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Rotary Club of Bullhead City

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Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm

Mar 6 2007

Burro BBQ

Apr 21 2007

Installation of Officers

Jun 29 2007

Club Christmas Party

Dec 7 2007

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Club loses valued member

by Burgess, Kelly

Ron Shimpa memorial service Friday at 1:00

Our club was saddened last Thursday by the the announcement at our meeting of the death of Ronald Shimpa.



We have lost a long-time, valued friend and member of our club. Our heartfelt love and sympathy are extended to his wife Gayle, and to his daughter Elaine, who is also a member of our club.

Ron has been the owner of Mountaineer Commercial Builders. He became a member of the Bullhead City Rotary Club on July 10, 1997.

A memorial service for Ron will be held this Friday, February 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the Amazing Grace Fellowship, 2730 Miracle Mile, here in Bullhead City.

Cards can be sent to the family at PO Box 9881, Fort Mohave, AZ 86427.

Maureen Smith service Friday

by Burgess, Kelly

Maureen Smith to be remembered Friday

Please remember that the memorial service for Maureen Smith will be held at the Hope United Methodist Church, 1325 Ramar Road, here in Bullhead City, this Friday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Club leadership training

by Art Harrington

WHAT IS AZ PETS?

I have to chuckle as I think back a few years. Admittedly, not everyone understands Rotary's alphabet soup. We are awash with acronyms.

I was attending a planning meeting for AZ PETS at the San Marcos Hotel in Scottsdale; and since I had driven the farthest to attend, I of course was the first to arrive for the meeting. However, when I asked the hotel desk clerk the location of the Rotary planning meeting, she was perplexed. "Perhaps you have the wrong date, she said. The Chandler Rotary Club met here earlier this week, but we have no Rotary meeting scheduled at the San Marcos today." Upon checking with the hotel manager, it was confirmed that no Rotary meeting or event was on their calendar for that date.

Knowing the meeting was indeed scheduled there, I decided to cool my heels and wait for the others to arrive - which they soon began to do. They, however, encountered the same answer I did from the folk at the desk. The chairman



informed the manager, "I know I called and personally scheduled this AZ PETS Committee Meeting on your calendar."

"Oh," said the embarrassed manager, upon once again reviewing the daily schedule of events. "The person you spoke to apparently did not understand. She scheduled the planning meeting for the Arizona Veterinary Society."

Welcome to the wonderful world of Rotary acronyms! "PETS" translates in Rotary lingo as "Presidents-Elect Training Seminar."

AZ Tri-District Rotary PETS, SETS & More is, in fact, recognized as one of the premiere training programs in the entire Rotary world for incoming Rotary club officers. It is being held again this year at the Mesa Hilton Hotel on Friday and Saturday, March 2-3.

You have probably figured out by now that SETS is Secretaries-Elect Training Seminar. But there is much more. At this 2-day event we have training tracks for presidents-elect, presidents-nominee, secretaries-elect, treasurers-elect, district governors-nominee and the marital partners of the club leaders. Arizona is unique in this respect, since most Rotary PETS around the world only train presidents-elect. Arizona, however, has been for a number of years on the cutting edge of Rotary leadership training, as we continue to develop new and innovative training programs for leadership at all levels.

I represent our District 5490 on the AZ Tri-District PETS Committee, which administers this club leadership program in March, along with the training of district leaders in October, the internet-based AZ Tri-District Leadership Academy - and some brand new program resources we will be unveiling at the upcoming PETS. I also currently serve as the AZ Tri-District Trainer, which means I am in charge of the curriculum and the training of the trainers for these programs.

How important is PETS? Rotary International **mandates** that Presidents-elect *must* attend a PETS before they are permitted to serve as a Club President in our worldwide service organization.

Bullhead City Rotary Club will be well-represented at the upcoming AZ PETS in Mesa. Attending will be PE Laura Grasse, PN Sharon Harrington, SE Terry Kelly and TE Steve Brown. Several spouses plan to attend as well. AGE Corky Cornell will also be there (as one of the worker bees, assisting in the training); and I will, of course, be there leading some of the sessions.

District Conference is May 18-20

by Art Harrington



Rotary at the Peak

What more could sun-baked desert dwellers ask for - the chance to spend a cool weekend in May in the mountains at 7,000 feet elevation in Flagstaff, with breathtaking views of the San Francisco Peaks (usually still snow-capped by then), amidst a forest of Ponderosa pine trees, in a plush room, with golf, swimming, hiking and numerous other recreational adventures awaiting you?

Besides that, the Conference will be loaded with attractions like featured speaker PDG Jeff Cadorette, Group Study Exchange teams from Denmark and Mexico, Rotary Youth Exchange students from around the world, and members of Rotary clubs from all over Arizona who will be eager to exchange ideas, experiences and projects.

Make attending this year's Rotary District Conference a **must** on your schedule. It is being held at Little America in Flagstaff, May 18-20. Add your name today to the list of attending BC Rotarians that Terry Morgridge is compiling.

For hotel reservations, you can call Little America toll-free at 800-865-1401. Be sure to mention you are attending the Rotary District Conference, so you will receive the group rate.

We have been invited!

by Art Harrington

New Chino Valley Rotary Club

Charter Night is Saturday, Feb. 24



We have been invited to attend the Charter Night for the Chino Valley Rotary Club, celebrating with the 28 members who have organized this new club. The Charter Night dinner and program will be held at the Chino Valley Senior Center, 1021 W. Butterfield Road, Chino Valley at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24th.

PDG Tim Creedon, everybody's favorite Irishman, will be the guest speaker for the evening, and DG Marian Gill will be on hand to present the pins and gifts.

The cost for the evening is \$30. Please RSVP to Darryl Croft: by e-mail to chinovalle Rotary@cablone.net, or call him at 928-636-3917.

Congratulations go to the Prescott Sunup Rotary Club, which has sponsored this new club!!

Our Rotary Foundation

by Art Harrington



Rotary Scholars make a difference!

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar program was the first program initiated by our Rotary Foundation many years ago. It yet remains one of the strongest and most influential investments we make with our TRF contributions.

While in San Diego recently participating in the Rotary International Assembly, I had the privilege of hearing Steve Hollingsworth, a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club in Elgin, Illinois back in 1980. He went to Manchester, England, to study international development.

That Rotary-sponsored educational experience convinced him that he should dedicate his life to helping the poorest of the poor. After graduating, he went to work for the relief agency CARE International. He has since worked with relief efforts in Malawi, Bolivia, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Since 2002 he has been serving as the Director of CARE India.

India is home to 1 billion people, many of them living on less than \$1 per day. As Director of CARE India, Steve oversees a \$60 million budget for aid programs that reach some 6.5 million people.

Their projects are like Rotary's humanitarian grants, focusing on health, on educating and empowering women and on economic development. They have specialized in, and have been highly successful with, making micro-credit loans to poor women to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency. When the Tsunami hit the Tamil Nadu region of Southern India last December, CARE was one of the primary agencies that moved in to help the victims of that disaster.

I was deeply moved as I saw the pictures and listened to Steve relate his experiences - especially as he told of the programs and services he is able to help provide to these poor women and their families in India. Those programs are working. Women are being empowered, and families and entire communities are being raised out poverty.

I could not help but be awed by the absolutely incredible return we have reaped over these 27 years since we made that \$12,000 investment in the form of a scholarship for that young man from Elgin, IL.

This is but one story of one Ambassadorial Scholar. There have been many thousands of them.

My deepest regret is that our District 5490 has not yet realized the tremendous impact and value of this oldest, and one of the best, Rotary Foundation programs. We currently sponsor no Ambassadorial Scholars. Thankfully, other Arizona Rotary districts do.