

TODAY: We will hear from Gary Van Dorst about the co-generation facility at the City of Redlands wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Van Dorst comes to us from what I believe is some sort of joint venture between North American Biomass Company and Gussing Renewable Energy LLC (or as we say in Austria: Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung).

LAST WEEK: Mike Page, director for government and external affairs for Verizon, together with support staff, brought us a power point presentation about Verizon's national efforts to be the leader in wireless and broadband. I asked **LEROY HANSBERGER** what that meant, but he wouldn't explain it. Mr. Page also described Verizon's Foundation awards to local non-profits, which are extensive. Most importantly, he showed how much the company stock is up in the recent past.



NEXT WEEK: Dr. Karen White, UCR Chancellor Associate will be our speaker. She is an adjunct lecturer for the UCR Biomedical Program and in 2010 initiated at UCR the Operation Education program she previously developed elsewhere. It is a program to provide financial, academic and social support to disabled, post 9/11 veterans and their spouses.

After participating in an unseemly birthday bash for the "April is the Best Month" birthdays last Thursday, **CAL BOOTHBY** is reported to have hightailed it out of town. He was last seen heading north along with the usual suspects - **STEVE GUGGISBERG**, Steve's brother Ted, **MARK BULOT** and the most recent miscreant, **KEVIN CORREIA**. How will the Pres. fine them: by the fish or by the pound. Better to fine them by the mile.

Apparently the transformation of Davis & Graeber Insurance into "a Division of Hub International Insurance Services, Inc." has caused **PETE DAVIS** to increase in stature, for it is reported that he has actually had to be "measured" for new golf clubs. How do they do that anyway. And after your measured, do you try them on?

The financial press is prognosticating that U.S. auto sales will be up this year and perhaps recoup some market share from abroad. Who cares! I'm more interested in clarification

of those initials on the back of cars and what the heck they mean. For example, **DOUG PEW** drives a truck that says it is an SLT. What is that Mr. Pew? **JOAN BENSON** drives something that is an XLS. Is an XLS bigger, smaller, faster, than an SLT. One of you is driving a recent Camero SS. The baby boomers in the audience know that stands for Super Sport. But perhaps only **BILL HATFIELD** can decipher the meaning of cts, slt, srx and lt, 'cause he has lots of those on his lot. Perhaps we could have a program on reading car abbreviations. I always wanted to know what AMG was an abbreviation for.



President's Corner

Thanks to the many Rotarians that showed up last Saturday for the combined service club work day along with so many other volunteers. It was amazing to see this major project get completed in just a few hours. I would like to hire this crew for a few jobs I have around the house. Pat did a great job in helping to lead the people, what would he have done without that gulf cart. We also want to thank Pat for getting us the easy job of watering the plants and with none other than our own Fire Chief showing how to correctly use the garden hose. If you have not taken a drive down Redlands Blvd. yet, be sure to do so and see the new transformation.

Upcoming programs:

May 12, Dr. Karen White-UCR Associate Chancellor: May 19, GSE team: May 26, Dr. Sadiqui (building schools in Afghanistan: June 2, Dave Wilson, Micah House: June 9, Jim Ziemer, Softball and Cuba

May 15: GSE team arrives

May 24: Board Meeting YMCA 12 noon

May 22-25: Rotary International Convention-New Orleans

May 25: Breakfast and Book-Franklin 7 am

June 10-12: District Conference -Doral Hotel, Cathedral City