

# Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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**Upcoming Events** 

**07-08**, **08-09 Board Meeting** Mar 5 2008

**08-09 Board Mtg** Mar 19 2008

**2008-09 Installation Dinner** Jun 26 2008

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#### Water is the issue

**BC Rotary last week** 

by Art Harrington

Following an excellent Rotary Minute presentation by Dan Oehler, highlighting Rotary's Strategic Plan (with copies distributed by President Laura), we moved on at last Thursday's meeting to the main issue of the day: Water.

Tom Griffin, from Griffin & Associates, was our speaker on the subject of our Colorado River Water. He pointed out that water from the western slopes feeds via the Colorado River to seven states that depend on its precious product: Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada.

Tom explained to us how the water allocations work. Anyone drawing water from the Colorado River must have a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation.

The question was raised as to whether or not Bullhead City has a sufficient allocation for all of its planned development. Tom's answer was "No." He did point out, however, that since 1996 Bullhead City has not been using its full allocation, so we have "stored" water in Phoenix and Tucson as the result. He said we could draw on this if needed.

Slight gain is noted by Art Harrington



"Membership is all of our responsibility"

In a letter this week to club presidents, RI President Wilf Wilkinson points out that

"growing our membership is all of our responsibility."

President Wilf notes that, through the first six months of this Rotary year (July through January, we have experienced a slight increase of 1,240 net new members.

He is challenging every Rotarian to bring in at least one new member.

How long has it been since you sponsored a new member in Rotary? Have you *ever* done that? If not, why not?

Who do you know, work with or do business with who might appreciate an invitation to Rotary?

The fact is that every Rotarian has a sphere of influence and a circle of friends and associates. Some of those individuals are potential Rotarians. Do them a favor, and become their bridge into Rotary.

You may not remember who the club president was, or even the RI president, when you became a Rotarian. But you will probably *never* forget the person who sponsored you.

Do that for someone else - and become their unforgettable person!

Help with the ads by Art Harrington

## **Burro Sheet** ad sales need to be a priority

First of all, we want to extend our club's sympathy to Burro Sheet Chair, Paul Stubler, on the loss of his mother this past week.

Secondly, we need to give him the backing necessary to make this the best *Burro Sheet* ever by making those ad sales a priority in our schedules. In addition to the usual backlog of work at the newspaper, due to Paul's having to be away to be with his family at this time, he is also having to play "catch-up" in the push for securing the *Burro Sheet* ads. He needs our help - *now!* 

If you have any questions, or need any help, call Paul at 788-4252, or Crystal at 763-3111.

Youth exchange deadline by Shirin McGraham



#### Additional host family still needed

Folks, it's time to "fish or cut bait." I need to get a definitive answer to Phoenix by

Thursday if our club is going to be able to take an inbound student.

We need four solid families if we are going to do this. And it would be nice to have one "fall back" for those emergencies that always seems to arise.

So far we have three families who have indicated they are willing to help host an inbound student for this next school year. Do we have a fourth?

Please call me if you, a relative, an employee or a neighbor might be willing to be that 4th family. My work phone is 763-9339, and my home phone is 768-2849.

**AZ PETS this weekend** by Art Harrington

#### Club leadership training in Mesa

Incoming club presidents, secretaries and treasurers from all over the state of Arizona will be convening this Friday and Saturday at the Hilton in Mesa for the annual Arizona Tri-District PETS, SETS & More.

Arizona has been recognized as a world leader for the quality of its Rotary club leadership training. And the caliber of the speakers it draws each year is really impressive.

Addressing these leaders this weekend will be none other than Rotary International President-Elect, D. K. Lee, from Korea. Also speaking will be John Osterlund, the General Manager of The Rotary Foundation, RI Director-Elect Dr. Phil Silvers, along with Cathy Smith, a

dynamic Past District Governor from Minnesota.

In addition to the sessions when these leaders will speak, the club leaders will be participating in an intensive schedule of breakout sessions designed to equip them for their particular responsibilities, plus the time they will be spending with their incoming District Governors for each of Arizona's three districts.

Without a doubt, Arizona PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) is Rotary leadership training at its finest!

Portland Rotarian determined to make a difference by Art Harrington

### Jubitz pledges \$300,000

to train 5 peacemakers through Rotary

Rotarian **Al Jubitz** remembers the time when he was 12 years old and another boy punched him in the face. His ego was bruised, but he learned a lesson: Peace is always better than fighting. Now he hopes to see that lesson applied on a global scale.

A member of the Rotary Club of Portland, Oregon, USA, Jubitz has pledged US \$300,000 for five Rotary World Peace Fellowships, which will fund five aspiring peacemakers as they pursue master's degrees.

"Rotary World Peace Fellows deserve a boost financially to follow their passion," says the retired trucking tycoon. "You've got to trust that if we plant seeds in these young people, good things will happen. That's why I support the program." Jubitz, 63, graduated from Yale University but says he received his "formal education" in peacemaking in the late 1970s, when he was involved with the Creative Initiative Foundation (later called Beyond War). The group organized grassroots meetings in living rooms to educate people about the excesses of the Cold War arms race.

Today, he's particularly interested in fostering peace in Cyprus, where a United Nations-patrolled buffer zone separates Greek and Turkish Cypriots. "If we can create peace in Cyprus, we probably have all the ingredients for doing it in the Middle East," he says. Jubitz, who visited Cyprus in 2005, has helped fund Portland State University's Peace Initiatives Project, which aims to find a solution to the longstanding conflict on the

Mediterranean island.

Through the Jubitz Family Foundation, he and his daughters have also awarded grants to Portland State University's conflict resolution graduate program, the Wholistic Peace Institute, and the Oregon Peace Institute, which Jubitz chaired in the 1970s.

By Tiffany Woods, Rotary International News