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## Chocolate, wine tasting benefits cocoa farmers, prevents child labor



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Guests were in for a rare treat when they were given the opportunity to taste chocolate in different forms paired with wine during a fundraiser at Paxton's Cellar on Saturday that benefited the Cocoa Family Foundation. Pictured is wine bar owner **Philip Paxton** (second from right) pouring and explaining wine, and CFF founder and president **Vaagn Arakelyan** (right), explaining the origins and different constitutions of chocolate. Patrons pictured from left are **Annie MacMurray**, **Robert Pederson** and **Russell Solt**.

By **Maryjoy Duncan**

Chocolate and wine. That was the featured pairing during Saturday evening's fundraiser for the Cocoa Family Foundation at Paxton's Cellar in Redlands. The collaboration between wine bar owner Philip Paxton and Vaagn Arakelyan, who

founded CCF early this year, was born out of the desire to educate participants about cocoa, the cocoa industry, and how to pair wine with an edible that is notoriously sweet and challenging to couple with wine in a palatable manner.

Nearly two dozen people attended the event that sparked animated conversation over the origins of

chocolate and how different it tasted due to the varying degrees of pure cocoa in its constitution.

Additionally, customers were surprised that chocolate did not only pair nicely with the typical Cabernet, but with a sweet white, such as a Riesling, as well.

According to Paxton, many of the *Paxton's, cont. on next pg.*

## Thrills on wheels at firefighters car show



IECN PHOTO NAIMA FORD

The Redlands Professional Firefighters, IAFF L-1354 hosted the 16th Annual Redlands Firefighters Car Show on Sunday in downtown Redlands on State Street.

By **Naima Ford**

Downtown was buzzing this weekend, but on Sunday the Redlands firefighters took over.

The 16th Annual Redlands Firefighters Car Show took place May 27 on State St.

The temperature was perfect for strolling through the closed-off

streets and the sun was bright enough to make the freshly polished cars shine.

It was one of the best showings that the car show has seen in recent years due to the bad economy and bad weather. But this year there were many participants and a lot of visitors.

"Walking down State St. and seeing all of those spots filled was phe-

nomenal," said William Dye, engineer with the Fire Department and one of the organizers of the event.

Now in its 16th year the show has gained a reputation that attracts many classic car owners. One of them is John Sharp.

Sharp is a teacher from San Bernardino and this is his sixth year participating in the show.

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## Yucaipa reopens 7th Street Park Pool Saturday



The City of Yucaipa is proud to announce the completion of the 7th Street Park Pool renovation project. Staff will conduct a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony on Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m. at the 7th Street Park Pool (12385 7th Street, Yucaipa, CA 92399). The public is invited to attend the ceremony and view the improved facility.

The pool renovation is funded by City Park Development funds, Pool Capital Replacement funds, and One Time Capital Projects funds. The improvements to the facility include the replacement of the pool deck (including stub in plumbing for future amenities), complete ADA access improvements, improvements to the shade and picnic areas, resurfacing the pool with a "Myrtha" stainless steel and PVC liner, lighting improvements, renovation of the pools equipment and chemical room, and a new splash pad with jets and a dump bucket feature. The cost for improvements in this third phase of the pool improvements totaled \$749,900.

The event will feature guest speakers, aquatic class demonstrations, and limited free swim sessions for the public. In addition, the public can sign up for summer swim lessons, purchase recreation swim passes, and take an in-pool swim assessment for the swim lesson requirement.

LLUMC PossAbilities  
hosts free workshop for  
prospective renters,  
homeowners

## PossAbilities

Loma Linda University Medical Center PossAbilities is hosting a free workshop on Wednesday, June 6, that could help prospective homebuyers or renters protect themselves against housing discrimination.

The free workshop, presented by the Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board, is set for 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Loma Linda University Medical Center PossAbilities, Professional Plaza A, Suite 109A, 25455 Barton Rd., Loma Linda 92354.

At the workshop, participants will learn to recognize and report housing discrimination, learn the legal rights of people with disabilities, and identify the warning signs of lending scams.

Loma Linda University Medical Center PossAbilities is a non-profit outreach program of Loma Linda University Medical Center East Campus. The program seeks to provide for the physical, social and emotional needs of the people who are physically challenged.

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