

TODAY

Nephrologist Dr. John Robertson is our presenter. Dr. Robertson is a 1981 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. Dr. Robertson is affiliated with Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, Parkview Community Hospital and Riverside Community Hospital. Interestingly, in addition to English, he also speaks Spanish and Tagalog.

LAST WEEK

Roger Freely, a historian and historical re-enactor, informed us on the crisis facing many museums not only in California but nationwide. This is particularly true of small, local museums in communities across our nation. Mr. Freely was joined by his brother, Ivan Workman, for part of the presentation. Mr. Freely is the author of "California's Golden Museums and Historic Places" and works to educate the public on the 4 major reasons that museums close and some solutions.

They are:

- The inability to charge admission as a 501(c)(3) – make a bigger donation at the door (pay it forward for those who will not);
- Lack of historical donations to update – search your trunks and attics;
- Volunteers – donate your time to those that interest you whether as a volunteer, docent or historical re-enactor
- Care – don't take them for granted. Donate money now or in your will.

As the songwriter Joni Mitchell penned "You don't know what you got 'til it's gone".

We also honored 5 terrific Students of the Month. Terrific young people who, unlike your editor this month, have never known the thrill of getting a "B" when they expected a "D".

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October is **Vocational Service Month**.

Pat Meyer is coordinating our next **Community Service Work Day** which will be Saturday, November 21st planting along Redlands Orange Blossom Trail. The Orange Blossom Trail Master Plan calls for a trail to go from the Santa Ana River Trail at Mountain View Avenue on the west, through Redlands along the Mission Zanja to Texas Street and the abandoned rail

beds east of Grove Street to Wabash Avenue and beyond, ultimately connecting to the future reach of the Santa Ana River Trail.

The **Rotary World Peace Conference 2016** will be held at the Ontario Convention Center on January 15th & 16th. Plenary speakers include Sal Khan, founder and CEO of Khan Academy, a not-for-profit with the mission of "providing a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere". The mission of this conference is to bring together experts with solutions to major issues that are occurring in our personal lives, homes, schools, businesses and communities, not just in Southern California, but around the world.

OFF-ROAD RACE/STUNT DRIVING SHOW???

So are we to understand that our own **Dennis Hansberger** has provided a venue for this type of entertainment at his home on Redlands south side. Was a conditional use permit issued by the City? Is this a permissible use? Maybe **President Nathan** should question Dennis.

PRESIDENT'S PREPOSTEROUS PROSE...

Remember the déjà vu that many of you experienced last week when reading the electronic version of The Spoke? Well, rest assured that you won't have that feeling again this week!

The past week has seen two major fundraising/friendraising events to benefit our community. The first was the always-fun "Dinner in the Grove", benefitting Family Service Association, while the second was an invitation-only kick-off event for the future Redlands Museum. At these events, Rotarians were a conspicuous presence in both the leadership of the respective organizations AND the guest lists. I joke a little that Redlands may have a population of 70,000, but about 250 people make it all happen (think about it...). Our Club's membership is just over 100, so you do the math about the importance of Rotarians, not only in our Club's own projects, but in the myriad opportunities for service to our community. We may hold a disproportionate share of the responsibility, but our members are uniquely positioned to get things done.

So kudos to all of you for continuing to make Redlands the amazing community that those other 69,750 residents enjoy.

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