

## TODAY

Our outbound Group Study Exchange representative, Erica Smith, will tell us of her plans for her time abroad.

## LAST WEEK

Our own **LORI RHODES**. Superintendent of the RUSD presented the current status of the areas public schools. Lori, the daughter of an Ohio college professor, and her siblings were evidently the cause of the failure of her father's experiments in behavior modification for enhancing children's IQ's. They gamed the tests. **LORI** later came to California to further her ice skating career, and to escape the ubiquitous images of Woody Hayes.

RUSD achievement tests have been trending up for the last eight years, so the students cannot be accused of using similar tactics as **LORI** and her sibs, as she has only been supe for a year and one-half. RUSD has the highest percentage of schools exceeding the API test goal of 800 in the county.

Through the economic downturn, the RUSD has experienced a \$28 million cumulative decline in tax revenue over the last three years. An \$11 million infusion from the federal stimulus has reduced the number of teacher layoffs necessary, but that is only a single year solution. The CA education code has districts hands tied, and prohibits cost-cutting measures that would be prudent, such as outsourcing. Seems like former gov Pete Wilson was correct in suggesting that the ED Code be burned.

## NEXT WEEK

Aaron Seeks, a returning ambassadorial scholar will share his adventure with us.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Foundation Gala, November 21, "The Gift Of Rotary" at the Doral Hotel, Cathedral City. Get your tickets before everyone in the District decides that this is the must attend party of the millennium. Do I see a ticket scalping opportunity?

Sunday will be the second Annual "Believe Walk for the Cure" organized by Inland Women Fighting Cancer and sponsored by Stater Brothers Charities. Registration at 7:00 a.m. with the walk festivities to

begin at 8:30 at Ed Hales Park, and ending with the Believe Bash at the Redlands Bowl.

## RUMORS, INNUENDO, AND DOWNRIGHT LIES

**Larry Burgess** and **Nathan Gonzales** were the last men standing at last Sunday evening's UofR fundraiser sponsored by our good friends, Al and Ryan of the Citrograph, and held at Roberto Argentina's Farm Artisan Foods restaurant. The annual wine dinner resulted in a \$9,000 contribution to scholarships.

This week's victim of the "blind flip of the Rotary roster pages" is **Forrest Howe**. It is absolutely untrue that Forest was observed passing out copies of the Gideon's Bible to patrons of the Hustler's Club as they were exiting the building. The rumor that he purloined those texts from the new Ayres hotel is also completely false. .

## ALLAN'S AVENUE

It is well known in this community that the Rotary Club of Redlands has had a tradition, throughout its history, of contributing generously to this City. And we in the Club are committed to continuing that tradition for a long time to come. In addition, we as Rotarians are also aware that we belong to the broader community of Rotary International, which has a tradition of its own. That tradition had its birth in the early 1950's which articulated a philosophy that allowed our clubs to think globally. This early statement said "Rotarians must look beyond national patriotism and consider themselves as sharing a responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace". This credo also makes mention of resisting a tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority, of preserving the liberty of the individual, recognizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere, strives to promote peace between nations, and urges all to practice a spirit of understanding of others basic beliefs and moral standards. No one can doubt this is an immense task in this increasingly complicated world, but it has become very clear that Rotary is the best organized and situated group in the world to take on this immense task, and success depends on all of us doing our part.