

TODAY

HAP BOTELHO will give a craft talk on the evolution of Aflac and make the case for Aflac's duck being a more endearing character than Geico's gecko. **Prez ALLAN** should consider asking **LARRY WORMSER** to share a picture he took of geckos last week at **Prez ALLAN's** former establishment (editorial discretion precluded including the photo in this week's Spoke along with the practical consideration of not being able to get it past Citrograph Printing's spam filter).

LAST WEEK

After personally receiving the Rotary's prestigious Second Mile Award and the Stater Bros Charities Foundation receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship, Jack Brown shared thoughts on his philosophy towards business and life with a healthy dose of anecdotes included. The audible thump heard toward the latter part of Jack's remarks was **PAT MEYER's** forehead bouncing off the table as Jack made a not so oblique case for Measure "O".

NEXT WEEK

Executive Director Melinda Corral will update Noon Rotary on the efforts of Building a Generation. An update is in order since Building a Generation has come a long way since its humble beginnings in 1996 under the auspices of the City and what was then the local area United Way. **KEN STEIN** can wax poetic about some of the early meetings.

MEMBER MUSINGS

As the clock winds down on this Rotary year, kudos to Program Chair **DENNIS HANSBERGER** and Program Committee members **CAROLE BESWICK, JIM HOLMES, ROSS JONES, DELLITA KOBOLD, TIM TIMMERMAN** and **HAP BOTELHO** on a job well done. Filling a year with interesting programs and juggling last minute cancellations is not an easy task and it has been a blessing that we haven't been subjected to unanticipated **Prez ALLAN** filibusters.

Add Building A Generation: Following **JIM HOLMES'** footsteps, RCH's Executive Director of Community Based Programs & Services Deanna Stover is a director on BAG's Board so look for a guest to be seated with **JIM HOLMES** and **ZACK TUCKER** next week.

Add **HOLMES** and **TUCKER**: Attendance Committee members **RALPH FELLER, JANET GREENFIELD** and **STEVE GUGGISBERG** will be having strong

words with the RCH duo over RCH's annual golf fundraiser once again falling on a Thursday (June 17th) and decimating Club attendance for the day. There is no truth to the rumor that **RALPH FELLER** has lobbied for participation in the event counting as a make-up or that **SCOTT PIERCE** has been asked to play from the tips.

ALLAN'S AVENUE

My column last week stressed the importance of volunteerism for those searching to define the qualities that makes the character of Redlands so admirable. I suggested that volunteerism and philanthropy both pay the giver back many times over by instilling a strong feeling of altruism that goes far beyond "warm and fuzzy". Rotary understands these benefits and demonstrates a sense of responsibility in this regard by providing numerous outlets for our member's efforts. In the next three and a half weeks, our Club alone will be offering three outstanding opportunities to experience that spirit of giving. On June 10th, Cheryl Riggs has arranged for our club to provide an evening meal to 60 people that are staying at the Loma Linda Ronald MacDonald House. This facility provides housing for the families of ill children who are being treated at the Loma Linda Children's Hospital. They will allow only 8 people on site, but we can participate in other ways such as providing food or even cash to defray the cost. Contact Cheryl for details. On June 25th, our Club is responsible for providing 20 people to usher at the Bowl. This is the initial event of the summer, starting out with a symphony concert. Contact **PAUL GRANILLO** for details. And finally on July 4th, **BILL MCCALMON'S** Independence Day extravaganza will be held as usual, and **BILL** always needs volunteers to man the ticket booths and gates, as well as ushers in the stands. Let your volunteer spirit loose, you definitely won't regret it.

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