

## TODAY

Today's program will be given Jack Brown of Stater Brothers with an introduction by **ZACK TUCKER**. Never at a loss for subject matter, it will be interesting to see what topic Jack chooses to discuss.

## LAST WEEK

**DOUG McADAM** presided over a showing of "The Final Inch" – a moving and well-made documentary about the efforts to eradicate polio. The juxtaposition between the United States and India was interesting in that while the settings were dissimilar, the suffering of the afflicted was shared. Polio Plus is close to its goal and the importance of accomplishing "the final inch" is that eradication has to be 100% or the virus survives. If anyone would like to borrow the DVD for a group presentation, please see **DOUG**.

## NEXT WEEK

**HAP BOTELHO** will give a craft talk on the evolution of Aflac and the "Duck". Since former Rotarian and Duck Club member **BILL KILEY** is no longer with us, **HAP** can rest easy at the podium knowing that he won't have to dodge buckshot.

## MEMBER MUSINGS



Perhaps Redlands Symphony Association Board members **BRUCE SATZGER**, **ZACK TUCKER** and Prez **ALLAN** can explain why the VIP parking spot since unlike **CAROLE BESWICK**, **JEFF FRAZIER** won't be dancing to raise dollars

at next week's Gala. There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that the parking spot is a perk for leniency with the maximum allowable occupancy for the Gala.

**BILL HATFIELD** hosted quite the soiree last Thursday by way of thanks to the community for its support and help in getting reinstatement with GMC. Libations included Hangar 24 beer – there is no truth to the rumor that **DON McCUE**, wearing a Hangar 24 t-shirt and Hangar 24 cycling shorts, was serving the guests ala J. Wellington Wimpy ("I'd gladly pour you now for a pitcher tonight").

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

**RON HELBRON** – 21st  
**RON JEFFREY** – 25<sup>th</sup>  
**CON OAMEK** – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**DOUG PEW** – 26<sup>th</sup>  
**LARRY PYLE** – 4<sup>th</sup>  
**MICHAEL REITER** – 7<sup>th</sup>  
**RAY WATTS** – 26<sup>th</sup>

Of this month's birthday boys, **RON HELBRON** and **CON OAMEK** have longest and shortest tenures in Noon Rotary.

Add tenure: rumor has it that **CHRIS WALKER** will be turning to a life of leisure at the end of next year. What **CHRIS** will probably miss most will be the NCAA delegate meetings.

## ALLAN'S AVENUE

Philanthropy and volunteerism, these are words that almost seem to be synonymous with Redlands. We have all heard this proclaimed before; in fact our own **BURGESS/GONZALES** literary partnership has made this topic the subject of their most recent book. Having said that, I must admit such a characterization has only become a serious realization for me this past year as I have witnessed on several occasions all that service and like organizations do for this city - as a matter of course. It seems that the service itself, although highly significant in its own right, is not the most significant result of these endeavors. More important is the spirit and attitude that is engendered, and with time, becomes ingrained in the hearts and minds of those involved. Thankfully this spirit, in effect, is catching, and seems to mold itself into the fabric of our city, giving Redlands its truly unique quality. Over our one hundred year plus history, large and small volunteer organizations have been generated by this attitude and subsequently provide Redlands with a broad based and sustainable quality of life. These entities support such critical issues as culture, the arts, family entertainment, theater, history, city beautification, the disadvantaged, and education to name a few. It would be interesting to learn what percentage of our population engages in volunteer efforts aimed at improving the ethos of our fair city. Whatever the number, they collectively make Redlands a joy and privilege to call home.