

TODAY

GARY THOMAS, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools will provide insight regarding the pressing issues facing the public education system in the county.

LAST WEEK

DR. MICHAEL HUGHES, Headmaster of Valley Preparatory School, spoke of instilling students with behavior that will guarantee them success in future endeavors. DR. HUGHES, a West Point Alumnus and former professor, retired from the West Point faculty 10 years ago, embarking upon a third career in private education administration. While a professor at West Point, DR. HUGHES made a frightful discovery — that most modern students spend inordinate amounts of time in unproductive activities, television, video games etc.

To enhance student's opportunities for future success, DR. HUGHES says that the education environment requires academic content, character (work-ethic) building, critical thinking, and instilling a love of reading and learning. DR. HUGHES quoted Thomas Jefferson: " I prefer the dreams of the future rather than stories of the past".

Valley Prep operates a summer program that is open to the public (not restricted to currently enrolled students). Also, the school is expanding their facilities with an enhanced sciences and discovery center, a publishing center, and an expanded computer center.

DR. HUGHES' Motto is "Character Counts".

NEXT WEEK

It's a Mystery.

MISCELLANEOUS AND NONSENSE

We were all pleased last week to have the return of both **STAN SNYDER** and **ORV NEASE** from their recent medical adventures.

Rotary T-Shirts are still available, for a paltry \$5. See his soon to be demoted Lilliputianess (Highness seems just so inappropriate)

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Have you noticed on your badge your first name is much larger than all the other information? This is a Rotary custom, setting aside formalities and titles and just addressing fellow club members by their first name. However, in a few areas, such as Europe, club members use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. In other parts of the world, mainly in Asian countries, the practice is to assign each new Rotarian a humorous nickname which relates to some personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's business or profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features.

So that got me thinking about nicknames for ourselves. I'll stop here, some traditions we don't want to tamper with. However, it could be fun.

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MORE MISCELLANEOUS AND NONSENSE

RAY WATTS promised that we have seen the end of camp songs at club. **PETER DAVIS** pulled a chest muscle during the strenuous gesticulations required by the songleader a few weeks ago, forcing a short retirement from his golf game.

Pres. Elect ALLAN GRIESEMER's leadership skills were severely tested last week by the perpetually unruly April Birthday Maniacs.

STEVE GUGGISBERG, CAL BOOTHBY, PAT MEYER, RON JEFFREY, SCOTT SHOWLER, and other members of Noon Rotary's trout fishing cadre have been recently disappointed. No April Trout Season opener nor a Rotary Fishing Derby are to be attended by the stalwart conquerors of the mighty finned creatures, through scheduling conflicts and the abandonment of the derby by the morning club slackers. Look for the fishermen to be somewhat cranky over the next few weeks.

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