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Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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MSTEPP program

by Art Harrington

A hard-hitting program



Our thanks to **Bonnie Cole** for the hard-hitting program she presented at our club meeting a week ago. Bonnie is the Director of MSTEPP, the county's drug abuse prevention and education coalition.

She pulled no punches in stating the facts, quoting the statistic and identifying the problems. We have a major Meth problem. Arizona ranks as the number 1 state in Meth addiction, and Mohave County's numbers are the worst in the state. Drug abuse in Mohave County increased 157% between 1977 and 2005, and doubled between 2000 and 2005.

Child Protective Services removes three times the number of children from homes here in Mohave County as in the rest of the state. 80% to 90% of their case load involves dealing with families using drugs, and 50% of them are Meth users.

The county recently gave MSTEPP five acres in the Kingman area, and they plan to construct an inpatient treatment and detox center on it. There is no doubt there is a serious need for such a facility in this county. Our club, along with the Kingman Rotary clubs, certainly need to consider what we might be able to do together to help build and equip this treatment center.

Thanks also to Mike Rubell for obtaining this excellent program for us!

Packing the packs

by Art Harrington



Major packing day this Saturday

With the holidays ahead, **Laura Grasse**, Chair of our WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project, has noted that there will be a major packing day this Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9:00 in Room 805 at Mt. View Elementary.

Laura will be there to represent our club, and she would appreciate any other club members who may be able to come to help.

Our Foundation

by Art Harrington

Final Foundation webinar



The final tri-district webinar featuring our Rotary Foundation will be held this Saturday morning at 9:00. This week the subject is the Foundation's amazing **Matching Grants** program. So much good in so many communities around the world, including our own, is being accomplished through international partnerships that are using this most effective tool.

Learn more about how these grants work in the comfort of your own home or office. The cost is only \$8.00. All you need is a phone line and an internet connection. Register to participate at <http://trfwebinar.eventbrite.com>

Club elections

by Art Harrington



Club to elect 2009-10 leadership on Dec. 11

Please remember that our club elections for Rotary Year 2009-2010 will be held next Thursday, Dec. 11.

If you have an interest in serving as a club officer, or have someone you would like to nominate for one of the positions, please contact Pres. Sharon, Pres-Elect Paul or Sec. Terry ASAP.

Help a child

by Art Harrington

Coyote Canyon reading project



Our club will be undertaking a new reading project at **Coyote Canyon School** beginning in January. Rotarians and their spouses are being asked to donate a few hours of their time each month to sit down with 2nd graders at the school and assist them with the development of their reading skills.

Willie Richardson has been working with Dr. Sewart, the

school principal, and his staff over the past several months setting up this program. We will essentially be listening to the children as they read to us, assisting them with the words they may be having difficulty reading.

If you have not yet signed up for a time to assist with this important new program, please see Willie at this week's meeting, or call her at 758-2593.

Convention bid

by Art Harrington



Did you know?

Phoenix has made the short list of the Final Three being considered as the site to host the 2015 Rotary International Convention.

In the running with Phoenix are Houston, TX and Sao Paulo, Brazil. PDG Don Schiller is serving as the Arizona 2015 Committee Chair.

This week

by Art Harrington

Paul presides this week



President-elect Paul Stubler will be presiding in Sharon's absence at this week's meeting. Sharon and Art will be in Las Vegas attending tax seminars.

The club board meeting for December will be held next Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Harrington Financial Services.

Christmas dinner

by Art Harrington



Laughlin Ranch to host club Christmas banquet

Expect a very special evening on Friday, Dec. 19th. Laughlin Ranch will be the setting for our club's annual Christmas celebration.

Chairing this festive evening this year is **Sharon Rains**. She has arranged for an outstanding menu and a memorable evening for all who attend. The cost for

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

We will not be holding a noon club meeting on Dec. 18, since we will be meeting as a club on Friday evening that week.

Financially Speaking

by Art Harrington

Christmas economics



In case you have not heard, two changes our club has made in the way we will celebrate Christmas this year will result in better management of our club finances.

First, to help our cash flow, and prevent the further increase of our accounts receivable, the cost of Christmas Banquet meals for spouses and guests can no longer be charged to member accounts. Instead, we will be selling tickets for this event this year. The cost to members for your banquet dinner is still included in your dues. However, guest meals must be paid for in advance via the purchase of tickets.

Second, we will be "going dark" for our club meeting the week in December when we hold our Christmas Banquet - as well as the week in June when we have our annual Installation Dinner. Most Rotary clubs follow this economizing practice. The elimination of the two duplicate meetings will save our club between \$800 and \$1,000 in club operations expense each year, helping us to balance that side of our budget.