



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Future Speakers

Dec 28 2006

Tim McDonnell
"Profession of Broadcasting"

Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 pm
Jan 4 2007

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Club selects leadership
by Art Harrington

Club leaders elected for 2007-08

Laura Grasse, our President-Elect this year, will serve as Club President for the 2007-08 Rotary year.

Serving with her in leadership of our club will be:

- **President-Elect** **Sharon Harrington**
- **Secretary** **Terry Kelly**
- **Treasurer** **Steven Brown**

We congratulate these newly-elected club leaders, and wish them well, as they prepare to lead our club to new heights of service next year.

Club will match your donation
by Art Harrington



Have you pledged your assistance yet?

You can still help!

Tony and Maureen Smith and their four children live here in Bullhead City, and two of the girls are in our MHS Interact Club. Tony has a disability, so Maureen has been the primary breadwinner for the family.

On November 18, while volunteering her time with the local youth soccer program, Maureen suffered a stroke and a brain aneurysm. She has undergone two brain surgeries and is in a coma, with her condition still critical.

A Maureen Smith Relief Fund has been established, and contributions can be made to that fund c/o The Rotary Club of Bullhead City, P.O. Box 21026,



Bullhead City, AZ 86439. An article by our club president, Kelly Burgess, appeared in the local papers last week, informing the community of this need.

Our Rotary club members have risen to the challenge to help address the substantial needs this family will have. At our club meeting last week, the club voted to match from our club treasury all pledges and contributions made by our club members. So far we have had 33 pledges of help, totalling **\$2,466** (not counting the match from our club).

If you would like to pledge an amount, this can be added to your quarterly statement you will receive from the club the first of January. Simply call club treasurer Sharon Harrington (763-1440) or e-mail her (sharonhfs@msn.com) with the amount you would like to pledge. The club is willing to immediately "front the money" for your pledge, so help can be given to the family now when it is so urgently needed.

Rotary Christmas Party

by Art Harrington

Club Christmas Party - Thursday, Dec. 21

BC Rotary Club will not meet this week

Our annual Bullhead City Rotary Club Christmas Party will be held at the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce Building this Thursday, Dec. 21, beginning at 6:00 pm. This will take the place of our regular meeting that day.

Featured music that evening will be the Melody Lane Duo. It will be a great evening!

See you there!

Don't forget our exchange student

by Art Harrington



Have you provided a stocking stuffer for Fanny?

Shirin McGraham invites club members to contribute any Christmas stocking stuffers (small gifts) for Fanny Chou, our exchange student from Taiwan.

Fanny is currently being hosted by Mike Massengale and his family. Shirin, as our club's International Services Chair, is arranging for some gifts from the club that can help to make this Christmas in America a special experience for Fanny.

Call Shirin at 768-2849 if you would like to contribute a small gift, or drop it off at the Bullhead City Bee.

From small beginnings



by Art Harrington

How it all started



The Rotary Foundation was started with a gift of only \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City in 1917 - the leftover profit from the international convention that year. Earlier that same year, Rotary's sixth president, Arch C. Klimph, suggested the creation of just such a fund.

The very first grant made by The Rotary Foundation was to the International Society for Crippled Children. The idea of international service has grown. Just in the last 20 years, Rotary has contributed over \$600 million to the polio eradication effort - in addition to all of the other incredible work that has been accomplished to relieve suffering and change lives in countries all over the world.

Thanks to each of our club members who has "caught the vision" of what we can accomplish together through The Rotary Foundation, and who are regularly contributing to TRF.

In the word of professional volunteer, Charlotte Lunsford: "We won't always know whose lives we have touched and made better for our having cared, because actions can sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What's important is that you do care and act."

Create Awareness. Take Action! Make your annual gift today to The Rotary Foundation.

Take advantage of AZ tax credits

by Art Harrington



Did you remember?

There is still time to act before Dec. 31st

We are talking about your contributions to the AZ Rotary Vocational Fund and to Mohave High School (designated for the Interact Club).

Remember that couples can give \$400 to each of these causes before the end of the year - and get it all back in January via two Arizona tax credits. Even better, you can also save on your federal taxes by deducting these same gifts as charitable contributions on your itemized deductions. In essence, these are gifts that cost you nothing, plus paying you a tax-savings dividend!

Want to know more? Need the forms to fill out and send in with those gifts?

Call Sharon Harrington - 763-1440. She has the scoop, and she has the forms.