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**SERVICE**  
Above Self



## Ride for PHIL !

By Jay  
Taylor



Because I missed last week's meeting, I decided to write about an event my wife and I & friends attended this last Sunday. It was a Motorcycle Ride-Barbeque Fundraiser for Phil Kelleher. Phil is a courageous Fire Chief working for Morongo Indian Reservation, who has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). This is a debilitating disease that acts quickly destroying the nerves. Without treatment, Phil will soon find himself unable to walk, talk or breathe on his own. He is a young man (39) with two young children and will soon face not being able to interact or even hug his family. The treatments offered are very costly and not covered by insurance. Because there is not a cure for this horrible disease, money is being raised to help with the cost of these treatments that will improve his quality and quantity of life. My family has known Phil, his wife Missy and two children, Brett and Tyler for many years now. We became acquainted because our children were involved in the same activities. The last time we spoke was at the Cherry Festival and there was no diagnosis at that time. We heard about the fundraiser about a month ago and immediately decided to do the ride. What a shock it was to find out it was Phil we were riding for. We met in Starbuck's parking lot at 22nd with Phil and his son Brett at 8AM on Sunday. There were about 30 bikes there. Phil can still ride at this time but this was to be his last ride on his beloved Harley. The winds

were already gusting around 40 mph but we were not fazed. From there, we cruised to the starting point in Riverside. There we registered with a total of 200-250 bikes. We cruised through a dirt storm in Perris, through downtown Hemet, and up in the mountains to Idyllwild. We stopped in Idyllwild for a break and spoke to Phil's wife, Missy. She is a very strong person and is a rock for Phil. They realize what they are facing, but are ready for the challenge. We rode down the mountain and met strong 60 mph gusts at Poppet Flats. Strong winds continued to blow as the riders made their way to the old casino at Morongo. Everyone made it safe with no accidents or incidents. Inside was a great barbeque, raffles and a lot of support for Phil Kelleher. I not good at guessing #'s, but I would estimate close to 1000 persons in attendance. Phil graciously walked through each table and thanked everyone personally. I know this event was taped for a showing on Channel 10, so check it out if you can. The Morongo tribe donated \$15,000 to the Citizens Bank Kelleher fund. To make a donation, checks should be made payable to "Citizens Business Bank for the benefit of Phil Kelleher". Donations by check can also be mailed to Citizens Business Bank to the attention of Mary Wilson, Vice President, Citizens Business Bank, 301 Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408 (909) 888-6363. Please keep Phil in your thoughts & prayers.

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*Banning Rotary Meets on Tuesdays at 12:10 pm  
at The Farmhouse Restaurant, Banning, CA 92220*

*Other Area Meetings for Make Ups*

*Banning Interact Club, 11:55am Wednesdays  
At Banning High School, Mr. Lauck's Room #1101  
100 W. Westward, Banning*

*San Gorgonio Pass Area Rotary  
Thursdays at 6:45 a.m.  
Russo's Italian Restaurant, Banning*

*Beaumont/Cherry Valley Rotary  
12:00 pm Thursdays  
at Marla's, 1310 E. 6th St., Beaumont*

*Yucaipa Rotary  
6:45 am Tuesdays at Hickory Ranch Restaurant  
32971 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa*

*Online Make Ups  
WWW.ROTARYECLUBONE.ORG*

## UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

### LOCAL EVENTS

**This Week:  
10/23/07**

**To Be Announced**

**Next Week:  
10/30/07**

**To Be Announced**

**October**

**10/31/07.....  
Halloween on  
Ramsey in the  
Chamber Parking  
Lot**

**November**

**11/3/07 .....  
District 5330 Foun-  
dation 500 Gala 4pm  
to 9pm at March  
Field Air Museum,  
Interstate 215  
at Van Buren  
Blvd., Riverside**

### REGIONAL EVENTS

We're on the web!  
Check it Out!  
[www.banningrotary.org](http://www.banningrotary.org)

## RYLA 2008

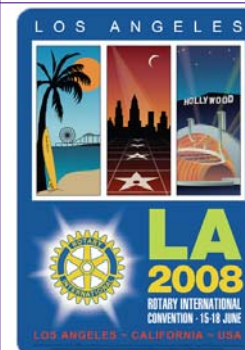
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. Many of you know about it - many of you have participated over the many years. And for that we thank you. It is a weekend of service to youth. From Friday April, 4th until Sunday April, 6th Rotarians converge onto Pine Summit in Big Bear to act as facilitators to groups of 7-8 high school students (Juniors). They eat together, participate in challenging activities together, learn about each other, Rotary, of course leadership, and more importantly they learn about their abilities to be leaders in their communities. It can be the most worthy, emotional event for most Rotarians in our District. And we have countless testimonies as to it's worthiness with the youth that participate.

If you would like to know more about how your club can become a part of this event by sponsoring students from your local area high schools, contact Cherie Curzon at 951.201.5054, RYLA DGL Coordinator. She will gladly come to your club and present a program on the event and it's details. She may even convince you to sign up as a new DGL to the event!

For those that are familiar with the program and looking forward to the pre-planning, please join us on November 17th, at East Valley Association of Realtors, 12592 California Street, Yucaipa, CA. 92399. Hosted by Rotarian David Melcher, we will start at 9am and go over all details of this years RYLA. We hope to see all RYLA Club Chairs there!

## District International Project Catalog is Open for Business

Something new this year to help clubs locate quality international projects, is the District International Projects Catalog. The catalog is being developed by your District International Co-Directors, Steve and Vicky Wallace, and several projects have already been posted to the district website, with more to follow soon. As the catalog grows it will be divided into categories for easy location of projects, and as more projects come in it will be updated weekly. To access the catalog go to the district website [www.rotary5330.org](http://www.rotary5330.org), click on the avenues of service, then select International, and click on the catalog. From there you can select or review a project to present to your club. If your club has a project they would like to list or are in need of a partner, please contact Steve Wallace at [steve.totallywiredinc.com](mailto:steve.totallywiredinc.com)



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