emphasized that the payer system currently in use here must change, and while he prefers a single-payer system, it is evident that the status quo isn't functioning well, as 50% of all health care dollars spent on an individual are spent within the last six months of that person's life.

NEXT WEEK

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, acting governor of the People's Republic of California, was scheduled to present a program on the resurgence of Khalifornia following the election results of Propositions 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E. His disappointment was immense and he couldn't be consoled, so the program will be "**RAY** and the Camp Song Parade".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 23 - Saturday morning is the U of R Commencement. Your opportunity to see tomorrow's leaders in a ceremony almost always accompanied by blistering heat.

May 30 - District Assembly at USC (University of Sand Canyon, AKA Crafton Hills College). PDG Fred Ford promises absolutely riveting speakers.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you to President Elect **ALLAN GRIESEMER** for pinch hitting last week, and a special thank you to President Elect Elect **PAM HUSTON** for jumping in at the last minute to pinch hit for the pinch hitter. Which brings to mind, everyone should have the experience of running a club meeting, at least once. More people than you know have to complete tasks that all must come together by the time the bell is rung. Club meetings should be like watching a duck swim; steady and graceful above the water line, while feet paddle furiously out of sight. Really, running a Rotary meeting should be on everyone's bucket list.

Today is club assembly. **KEN STEIN** will go over the proposed changes to our bylaws, it's always good when bylaws actually line up with what we do. I'll cover our budget. **RAY WATTS** will enlighten us on membership, we're having a good year membership wise so let's keep it up. Any extra time will be allocated to **RAY** leading camp songs. Don't worry, **KEN** and my portion will take about 27 minutes.

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MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 25 - Demotion party, where we celebrate the reduction in stature of current club president **NEAL WANER**. The countdown continues - only five more weeks to test our patience.

June 26- Noon Rotary will be the Redlands Bowl attendees that evening. The San Bernardino Symphony will be accompanied by singer Rita Coolidge, with a program entitled "Love and Tribute". Let's make sure that Noon Rotarians collect a lot of "tribute" for the RCMA.

MISCELLANEOUS

PAM HUSTON performed a very credible job leading the club meeting as President-elect-elect, and with only a few moments notice. She was particularly adept at the "recognition" part of the program. Could there be any connection with her prowess at raising funds and her institution of employment's need to raise equity following the Treasury Secretary's stress test? I'll bet her future is secure.

DENNIS HANSBERGER now has time to regularly spend Sunday mornings, using his membership at Redlands Country Club. His lament is that dad **LEROY** seems to always end up with his money at the conclusion of 18 holes.

It is rumored that the "masked" high-wire performer at this year's edition of the "Y Circus" was none other than **KEN STEIN**. He was visible before the show and afterward, but did anyone see him during the program?