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Rotary Club of Bullhead City

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Help Wanted

by Paul Stubler

Treasurer Wanted



I still haven't heard from anyone who will take the position of treasurer. You need not be a long-term member, and this could be a way to really get to know all the members. If you've been a long-term member, we respect your years of service, and welcome your vast reservoir of knowledge. Due to another position that will be on the board next Rotary year, the responsibilities of this position have been greatly reduced. The reporting and billings will be handled by the new position.

This position will be in the Rotary Year from July 1, 2009 to June 30 2010. Even though this is months away, we are required to have our slate of officers finished this month.

If you haven't volunteered before, give it some thought, and if you've been away from a board position for a period of time, perhaps it's time to come back. In any case, please give me a call at the office at 704-6245 or at home at 788-4252.

-- Paul Stubler, President-Elect

Club elections

by Art Harrington



Club selects next year's leadership this week

Our club elections for the Rotary Year 2009-2010 will be held this Thursday, Dec. 11.

This is the final call for any who have an interest in serving as a member of next year's club leadership team.

If you are interested, or want to nominate someone else for one of the positions, please contact Pres. Sharon, Pres-Elect Paul or Sec.

Terry today!

Christmas party

by Art Harrington

Christmas Banquet Dec. 19



A beautiful and memorable evening has been planned at Laughlin Ranch for this year's Club Christmas Banquet. We appreciate the work that **Sharon Rains** has been putting in on this special fellowship activity for our club members, their spouses and guests.

The cost for members is included in your dues. The cost for members' spouses and guests is \$35. Sharon has tickets. The members' meal is included in their dues.

REMINDER: Our club will not meet at noon next week (Dec. 18), since we will be gathering instead on Friday night for our Christmas celebration dinner.

Thanks, Canada!



Canada boosts global commitment to end polio

The Canadian government has announced it is contributing **C\$30 million** (US\$28 million) toward eradicating polio in sub-Saharan Africa.

The funding follows **C\$60 million** (US\$56 million) earmarked in June to help end the disease in Afghanistan.

"Canada's contribution will ensure that millions of children in sub-Saharan Africa and Afghanistan are protected against polio," said Beverley J. Oda, minister of international cooperation, on 4 September. Our innovative partnership with Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, will help ensure that we move toward destroying this crippling disease."

Canada's latest contribution will help launch national immunization campaigns in sub-Saharan Africa, and at least **C\$15 million** (US\$13.9 million) will support disease surveillance and training for medical professionals in Nigeria. The funding comes at a critical time for Nigeria, according to WHO. A polio outbreak in the northern part of the country is putting the sub-Saharan region at risk, and stepped-up immunization activities are essential to prevent the disease from

spreading.

In Afghanistan, Canada's support is helping to immunize seven million children under age five against polio. The effort includes mapping nomadic migration routes and establishing vaccination points at major border crossings to synchronize immunization schedules between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

So far, Canada has contributed almost C\$331 million (US\$308 million) to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, making it one of the top five government donors.

"Canada has led the way in the fight to eradicate polio from the face of the world," said Past RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson. "As chair of Rotary's polio eradication advocacy for Canada, I congratulate the government for its generosity, which is strategically directed to Nigeria and Afghanistan, two of the four remaining polio-endemic countries in the world."

-- Photo: Past RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson (left) and International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott join Beverley J. Oda, Canada's minister of international cooperation, in Ottawa, where Oda announced Canada's C\$30 million contribution to help end polio in sub-Saharan Africa.

-- Story by Dan Nixon, Rotary International News

Board meets Wednesday

by Art Harrington

Reminder to board members



The monthly club board meeting will be held this Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 5:30 at Harrington Financial Services.

Club members are always welcome to attend any board meeting. Did you know that you can even earn an attendance make-up by enduring one of these sessions?

(Actually our board meetings have moved along well and have been very productive this year. It is doubtful that you will be bored at one of these board meetings.)

When giving really makes sense!

by Art Harrington



No-brainer contributions you need to make

before the end of this month!

Arizona is really unique in many ways - but for

Rotarians, Arizona is unique in all the world!

If you itemize deductions: To the best of my knowledge, this is the only state in the country, or anywhere else in the world, where you can donate \$400 (as a couple) to a **Rotary Vocational Fund**, and get every cent of that back as a credit on your state tax return - **plus** being able to take it as a charitable deduction on your federal tax return as well. (If you are in the 25% tax bracket, your \$400 contribution just saved you \$100 in federal taxes - as well as getting it all back on your state tax return.)

And it doesn't stop there, either. You can donate another \$400 to Mohave High School for our **Interact Club**, again get all of that back as a state tax credit, and save another \$100 in federal taxes.

Why would anyone NOT want to do this?

We will have copies of the necessary donation forms at this week's club meeting and at the Christmas banquet - or you can stop by our office and pick up the forms. You do not have to be a Rotarian to make these donations or to benefit from these available credits and deductions.

(**CAUTION:** You must be itemizing deductions to get the credit for the Vocational Fund donation, and some limitations may apply. The state tax credit forms to be used are Form 322 and Form 321 for these credits. Consult your tax professional about the application to your particular tax situation.)

Financially Speaking

by Art Harrington

What will the Treasurer do?



Paul has mentioned that a change is being made next year to lighten the load of the Club Treasurer - and that he is searching for someone to fill that position.

It is true that the Treasurer's job can become a bit overwhelming for a club our size. Consequently, the work is being split out into two positions. Sharon Harrington is willing to handle all of the billing, produce the financial reports and file the tax return (the accounting functions) for the club, but she will not always be able to be at the weekly meetings next year.

So what will the Treasurer be expected to do? Essentially it is a matter of being at the club meetings to

take payments from club members and guests, to pick up the mail and deposit the funds on a weekly basis, and to write the checks.

It's inevitable!



A few universal maxims

If you change lines (or traffic lanes) the one you were in will always move faster than the one you're now in.

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you're with someone you don't want to be seen with.

At any event, the people whose seats are farthest from the aisle will arrive last.

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to see a doctor. By the time you get there you'll feel better.

The better something tastes, the greater the probability that it's bad for you.

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

If you call a wrong number, you never get a busy signal. Someone always answers.

Anything is possible if you don't know what you're talking about.

-- Thanks to PDG Bob Schaeffer, Newkirk (OK) Rotary Bulletin