

TODAY

Prez **ALLAN GRIESEMER** will kick off his reign with an inaugural address where he and his Directors will outline their goals and aspirations for the 2009-10 year.

LAST WEEK



“Judges” **Cal BOOTHBY**, **JIM NOLAN** and **DON McCUE** presided over a “trial” where “attorney” **KEN STEIN** prosecuted outgoing President **NEAL WANER** for crimes against Rotary. A colorful cast of “witnesses” were called to the “stand” and the outcome looked grim for **NEAL** until an impassioned defense was made by Coach Cooter. There were no takers for the bet to see whether that really was tobacco juice spewed by Coach Cooter. The lunch provided by **MARTHA GREEN**’s The Eating Room was a hit so look for a return of the periodic menu battle.

NEXT WEEK

DENNIS HANSBERGER takes the reins for Program from **ZACK TUCKER** and will introduce the first speaker for the year.

MEMBER MISCELLANAE

Kudos to **DOUG PEW** and his wife for hosting last week’s demotion party – the setting, hospitality, food and company were all excellent. There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that **DON McCUE** spent the night in **DOUG**’s backyard with an empty Hangar 24 pony keg nestled in his arms.

Add demotion party: sojourners **MARK BULOT**, **BOB HODGES** and **LARRY BURGESS** were noticeable by their absence – no doubt travel permits were obtained prior to departure. **JANET GREENFIELD** was instrumental in pulling **CAROLE BESWICK** away from celebrating her Callaway Flight victory at **JIM HOLMES**’ and **ZACK TUCKER**’s golf tournament and getting her to the annual meeting of the YMCA of the

East Valley presided over by **KEN STEIN**. **CAROLE**’s big day was capped when **JANET** presented **CAROLE YEV**’s prestigious Virginia Gaylord award that reads in part “...for exemplifying her commitment to the goals of the Y Alliance through volunteer services while exhibiting enthusiasm, courage, humor and the affirmation that life is a gift to be given to others.” Prez **ALLAN** should have no problem in setting the appropriate price for this recognition.

If **HARRY JOHN** is looking tanner than usual it is because he has been doing his rehab exercising at the Drayson Center’s outdoor pool.

Should Sunrise Rotary overcome its despondency over past trouncings and challenge Noon Rotary to another fishing derby, **PAT MEYER** might consider enlisting **JULIE FURBER** for her fly fishing prowess.

ALLAN’S AVENUE

Everything seems to be happening at warp speed these days. I had forgotten about the need to produce a column for the Spoke each week – thinking about it for the first time only a couple days before Nancy and I were to leave for the British Isles. Since we arrived back in Redlands only three days before this first meeting, producing a column on our return perhaps would have missed the printer’s deadline. Therefore, since I am writing this edition before we leave, and even before **NEAL**’S term ends, I guess the most logical focus for the column would be to express my appreciation to the Club for giving me this opportunity. In particular I want to thank **NEAL**, **KEN**, **STEVE**, **RALPH**, and **CAL** for making sure I am covering all the necessary bases, that I don’t try to reinvent the wheel, or forget or misinterpret the time honored procedures of this revered organization, both here in Redlands and beyond. As I have learned in recent years, Rotary is an extraordinary collection of people, committed to the betterment of the human race around the globe, and in some places that still takes an extraordinary effort. And we know, Rotary more than most, is dedicated to making that effort. I intend to expound on some of these issues in future columns, for I have found this story to be not only inspirational, but also pivotal to the mission that needs to be acknowledged as humanity endeavors to share the blessings of this planet as equitably as possible.