

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** **MARV** and **JAN HUDSON**, Co-Chairs of the Wine Tasting, have a tasty little skit in store for use about Red Wine and Blues.

**LAST WEEK:** John Husing explained why we are where we are economically speaking, and suggested where we are going to go and when we might get there. He compared and contrasted the "Great Recession" with the "Great Depression", all the while getting mention of the Rotary Club of Redlands on the front page of the Redlands Daily Fact. His prognostication is that recovery is still a ways off, though coming locally in 2011 or 2012.

**NEXT WEEK:** Right around this time next week, most of us will either be eating turkey, or just smelling it and getting hungry. But that will not be at a rotary meeting, as we take the day to be thankful our quality of life in America.

**DECEMBER 3:** Our next meeting will be December 3, at which meeting the program will be a visit by District Governor **RICHARD DELL'ACQUA**.

Mark your calendar's for the Rotary Christmas Party, December 6 at the home of **PAT** and **ANNE-MARIE MEYER**, 1345 Fountain Place from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person.

Whatever you do Mr. Pres., don't fine **PETE DAVIS**, he's broke. His wife **SERENA** is just back from her annual Christmas shopping trip to San Francisco.

This is a call to action to assist our hard working program committee chaired by **DENNIS HANSBERGER**. It is tough for these folks to put together interesting programs week after week – and they do a great job. Be thinking about suggestions for them. If anyone knows a good contact, we might try to get Brian Billick (formerly of Redlands and the former head coach of the Baltimore Ravens.) **PETE DAVIS** has a nephew who got to play a few games for the Angels (you know, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim) this season, and may be available until February. Can't someone get Dave Stockton to come talk to us again, especially about his tips to Phil

Michaelson that helped him win the Fed Ex Cup? Maybe **JOHN PRESTON** knows someone close to Bernie Madoff, though his program would probably have to be by video. Let's don't have a craft talk from **DICK BARTLETT** about his former career. But maybe we could have a hands on demonstration from **VICKI BRANDT** (not **PETER**). **CAROLE BESWICK** must have some stories about what went on in those closed door portions of the city council meetings. I'm not sure we want to ask **PAT HOAG** to discuss his most interesting work experience (Prosthodontics? What is that) Pass along any other brilliant ideas to your program committee.

### **ALLAN'S AVENUE**

Even though we live in an area where climatic seasons are not highly noticeable, it is interesting to note that we humans enjoy celebrating other kinds of seasons, associated for instance with caring for one another, giving thanks, sharing, and worshiping. Those of us who have decided to belong to service organizations understand those values, for we actively dedicate our efforts to promote and support these qualities through giving of our time and talents within our communities and abroad. The December "season" is ripe with opportunities to practice what we stand for. The "Donate a Coat" program that is being sponsored by the Redlands Service Club Council is just such an opportunity. Remember, you can bring your unneeded coats to Rotary between now and the 14th of January, and they will be taken to the Family Service Association. We also know that our annual Purple Turtles event on December 7th, organized this year by **STAN WEISSER** is another opportunity to demonstrate our understanding of the value of caring. And finally, **SHIRLEY HARRY** and her committee have worked hard to give us an opportunity to experience sharing with one another at our annual Christmas party on December 6th. As humans have evolved over the last few million years, they have learned the value of sharing with one another as it relates to the positive things in life, like survival - so let's keep up the good work for Darwin's sake.