

TODAY

The Rotary Club of Redlands' own **DENNIS HANSBERGER**, 3rd District Supervisor for the County of San Bernardino, will doubtless provide an interesting presentation for the Club. Unfortunately for **PREZ NEAL**, **DENNIS** includes prominently his membership in Rotary as part of his supervisorial biography, so no fine may be levied on that account!

LAST WEEK

BEVERLY POWELL, of the Public Affairs Department of Southern California Edison, spoke to the Club about Edison and energy. She began by trying to find the local tie between Redlands and Edison, since, as she said, Redlands used electric power in an early ice plant. [It should be noted that the Redlands Light and Power Company was actually a precursor to Edison, and that several prominent Redlanders figured in Edison's creation - just ask local expert **RON BURGESS**] **MS. POWELL** revealed that 54% of Edison's power is created using natural gas, with 30% hydroelectric and 16% renewable resources. As is to be expected, Edison is against Proposition 7. Of importance to Redlands: power is moving underground in major projects on Cypress Avenue near Lakeside and along Stuart Street; even Edison is suffering from the theft of aluminum and copper; and electric rates may increase as much as 20% in the next year!

NEXT WEEK

City Manager N. **ENRIQUE MARTINEZ** from the City of Redlands will extol the virtues of our town. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the City. He supervises the various City services, prepares proposals for Council consideration, implements Council policy, and serves as Executive Director for the City of Redlands Redevelopment Agency.

ABOUT TOWN

An editor masquerading as **ETHAN RODRIGUEZ** made some unfortunate errors in last week's *The Spoke*. It should be noted that the real (and yet unreal) **ETHAN** had nothing to do with its production. However, for a price, he may be willing to "rent out" the name for use . . .

Rumor has it that **RON HELBRON**, **JIM BELOTE**, and **DENNIS HANSBERGER** "cut a rug" with their respective spouses at Kimberly Crest's "Dancing Under the Stars" event last Saturday. And some say white people can't dance . . .

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With schools in full swing, I'm pleased to announce this year your board has elected to support a program we have done twice in the past, the SoCal Dictionary Project. This non profit's goal is to provide a dictionary to 3rd grade students, they have successfully partnered with Rotary especially in our district 5330.

The 311 page, paperback Websters Dictionary has a cover price of \$7.95, yet we are able to purchase it, including a Rotary sticker affixed to the inside cover, for about \$1.75 per copy. We club members will personally distribute it to the nearly 1,600 third graders in the Redlands Unified School District's 15 elementary schools.

While a rewarding project on many fronts, what is most satisfying? Going to the schools to distribute the books and seeing their faces. Third graders are ages eight or nine. That age is a wonderful mix of childhood innocence and enthusiasm, coupled with initial stages of respect and responsibility. To go to the classrooms, talk to the students briefly about the importance of reading and doing your best in school, and then give them our gift is great outreach. The smiles and responses they send back your way are priceless.

I appreciate our clubs willingness to support this project once again, and if you haven't had the opportunity to be around an appreciative eight or nine year old in a while, here is your chance. **KATHY JOHNSON** and **MARV HUDSON** will be coordinating our school site visits.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AL CHICHESTER was a recent visitor to beautiful Redlands Community Hospital and will be on holiday for the next six weeks. Notes and positive thoughts are much appreciated.

RAY ROBINSON's effervescent better half **CAROL** was recently a return customer at the hospital. Please keep the **ROBINSONS** in your thoughts, too.

Kudos again to **HAROLD HILL** for all he does in our community. **HAROLD** certainly is the living embodiment of "Service Above Self" and his recognition by the City Council is well deserved - and maybe even a bit over due.