

TODAY

District Governor **RICHARD DELL'ACQUA** pays a visit and will give an overview of our District's expectations and goals. Look for Prez **ALLAN** and Board members **PAM HUSTON, RALPH FELLER, STEVE GUGGISBERG, BILL HATFIELD, BOB HODGES, WANER, KATHY JOHNSON, LARRY PYLE DELLITA KOBOLD** and **RAY WATTS** to be on unusually good behavior.

LAST WEEK

Noon Rotary was "dark" for the Thanksgiving holiday and hopefully all exercised some modicum of self-restraint at the dining table.

NEXT WEEK

The Spoke will be back up to speed next week. Suffice to say that despite pleas from a number of members for a redub of his program, **BILL McClendon** will not be presenting a slide show on his trip to visit his England Rotary family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is your last chance to RSVP for Noon Rotary's annual Holiday party. **PAT** and **ANNE-MARIE MEYER** have graciously allowed the use of their home for the Sunday night event so it should be a soiree to remember. Location is 1345 Fountain Place, time is 6 to 9 p.m. and the cost is \$35 per person.

December 7th is the night of the Purple Turtles Holiday party and **STAN WEISSER** would appreciate help from any Rotarians who haven't already volunteered.

MEMBER MUSINGS

As another AYSO fall soccer season comes to a close, here's to hoping that **RAY WATTS'** daughter wasn't subjected to again seeing him on the sidelines wearing a tutu and that **FLORIN ROMINU** avoided a red card.

Add soccer: There is no truth to rumor that **DON "Suds" McKee** was denied entrance to a Galaxy soccer playoff game for trying to smuggle in a Hanger 24 pony keg.

Perez **ALLAN** might want to take note that **MARK BULOT** has recently been frequenting some of California's fine but lesser known wine areas.

Look for **DOUG Macadam** to be wearing sandals, shorts and a Hawaiian shirt the next time he gets called for jury duty – the formal business look didn't work this year as far as getting exempted.

ALLAN'S AVENUE

Nancy and I recently had the very enjoyable opportunity to attend one of the premier social events held by District 5330, the annual Foundation Gala which was held at the Doral Resort in Palm Springs. We were joined by **JIM** and **JOYCE BRASWELL**, and **PAM** and **SKIP HUSTON**. The District membership responded very well to this important Foundation fund raiser, with more than five hundred in attendance, 40% more than expected! The auction went better than expected as well, with 166 auction items available to tempt even the most discriminating interests and tastes. **SHIRLEY HARRY** was most gracious again this year, offering to put together our item the "The Bubbly Experience". Thank you very much **SHIRLEY** for that effort and contribution. The significance of the Rotary International Foundation was clearly portrayed for us as well as we watched an excellent video presentation on the numerous international projects Rotary supports around the world. However, perhaps the most meaningful happening occurring at the Dinner was the announcement by Governor **DELL'ACQUA** that Dr. Al Braswell of the Sunrise Club in Yucaipa, **JIM'S** older brother, was donating \$75,000 to Rotary International to support Polio Plus and other Foundation projects. Congratulations to the **BRASWELL** family and to their continuing dedication to the cause of Rotary.

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