

LAST WEEK

It was the last day under the tyranny of now Past President **ALLAN GRIESEMER**. For some levity, the demotion skit included 3rd graders, loving **LYNDA SCHAUF**, little **JIMMY NOLIN**, young **KENNY STEIN** who ventured into the **GRIESEMER** Museum to learn about our past president and the events that shaped his life. Boy, these darn kids nowadays can sure be blunt.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

With anticipation and hope that comes with new beginnings, today our next fearless leader, **PAM HUSTON**, ascends the podium. We breathlessly wait and wonder. Will she be effective? Will she be enlightening? Will she be heavy handed when fining? Can she reverse our 90 years of improper behavior? Most importantly, will we be able to hear her over the spinning plates?

NEXT WEEK

It's a surprise. Surprises are good. Come see for yourself.

DEMOTION PARTY WRAP UP

Special thanks to **BILL AND DIANE MCCALMON** for opening up their beautiful home to us for the Demotion Party. Also thanks for Joyce Waner for much of the planning and ambiance. It was a lovely evening and a success in that no one fell down the stairs, no one ended up in the pool, and no glasses were

broken, especially nice as plastic is no fun to clean up.

Speaking of clean up, at 10:00 PM when the cleaning crew departed, some hanger-on's were engaged in a spirited discussion of exactly which six specific Rotarians added to the rank of our decedents this past year. While compassion is a virtue, for some reason **CHERYL RIGGS, JACK BURKE, JOHN PATTERSON, LYNDA SCHAUFF, CHRIS WALKER AND BILL MCCALMON** revel in other peoples anguish.

Note to **ALLAN** in planning for President **PAM'S** demotion party just one year away - never underestimate how parched Rotarians can be. For 61 RSVP's the following beverages were purchased for our event: 32 bottles of water, 2 gallons of iced tea, 30 cups of coffee, 36 cans of soda, 24 bottles of beer and 16 bottles of wine. The following beverages were consumed: 23 bottles of water, 1 quart of iced tea, eight cups of coffee, nine cans of soda, all 24 bottles of beer and 25 bottles of wine. (Thanks to the **MCCALMON'S** and **JOYCE** for adding to the wine inventory).

PRESIDENTS SPOKE ARTICLE

I want to thank the club for allowing me the experience of attending an RI Convention. I am back now and recharged with enthusiasm for the coming year. I look forward to sharing with you the highlights of my trip as well as my goals for our club for 2010-2011 at our meeting on Thursday. The Rotary theme for this year is "Building Communities and Bridging Continents." I plan to have a display board at our meetings showcasing the many activities we are involved in throughout the year and invite you to carry your camera to these events and projects and bring in your photos of Redlands Rotarians in action. We will be able to use this as a tool to show prospective members and guests what our club is doing both in Redlands and around the world. I want to keep the doors of communication and new ideas open to allow our club to be challenged this year; I will leave you with a quote from Lady Astor "The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything - or nothing."

Thank you for allowing me to serve our club.

PAM