

TODAY

Programs given by Rotarians will continue when **LYNDA SCHAUF** takes the podium to talk about her recent trip to Africa.

LAST WEEK

Fellow Redlands Chamber of Commerce Board member and Sunrise Rotary Club member Jeff Sceranka pinch hit for **LARRY PYLE** and talked about the “Flex Your Power” program being offered by the Chamber. Working from a grant funded by the State of California and Southern California Edison (Redlands was the only Chamber awarded a grant), the Chamber is working to educate the community on ways that individuals and businesses can contribute to the “greening” of California by saving energy. Since the program was interactive, hopefully Jeff didn’t take offence to the constant murmur of conversations during his talk. For more information visit www.flexyourpower.com or contact the Chamber.

NEXT WEEK

Mark Uffer, Chief Administrative Officer of San Bernardino County, will give a review and update on the County budget and its financial condition. No odds are being taken on whether the State will have a budget by then.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAVE MAUPIN welcomes the donation of any used digital camera in working condition and preferably with new batteries. The cameras are part of a “Kameras for Kenya” campaign that is a new activity for Q4K organization. With the donation of cameras **DAVE** will provide kash for Rotary’s koffers.

MEMBER MISCELLANAE

Add Sunrise Rotary: this junior club was sponsored by Noon Rotary in 1984 by then President **GENE POMA**.

The first President was John Tincher who held **RAY WATT’s** position at the University of Redlands so there is hope for **RAY** yet.

Add **POMA**: King **ALLAN GRIESEMER** and Past Prez **NEAL WANER** would have felt at home during **GENE POMA’s** term when the diminutive **GENE** “reorganized” AASP (Association of Average-Sized Persons).

Though Yusuf Islam has a new release out,

TIM TIMMERMAN is partial to the earlier “Tea for the Timmerman” album under the name of Cat Stevens. Perhaps in exchange for a waiver for traveling south without a permit, **SCOTT SHOWLER** will share with the Club some of the names of the teams that participated in the 56th Annual World Championship Over-The-Line Tournament sponsored by the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club. On second thought, if **PAUL GRANILLO’s** off-the-cuff line on celibacy was too much, King **ALLAN** better not go there.

ALLAN’S AVENUE

An issue has come to my attention recently that I would like to address at this early stage of my “reign” and that is the use of appropriate etiquette in relation to our guest speakers. This is an issue that everyone understands and agrees with, but on occasion I have noticed that common sense seems to fade from our consciousness in this regard. As a result we somehow seem to forget that the speakers, as guests, deserve our complete attention and respect as they present their programs. We have asked these people to speak, and they have taken the time to prepare a program for our enlightenment, for the price of a meal. I have noticed, that we on occasion have lost track of our normal graciousness by talking and joking while the person is speaking, obviously unacceptable from a Club of our stature. In addition, I and others have noticed that an increasing number of members are leaving the room prior to the start of the program. “Scooters” almost seem to be a tradition, but a sad one for the same reason, that it sends a message to the speaker that your time is more important than his/hers. Sure, everyone on some occasion needs to leave early, but when ten people or more suddenly leave, the impression it leaves with the speaker is solely negative not only for the people involved, but for the Club as a whole. I am asking each of you to consider not only the rudeness this displays, but also the effect this has on the reputation of our Club. Please schedule a full hour and a half for our meetings, and show respect for the speaker, for this will make it easier as well for our program chair to do his job.

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