



Service Above Self

# Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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### Upcoming Events

**Burro BBQ**  
Apr 17 2009 - Apr 18 2009  
**Installation Dinner 09-10**  
Jun 11 2009

### News

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## A great evening!

*by Art Harrington*

## Mystic Rhythm highlights festive evening



Mohave High School's energetic and enthusiastic musical ensemble, "**Mystic Rhythm**," were a definite hit with the club members, spouses and guests who gathered Friday evening at Laughlin Ranch for our annual Christmas Banquet.

We can't say enough to commend **Sharon Rains** for putting together such an outstanding dinner and program for us for our club's Christmas celebration this year.

## Live auction raises cash

*by Art Harrington*



## \$300 raised for backpack project

In addition to the table that was heaped with food items contributed by our members to our [WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project](#) at Coyote Canyon School, impromptu auctioneer **Mike Conner** managed to raise an additional winning bid of \$300 from **Dan Oehler's** table on a beautifully-wrapped parcel of precious liquid & glass contributed by the McMurry family.

## Don McMurry remembered

*by Art Harrington*

## A Christmas toast to Don



Last year, **Don McMurry** was in the hospital. We conveyed our Christmas

greetings to him over the phone, and sang (horribly) Christmas carols to him. But Don appreciated it all.

This year Don is gone - and he is missed! A moving tribute to him was shared, and **Dan Oehler** led a special Christmas toast to his longtime friend.

#### Club meetings dark

*by Art Harrington*



#### Club meets again Jan. 8

**Please remember that our club will not be meeting the next two Thursdays,** due to the Christmas and New Years Day holidays.

Our next club meeting will be held on January 8th. See you all there!

In the meantime, we wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

#### Call for nominations

*by Art Harrington*

#### Nominees sought for DG for 2011-12

District Governor Charlie Tegarden has issued the call for nominations for DG for the Rotary Year 2011-2011.



Any Rotary club has the right to submit the name of one of its qualified members - or the name of a member of another club, with that club's concurrence - by means of a resolution of the club, adopted at any regular meeting.

All candidates' names need to be in the hands of the District Nominating Committee Chair, Charlie Tegarden, by March 1, 2009.

#### Last chance for 2008 tax credits

*by Art Harrington*



## Donations have to be made by Dec. 31 to count

Copies of the forms that can be used to make your year-end donations to the **Arizona Rotary Vocational Fund** and to Mohave High School for our **Interact Club** were emailed to club members last week. If you did not receive them, those forms are available from Harrington Financial Services.

Remember that those donations must be made by December 31, in order to be eligible for the federal tax deduction and the state tax credits on your 2008 tax returns.

### Rotarians can help the UN

*by Art Harrington*

## Canada's UN Ambassador speaks to Rotarians



Recently a group of Rotarians/Rotaractors met prior to 'Rotary day at United Nations' for a forum at Canada's United Nations Mission headquarters, hosted by **UN Ambassador, Henri-Paul Normandin**; **Past RI President, Wilf Wilkinson** and **PDG 7080 Douglas Vincent**.

During the presentations, Ambassador Normandin shared some personal experiences at the UN and Canada's role in working with other countries to make the world a better place.

He referred to things that individual Rotarians can do to exercise their "**Power of 1**" influence and ability to help the United Nations reach goals to improve our world. He shared three specific areas of focus:

**(1)** "Rotary already does a lot of good in the area of Humanitarian Aid and International Development," Normandin said. He encouraged everyone to do more in this important area by scaling up and spreading further our already successful Rotary Foundation programs, focusing on literacy, water, health and poverty.

"I already know of the great work that Rotary does in support of our UN MDGs (Millennium Development Goals) and we continue to need your network of precious resources, to make a difference," he continued.

**(2)** "Given your vast knowledge of International Issues and Development you

are well equipped to create awareness both in Canada and abroad to help people understand the world is not a simple place," Normandin said. "There is great need for education on world issues to develop better understanding."

Our Rotary Foundation literacy projects, scholarships and exchange programs can contribute greatly toward this goal to promote and influence world peace. He quoted former Prime Minister Lester B Pearson as saying "The world will not have peace until people know each other and they will never know each other until they meet." Rotary can help!

**(3)** As part of our creating awareness, we have to promote and take action to make things happen. Normandin feels that as individuals we need to be informed and take a stand on more issues, encouraging our Government to "do something".

Many Governments make International Development promises but often they are not followed up on. Your "Government representatives do pay attention to public opinion," so we should hold them more accountable," he said