

ROTARY SPOKE

LAST WEEKS SPEAKER – Greg Bradbard, President and CEO of the United Way of the Inland Empire spoke to our club. His remarks focused on the organizations investigation into the lives and future of the disadvantaged in our communities. Since 2007 the IE has experienced a 30% increase in the poverty level, and the facts clearly validate the negative effect it has had on children. United Way is recruiting volunteers as mentors, tutors and readers to children of the Inland Empire.

He reminded us all that when dialing “211” you are reaching a resource center that will answer questions to assist the underprivileged such as locating food, shelter, transportation, health assistance and clothing.

SPEAKER THIS WEEK – Mike Ramos, San Bernardino County District Attorney. Mike will speak regarding prison reform.

SPEAKER NEXT WEEK – Emily Semaker, Rotary Ambassador Scholar. Jack Osborne has been instrumental in bringing to Rotary interesting students and no doubt Emily will join that list.

RED WINE AND BLUES

It was announced last week the new date is Saturday, **April 14, 2012** at the Orton Center, U of R. The change of date is due to an overwhelming number of fundraising events scheduled for February of 2012. Kevin and Lynda are already working hard to create a special event. Please remember to be thinking about items you might be able to donate to the silent and/or live auction. Places to go are the best sellers, so if you have time-share you will not be using please consider it as an auction item.

SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday, October 12 – Redlands Family Rotary event at 6:00pm at The Cutler Group office, 201 Cajon Street.

Sunday, December 11 – Holiday Party – Betty and Glenn Beck's home.

Wednesday, December 28 – Decorate the Rotary International float for the Rose Parade.

May 6-9, 2012 – Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, the “Land of a Thousand Smiles”. If you are interested in going check in with **Sean Lugo**, Prez-Elect. Did you know Rotary International now has 1.2 million members?

In case you missed it..... Security Bank experienced a bank robbery last week. Good news all are safe at the bank, bad news he got out the door with some loot, good news robber is now sitting in jail where he belongs. **Larry Pyle** always keeps life exciting!

How is it Zac Tucker managed to arrange an open house of the newly remodeled second floor of Redlands Community Hospital on a Sunday afternoon. I understand a group of football enthusiasts were not too excited about the schedule conflict..... **Pyle, Belote, Griesemer, Holmes, Hatfield, Holdges and Weisser.**

Word has it **Charlie Mello** just returned from a great vacation in South America. One wonders if he learned the tango!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Special thanks to District Attorney Mike Ramos for taking time from his busy schedule to join us today. One of the things I appreciate about living in Redlands is the way we don't take for granted all the men and women who protect and serve us and our families every day. District Attorney Ramos works tirelessly to keep us safe, and I am personally thankful to him and his team for their service.

Changing gears, Lynda and Kevin announced that the date for biggest event of the year—Red Wine and Blues—has been moved to Saturday, April 14 to avoid having three major fundraising events in Redlands in the same month of February. Please think about how you will personally help us make this event the most successful one ever, and help us (for the first time) break the \$50k NET REVENUE mark...I know we can do it, but it will only happen if each and every member gets behind the effort. Thanks for your service to our club, our city and our world!