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Polio immunization in Mexico

by [Art Harrington](#)

Corky tells about Mexico NID

Corky Cornell has brought us several outstanding programs for our club meetings in recent months. Last Thursday he shared his photos and experiences from his participation in a National Immunization Day in Mexico last year in February. He is scheduled to return again this month for another one.



In company with other Rotarians from Arizona and California, Corky travelled down to Caborca, Mexico, where he had the incredible opportunity to administer those two life-saving drops of oral Polio vaccine to a number of infants and small children in that rural village.

Operating in teams, and under the supervision of a diligent, record-keeping nurse, these Rotarians went door-to-door in the village as part of Rotary's world-wide effort to immunize children against this crippling and often fatal disease.

It is one thing to read about these NIDs in the various countries, and to see the photos in the Rotarian Magazine, but Corky says it was one of the highpoints of his Rotary career to be able to personally participate in one of these massive immunization efforts. He highly recommended the experience to other Rotarians who want to become more personally involved in the worldwide work of Rotary.

New sergeant at arms

by [Art Harrington](#)



Another leadership position filled

Just monkeying around

Working without an actual photo, a bulletin

editor has to grab and use the closest likeness at hand.

However, if you have difficulty recognizing him from this image, our club's new Sergeant At Arms is none other than **Ed Marin**. A former Phoenix Rotarian, and relatively recent addition to our club, Ed is a financial adviser with Chase Bank.

Learning that Ed had experience as the Sergeant At Arms in his previous Rotary club, our club board at their meeting last Wednesday appointed him to fill that vacant leadership position in our club.

Thanks, Ed, for your willingness to serve!

BBQ preparations moving along
by Art Harrington

Burro event gearing up



Chairman Frank Hart is filling up his extensive roster in preparation for our club's biggest event of the year -- the Burro Barbeque, April 19. If you don't have a specific assignment yet, talk with Frank. More help is still needed in a number of areas.

Paul Stubler, aided by his sidekick, Crystal Wyncoop, passed out *The Burro Sheet* advertising information at last week's meeting, and asked for the club members' assistance in getting these ads sold as quickly as possible. Sample copies of last year's *Burro Sheet* newspaper insert were also distributed to aid in selling these ads.

Paul has been doing a fantastic job each year in producing this remarkable newspaper insert that helps to tell the story of Rotary and its accomplishments, along with recounting the colorful history of this historic Rotary-sponsored event. Without any question, last year's *Burro Sheet* was one of the best ever.

But it also needs to be understood by all of our club members that the advertising in the *Burro Sheet* is where we make the most money each year to fund our Rotary service projects. Consequently, we need to make these ad sales a top priority in our busy schedules over the next couple of weeks.

Mike Conner is heading a committee looking into the

possible purchase by our club of a new steam table to use with this year's Burro BBQ. It has been noted that the one we have been renting from the Catholic Church is in poor shape, and was only partially operative last year. If you have suggestions or sources, talk with Mike or Stephanie.

A point of view



The cost of Rotary

Has it happened to you when you invited potential members to your club with the suggestion for them to consider Rotary membership (after approval of your club of course), and their answers were, *"But Rotary costs too much?"* What was your response? Did you clarify the investment they would be making?

When I add up the amount of money my husband and I have spent on Rotary: membership dues, lunches, fines, auction dinners, foundation contributions, hosting exchange students, conventions, conferences, GSE and serving a year as DG, it is quite a considerable amount,

If 15 years ago, when my husband was first invited to join Rotary, someone would have said it could cost you as much as \$2,000 or more per year, we would have definitely responded with, *"Sorry, but that's not for us; we can't afford this kind of money."* However, 3 years after my husband joined, I also joined Rotary. And now, after having experienced all these wonderful opportunities, the many friends we have made, the many lessons we have learned, the international experience it has provided us, through youth exchange, international projects and conventions, and the many children we have been able to help with an education, or that extra help they needed to get out of certain situations, both my husband and I feel that Rotary is one of the best investments we have ever made in our lives.

In North America, we live in a society where we tend to take a lot of things for granted; and as long as 3 billion people still live on less than \$2.00 a day, and we don't even blink an eye to spend \$50 or more on dinner, shouldn't we think more often: *Is the cost of belonging to Rotary really too much?*

How can we afford not to belong to Rotary, and why do we not invite more people to Rotary and allow them the same experience we have had?

-- PDG Ely Contreras Vermeulen, in "Membership Matters," February 2008