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Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Bullhead City

### eBulletin

for Art Harrington  
 Tuesday, July 31, 2007

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**Hello Art! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club.**

**Editor:** Art Harrington  
 If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

**Our program last week**  
*by Art Harrington*



### Good report, Jim!

Dr. Jim Richardson, who served as our club's Voting Delegate at the recent Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, reported to our club last Thursday on his and Willie's experience there.

Jim reported that he was especially impressed by the emphasis he found in many sessions on how Rotary can help strengthen the family. He said he enjoyed the speakers, including the warm and personal messages by Pres. Bill Boyd. He also thought the entertainment was really outstanding.

He and Willie found a great many exhibits in the House of Friendship that interested and challenged them. They were enormously impressed by the many amazing things Rotary clubs and districts are doing around the world to meet needs and solve major problems.

Jim encouraged as many club members who can possibly go to attend next year's RI Convention in Los Angeles. After that, it is liable to be a long time before we see another RI Convention so close to home.

**Definitely worth reading**  
*by Art Harrington*



### Another first in Rotary

**Catherine Noyer-Riveau to become first RI**

#### Upcoming Events

**BCRC Board Meeting**

Aug 1 2007

**District Gov. John King**

Aug 23 2007

**Club Christmas Party**

Dec 7 2007

#### News

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## **Director**

Up until now Rotary International has been governed by a 17-man board, representing the 34 worldwide zones. Each director is chosen to represent two zones, and serves a 2-year term of office. But things have been changing in Rotary.

Twenty years ago women were officially admitted into Rotary. Ten years ago districts began electing women governors. Two years ago the first woman, Carolyn Jones, an attorney from Anchorage, AK, was chosen to serve as the first Trustee for our Rotary Foundation. I have worked with Carolyn in several capacities over the years, and I have found that she is extremely capable, and well-qualified to serve in this elevated position of responsibility.

Now Dr. Catherine Noyer-Riveau, a 3rd generation Rotarian, and a practicing physician in Paris, France, has been elected to serve as the first woman on the RI Board of Directors. Unfortunately, I missed by one year the opportunity to serve with Catherine as an International Training leader; so I do not know her personally. However, I have heard fellow training leaders who *have* served with her speak in glowing terms of her as a person, and her outstanding abilities.

I would encourage you to read the cover story in the August issue of *The Rotarian*. You will discover that Dr. Noyer-Riveau is a remarkable lady indeed. I was certainly impressed. I believe you will be, too.

**Deadline is Friday**  
by Art Harrington

## **BC River Regatta deadline: Aug. 3**



Remember that Bullhead City's first-ever River Regatta will be taking place here on the Colorado River on Saturday, August 18th.

All kinds of family fun, along with the float down the river, have been planned. The cost is \$12, including lunch - with kids under 18, accompanied by an adult, free.

But the registration deadline is this Friday, August 3rd.

**TRF: the chair changes**  
by Art Harrington



## Dr. Robert Scott is new TRF Chair

I am saddened with the announcement that Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul will resign as Chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees on August 1st, due to health issues affecting both him and his wife. He will continue, however, to serve as a Trustee this year. Bhichai has been travelling and speaking extensively on behalf of the foundation.

In accordance with the Foundation Bylaws, Trustee Vice Chair Dr. Robert S. Scott, of the Rotary Club of Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, will be moved up to fill the Trustee Chair position for the remainder of the Rotary year. He is a retired physician.

I recall with appreciation Bob's service as RI Vice President during the year I served as a District Governor. He set an admirable example for us as a servant leader during those days when we were being trained for our leadership positions. I will never forget Bob, the RIVP, coming around our table to pour our water and serve us our coffee at a luncheon. He, of course, has also served as an RI Director, along with many other Rotary and Foundation positions over the years. He also succeeded Herbert A. Pigman as volunteer director of the highly successful 2002-05 polio eradication fundraising campaign.

As he assumes the chair, Bob has assured everyone that he plans to continue the focus on the 2007-08 Foundation goals to eradicate polio, support the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative, show that peace is possible through support of the Rotary Centers for International Studies, and reconnect with Foundation alumni.

He says, "I worked closely with Chairman Bhichai when he developed these goals, and I strongly support all of them."

I am so sorry to lose Bhichai's incredible leadership; but I assure you that we do have a good and a great man still at the helm of Our Foundation.

**Our ever-changing Rotary**  
*by Art Harrington*

## New Rotary pilot project

to study meeting frequency



Rotary is continually seeking ways to make our service organization more functional and adaptable, to meet our ever-changing circumstances. New forms are being tried - such as the

eClubs. In addition, pilot projects have been initiated. One of the newest of these addresses the issue of how often a Rotary club can meet, and still remain a viable service club. I found the following article, which appears in the July issue of *Rotary World*, to be quite interesting.

**A new six-year pilot project to examine the effects of meeting frequency on club success was approved by the RI Board in February and launched on 1 July.**

The approximately 200 clubs participating in the Meeting Frequency Pilot Project may determine their own meeting schedules based on member preference rather than RI policy. These clubs will report to RI annually, providing insight into the relationship between meeting frequency and contributions to The Rotary Foundation, membership development and retention, success of service projects, and other elements of an effective club.

Only clubs chartered before 30 June 2003 were eligible for selection, with preference going to clubs that participated in the New Models for Rotary Clubs pilot project. About 15-20 clubs were chosen from 14 regions and countries worldwide. Participation required the approval of the district governor and governor-elect.

["The issue of flexible meeting times is continually proposed to the Council on Legislation," noted 2006-07 RI President William B. Boyd. "The Board would like more supporting data on the impact that a weekly, biweekly, or other meeting schedule would have on a Rotary club's essential operations."](#)

Other than having flexibility on determining meeting frequency, participating clubs must function in accordance with RI's constitutional documents throughout the project, which is scheduled to end on 30 June 2013. The Board will propose legislation based on the project's results to the 2013 Council on Legislation.

**Art's Commitments**