

TODAY

Tom Atchley is our speaker today, to give us another glimpse of the history of our little city. Tom is the President of the Redlands Historical Society and taught a class on the history of Redlands for many years with Larry Burgess. Not to put any pressure on him, but he should be most entertaining.

LAST WEEK

Our new Chief of Police, Mark Garcia made his maiden appearance at the Rotary Club of Redlands. A part of the job we really don't think about is that a high profile public employee like him has to make the rounds of his new town to get to know some of the citizens, while letting them get to

know him. His challenges are substantial as he works to make due with his staff of 77 officers, down from a high of 98. But just beware, he likes the camera system located in the city and will keep his air force (of one aircraft). So when you think of breaking the law, do it indoors, they are probably not watching there.



NEXT WEEK

Norm Ruggles, the head of the San Bernardino County Pension Fund, will be our speaker. A very timely visit, given the current upheaval in the financial situation. We hope he brings his crystal ball with him, so that we too may have a peek at the future of our stocks.

It was nice to see the picture of **BERNIE O'PREY** and family in the Facts as they toured Ireland. They were standing in front of Ireland's Round Towers built to defend the monks against Viking raiders. What the Facts didn't add is that **BERNIE** and his dad built that tower to keep the Vikings out.

A primer on the Redlands Rotary Foundation for new members (and a refresher for the rest): After 65 years of the Redlands Rotary Club's existence, the tax exempt foundation was formed by the filing of Articles of Incorporation December 2, 1985. Officially named Redlands Rotary Club Foundation, on July 5, 1994, it received its IRS certification as a tax exempt charitable corporation (sec. 501c3). Over the years, it has received major gifts from these members: **BEN RABE**: (\$85,259 in 1996 and \$10,000 in 2000); **FRANK POSTLE**: (\$11,292 in 1997, \$90,000 and \$4,187 in 2000); and **DON ANDERSON**: (\$33,475 in 1999). The current value of all assets held by the foundation is \$267,806.



Income from the wine tasting, and your fines augment these contributions to fund the scholarships and other charitable expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors each year.

With his finely honed financial skills from managing the Redlands Unified School District budget for many years, **BOB HODGES** has just returned from a trip to lend his expertise toward solving the economic upheaval in Greece - or maybe he was just on a cruise.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Last week's meeting reminded me why it's GREAT to be a Redlands Rotarian. Our club made an impactful \$14,200 gift to the Redlands Ladder Truck Fund, we had the chance to hear from the Chief of Police and we had tamale pie for lunch...it doesn't get much better than that my friends. I also had the chance last week to visit the Napa Valley Rotary Club, which ironically was also founded in 1920. I was the guest of Napa Rotarian who is also a U of R alumnus, who has been a member of the Napa club for 59 years (he liked the fact that he served as President of his club three years before I was born...) What was especially great was that I felt right at home there among fellow Rotarians, and the spirit of that room was much like ours...vibrant, a little irreverent and totally focused on doing good for the community. I am constantly reminded that it's an honor to serve this club as President and our world as Rotarians.

Thanks to Tom Atchley for his time as our program today to give us more perspective on the unique and distinct history of this beautiful city. Thanks to all of you for your service to our club, our community and our world.

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