

Redlands Sunrise/RSRX Rotary Club

March 19, 2023

Club Calendar and News from March 15 meeting.

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

This coming Saturday March 25--9:00-11:00 a.m. Sunrise Rotary's quarterly work day at the Asistencia in exchange for use of the Barton Room for Wednesday evening Club and RSRX events. Simple tasks. 8+ volunteers needed.

NEXT MEETING

Morning

Redlands Country Club

6:45 a.m.

March 22

Esther Martinez, Redlands Fire Department, Emergency Management.

March 29

NO MORNING MEETING

PACK THE PLACE in the evening.

Heska's Sugar Shack, 1741 Mentone Blvd. Mentone

Evening

RSRX, Asistencia, Barton Rd.

6 P.M.

March 22

March 29

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MORNING MEETING REPORT

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023

Present: a large crowd with student of the month and their families

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Mick Gallagher, Irish Theme...

PLEDGE: President Ryan

4 WAY TEST: Susan Kean

SMILE: Bert

STUDENT REPORTS:

Brooklyn Rios, REV

Busy times at REV!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

CLEMENT: - Paul Sandoval

BEATTIE: Winnie Chu

MOORE: Connor Flanagin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mick Gallagher announced that he and Tim Rochford are awarding an essay prize to 5th and 8th graders in Redlands Schools

Following last week's VERY SPECIAL POLIO PLUS announcement by Lance Bauer to donate \$500 to fight Polio in Afghanistan, a number of club members matched his donation. Hopefully we got \$500!

Star Search: The Neverlys (from last year's show) have offered to play outside the theater as people arrive. Submissions are coming in...one really good one!

Al announced that Citrograph Foundation is sponsoring Redlands Plein air art this coming weekend. Beth will there with her mother, Joanna Merserau's, art.

Beth Sanders and other club members took a van load of supplies to the Mountain Communities to help after the extraordinary snow fall.

RYLA in March is cancelled. The April RYLA will accommodate the students from the March camp who can attend in April.

RECOGNITION:

Ralph...survived the remodel from hell!

Ryan Tolsma...travel pass in absentia

Pat Garcia, two travel passes..one for a trip to Oregon to see his son at Oregon state doing a masters degree in wine. Pat is travelling to Chiapas for a week with Tree of Life Medical donating his time doing dental work for indigenous people . . .

Announcements relating to calendar are below.

MORNING MEETING REPORT

The remainder of the meeting time was spent discussing plans for an Earth Day project on April 22.

1. Plant based cooking recipes and tasting
2. Work with Homeless shelter
3. Chili Cook off...can do plant based chili.

SK will do some research on the plant based cooking idea and the availability of the Methodist Church kitchen and location. Report at next meeting.

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RSRX meeting--March 15 Report

- **Speaker--Mary Vasquez.** In association with Artlands at 18 E. Vine Street, Redlands, Mary coordinates a Recycled Art Supplies program to provide new & gently used art supplies to needy students in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. 300,000+ residents in San Bernardino County live below the poverty line and cannot afford basic supplies to those who wish to learn or practice visual arts. You can help. Donate your stored paints, brushes, clay, watercolors, crayons, craft supplies, sketchbooks, and/or funds to Recycled Art Supplies, Artlands. For additional information contact Artlands, recycledartsca@gmail.com or Mary Vasquez at 760-985-2709.

CALENDAR

Saturday/Sunday April 15 & 16. Redlands Bicycle Classic security and beer booth service. Jimmy will have signup sheets at next meeting.

Friday April 28. 7:00 p.m. Redlands Star Search 2023 at Fox Event Center.

Saturday May 13. Redlands JazzFest at Ed Hales Park downtown.

DISTRICT 5330 CALENDAR...full details and registrations available on district5330.net

Rotary Peace Conference, District 5330, 5300 Saturday, March 18 8-12 noon. Nixon Library Yorba Linda...

A great letter from Lance Beth asked me to share with his permission.

Good morning Beth,

Thank you for your note... As everyone in our Club has figured out, I have always been a "fly below the radar" kind of guy. No fanfare, recognition or thank you's. The satisfaction I receive from helping comes from my Mom and my Wife, they deserve all the credit. My Mom, even at 90 years of age... 😊

If we don't help our fellow man and woman, what are we to become? You don't have to be rich nor poor to do the right thing... 😊 It's worked for me now going on 62 Years of age... Rebecca and I have instilled these same values in our children which they will pass along to future generation(s).

I am thrilled to be able to help...I joined Redlands Sunrise Rotary 18 years ago. You will remember the bacon I would bring every Wednesday to the homeless Veteran "Ronny" who lived in, near and around the 76' Gas Station at Ford Street and Park. Everyone was scared to death of him... While he never would get to close to me, (maybe it was my Suit), he always thanked me from afar as he walked away. Over time, Ronny opened up a bit about himself and the dirty, tattered, and torn patches and insignia(s) he kept in an Albertson's bag secreted in his clothes.

I never did this with Erica at my side only for fear if something went sideways, I would never want anything to happen to her... Erica knows the story and with Ronny, that was close enough.

I will tell you the outcome of Ronny when we talk next, the forgotten Special Forces warrior whose eyes saw a thousand deaths who no one would give the time of day to. A lost forgotten soul... 😞

Never forget (and I know you and The Club doesn't) how blessed we all are to have what we have... Say "Hi" to our dedicated Police Officer(s) and Firefighter(s) when you see them. They too are human beings who are all trying to do the right thing...

Kind Regards,

Lance