



Service Above Self

# Rotary Club of Bullhead City

## eBulletin

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### Upcoming Events

**President Elect Training**

Mar 6 2009

**Club Board Meeting**

Mar 11 2009

**Burro BBQ**

Apr 17 2009 - Apr 18 2009

**Installation Dinner 09-10**

Jun 11 2009

### News

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### Foster Kids Need Advocates

by *Dave Moore*



**Tonya Ford**, CASA program manager for MohaveCounty, presented the need for volunteers to become Court Appointed Special Advocates for foster children in MohaveCounty. 147 children are in foster care in our county but only 89 of these children have a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) who has taken action to give them a voice in court. More help is needed from volunteers who are willing to dedicate time and energy to ensure that the best interests of our "children in care" are being met. You can learn more at [www.azcasa.org](http://www.azcasa.org) or reach Tonya in Lake Havasu City at (928) 453-0705 ext. #3730 or email [toford@courts.az.gov](mailto:toford@courts.az.gov).



### Getting to Know You

by *Dave Moore*

This is a new feature of the Rotary Bulletin, providing interesting biographical insights into a fellow Rotarian. This week:

### Meet Laura Grasse - Immediate Past President of the Bullhead City Rotary Club



Married to Don Grasse for 12 years  
Children - 3 boys (actually men 32, 24, 20)  
One granddaughter - 8 years old!!!  
My sister is a doctor living in Albuquerque and DC!  
My brother is a historian living in Savannah Georgia  
Graduated from Queens College, in New York City in 1980

My hobbies are golf, boating (when it's warm), and riding with Don on our Harley. Unfortunately all of these are much more enjoyable without our wind!

My favorite music is anything by U2.

My favorite book is Grandfather by Tom Brown, Jr.

I was born in North Carolina but grew up in New York City, having a dad who was an actor! I moved to Phoenix in 1984 with my first husband. After a divorce and having met Don, I moved to Bullhead in 1993.

Although I worked in the fashion business in New York, I made a career change when I moved to Phoenix. (Really didn't have a choice, there was no fashion back in the 80's in Phoenix!) I have worked in banking since 1985 in various lending divisions, and became a commercial lender in 1998 with Laughlin National Bank, which then became First National Bank of Nevada. I moved over to Mohave State Bank in 2006 and love my job!

Don and I both are truly grateful for the opportunities that we have been given and try to give back to our community and those less fortunate. Don is the chairman of the board for the Academy of Building Industries, participating in a number of different ways.

My Rotary involvement began in 2002 and somehow I was put on the fast track in service, in 2004 I became treasurer, then secretary, president elect, then president. It is nice just being a part of the board this year! I have learned a lot about the organization attending Pets Trainings and various functions. I am truly amazed at the work that so many individuals do around the world.

I am very proud of what we are doing in our own town. I am especially proud of the WeekEND Hunger program and that we are making a difference in the lives of 35 kids every week. How awesome is that! The motto of Service Above Self is an ideal I try to practice in my life.

### **Mohave High School Interact Update**

*by Dave Moore*

#### **Contributed by Interact member Alyssa Folston**

Firstly, we have our meetings every Wednesday morning at 7:30 in Mrs. Buus' room (she is our school sponsor) and discuss projects we are soon to do and recent projects, including their progress. Right now, one of the projects we are working on is a sort-of "feed the children" kind of thing called Rice Bowls. How Rice Bowls work; members will be given a few of these rice bowl-shaped piggy banks to put around at local businesses. The idea is to have spare change donated into them -- one Rice Bowl can feed up to 3 children! These are around the



community until March 7th and then they will be sent out to Africa and Asia to help feed less-fortunate children. Another project we do every year is the Tiny T-Birds Easter egg hunt. Interact members put candy into plastic eggs, scatter them about the football field, and go on a fun hunt with the school's day care kids! It's a lot of fun to do and great for the little ones, but this year we are short on plastic eggs and candy. We are beginning to ask around businesses like Target, K-Mart, Wal-Mart, etc. to see if they would like to donate (especially candy from after-Valentine's Day-sales!!) There are many more projects that take place, including our spring highway clean-up, so keep in touch and I will try to get pictures too!!

### Backpack Rotary Volunteers

*by Dave Moore*



## Saturday February 14

A reminder of the next Back Pack packing session is Saturday, February 14th with [Chuck McMurry](#) and [Jim Carpenter](#) volunteering to help pack the food into the backpacks for distribution at selected elementary schools. It starts at 9:00 am at Mountain View Elementary School and takes less than an hour!

### New Member David Brush

*by Dave Moore*

We are pleased to announce that [David Brush](#) has been approved by the Board for membership into the Bullhead City Rotary Club. Any member that has any concerns regarding his acceptance into the club should notify a Board Member within seven days. He will then be officially inducted into the club at an upcoming meeting.



### A Billionaire's Hat on eBay

*by Dave Moore*



**Own the hat that Bill Gates wore and autographed at Rotary's 2009 International Assembly. This month,**

**the signed baseball cap will be auctioned on eBay.**

**Bid on this piece of Rotary memorabilia to help support Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication. Go to [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) today to place your bid on item 180325654751. Deadline is February 12.**