

This Week

Rick Harrell will enlighten us with information on how the Eden Projects has reduced extreme poverty and restored healthy forests through reforestation in Haiti, Madagascar, Ethiopia, and Nepal by employing local villagers to plant millions of trees — for only 10¢ a tree. So far over 95.6 million trees have been planted to provide a habitat for animals, purify water sources, control flooding and erosion and help to replenish the soil with nutrients needed for farming.

Last Week

Katie Heer, Project Manager of the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District which covers 1200 square miles of the Inland Empire, presented a water conservation education workshop. A few notes:

- As of June 1, the State requires a 33% reduction in household water use and a 50% in outdoor use from 2013 levels.
- A lawn uses 80-90% more water than xeriscape. Outdoor watering accounts for 60-70% of Southern California water use.
- Watering days – Odd numbered addresses Mon, Wed, Fri – Even numbered addresses Tues, Wed, Sat.
- Average household of 4 uses 850 gallons a day. This needs to be reduced by 285 gallons per household.
- According to their information older washing machines use 45 to 60 gallons per load.
- If you let the hose run while washing a car you can waste up to 100 gallons.
- Each person needs approximately 200 gallons a day. Current Inland Empire population is approximately 4.4 M people and will grow to 6 M by 2020 meaning an additional 320 million gallons of water per day.
- Water-wasting violations can result in fines up to \$500 per incident.

Next Week

Rick Clark provide us with information on Live Scan which provides background checks against your digitally collected fingerprints prior to employment, licensure, or certification for positions that place them in a position of trust for some of California's most vulnerable citizenry, elderly, and dependent adults and children.

Did you know . . . ?

Let's take a moment to remember our fellow member and Past President **Stephen Guggisberg** who passed away last week. The first Rotary Wine Tasting occurred during the presidency of **Steve Guggisberg** in January of 1985 at the San Bernardino County Museum with noted syndicated wine columnist Jerry Mead in attendance. Many Redlands Rotary projects and scholarships have benefitted from this annual event. In 1986 as Redlands began looking at its Centennial, **Steve Guggisberg** along with fellow Redlands Rotary members **Harold Hill** and **William Moore**, became the "guiding lights" for the 3 year Rotary project of the development of Caroline Park that also involved many members of the club. This formerly neglected 17 acre area became a botanical park of native California plants, bushes, trees and grasses. It was also during **Steve's** administration that the Redlands Rotary Foundation began its operations. **Steve** was a 2nd generation member of our club beginning in 1979 and following the passing of his father **Lee Guggisberg** in 1978. Besides serving on multiple committees over the years, **Steve** also served as our Treasurer for the Club and Foundation for a time after **Dale Ventres** stepped down in 2007. (Thanks to Dr. Ralph E. Hone, *The Rotary Club of Redlands, California 1920 – 1988* and Dale Ventres)

Announcements

June 20th – Services for **Steve Guggisberg** at 11 AM at the Emerson-Bartlett Memorial Chapel at Center & Brookside, Redlands
June 19th & 20th - Library Days "Americana", @ Smiley Library and nearby venues.

June 25th – President **Jim's** Demotion – the Fabulous, Final, Farewell Fest celebrating the end of **Jim's** year (as well as the retirement of EGOR) on Thursday, June 25th from 6 to 8 PM at

Nathan Gonzales' residence at 649 Los Altos in Redlands. \$30 per person.

June 27th – "Let's Go Fishing", Redlands Community Picnic & Fishing Derby - an old-fashioned Fishing Derby in the recently refurbished Ford Park ponds (by both our club and Redlands Sunrise Rotary) and sponsored both clubs, the City of Redlands and Maupin Financial Services.

NOLIN'S NOTEWORTHY NOTATIONS

June is "Fellowship Month" in the Rotary calendar. "Fellowship" has several meanings in Rotary.

First is the dictionary definition: "friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests, as in 'they valued fun and good fellowship as the cement of the community.'" It's only common sense that fellowship amongst our members is one of the major reasons we all attend lunch meetings, and breaking bread together has long been a favored way for people to build stronger bonds of friendship. As Rotarians, we share a great many interests, community service being the primary one. With that common interest and with the warmth of our fellowship, the other things that might divide us in other circumstances, like differing religious beliefs or political opinions, fade to insignificance in light of the common interest of service.

Another "fellowship" touchstone in Rotary is the International Peace Fellowship program. Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. *These fellowships may NOT be awarded to a Rotarian, a close relative of a Rotarian, or an employee of Rotary.* Two types of peace fellowships are available. There is the Master's Program lasting 15 to 24 months at one of 5 Peace Centers in the USA, Sweden, Australia, Japan, or England. For experienced professionals working in peace-related fields who want to enhance their professional skills, RI offers a three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. Find out more about this opportunity on the RI website.

A third kind of fellowship is the Rotary Fellowship. Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common vocation or recreational interest. Rotary Fellowships give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world, and enhance their experience in Rotary. These groups started informally in the 1920s when sailing Rotarians began flying the Rotary symbol from the masts on their ships, and calling themselves the "International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians." There are now more than 60 Rotary Fellowships covering such diverse areas of interest and experience as beer aficionados, authors and writing, lawyers, police and law enforcement, golf, tennis, scuba diving, quilting, and philately. I, myself, am a member of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. Many of these groups use the RI conventions as an opportunity to conduct breakout sessions to meet and greet other members of their Fellowship. I bet that there's a Rotary Fellowship of interest for everyone in our Club. Find them on "MyRotary.com."

With the Rotary year coming to an end, it is fitting that we reflect on the concept of "Fellowship" and how it can positively impact Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike.