



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Last week's program
by Art Harrington

Upcoming Events

Club Forum
Jul 24 2008

Interact Mtg 7:30am MHS T-124
Aug 13 2008

Club Christmas Party
Dec 18 2008

Burro BBQ
Apr 17 2009 - Apr 18 2009

Installation Dinner 09-10
Jun 11 2009

Celebrating our club's partnership with Legacy Foundation



We welcomed **Nancy Mongeau**, VP for Program Development with the Legacy Foundation, as our guest speaker last Thursday. Nancy was particularly reporting on Legacy's **Backpack Buddies Project**. Our club has been a partner in that project for a number of years, and **this past year we contributed \$1,500** to help provide these backpacks to kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders.

News

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Each year thousands of kids come to Arizona schools lacking basic essentials in terms of home, health, and school supplies. Through a collaboration with Back-to-School Clothing Drive Association (BTSCDA), as well as corporate and community sponsors, the Legacy Backpack Buddies Project equips over 5,000 elementary school-age children from low-income families in the greater Phoenix and Tri-State regions with back-to-school supplies, health and hygiene-related items and clothing.

Nancy reported that this past year our partnership here in the Tri-State provided backpacks to 2,694 of these children, with an approximate value \$75 per backpack. One hundred percent of all sponsorship dollars and contributions support the cost of clothing, shoes, backpacks and the backpack contents. Included in the packs are vouchers that can be spent for underwear, socks and shoes.

In any year that donations exceed the total cost of the back-to-school project items, the remaining dollars are used to support elementary school-based medical clinics, dental services and other back-to-school programs for elementary school children of low-income families in the greater Phoenix and Tri-State regions.

Formed in 2001, the BHHS Legacy Foundation has to date committed over \$30 million to increase access to healthcare and improve health outcomes for high-risk, underserved and uninsured populations. BHHS Legacy Foundation's service priority area includes the greater central and western metropolitan Phoenix and the Tri-State region. Legacy Foundation awarded \$4.3 million in grants to more than 80 organizations in 2007.

RLI delegate chosen*by Art Harrington****Dana is selected for RLI***

Dana Rice has been chosen by the club's board to represent our club at the next Rotary Leadership Institute, to be held at Grand Canyon Railway in Williams.

Dana, who is one of our newest members, serves as the Chief Nursing Officer at the Valley View Medical Center. She will be joined at the Williams Institute by **Crystal Wynkoop**, who is also representing our club, now at the Level 2.

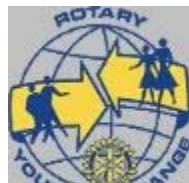
RLI consist of three levels, each one-day sessions, designed to help newer club members with recognized leadership potential better understand Rotary, and to equip them for club leadership.

Board schedules forum*by Art Harrington***Club Forum set for July 24**

Our new club board has called for a **Club Forum** at our meeting next week, Thursday, July 24. The purpose of a Club Forum is to discuss club business and gain input from the members.

The two key agenda items for this Forum will be the balanced **budget** the board has proposed for the year, along with the adoption of a revised set of club **bylaws**, which incorporate our club's implementation this past year of the new Rotary Club Leadership Plan.

All members should have received in the mail an envelope from the club with a red stamp on it. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with its contents prior to the meeting on July 24.

Exchange student's condition*by Art Harrington***News about Lydia Cheng, RYE student**

Our Rotary District has issued the following press

release:

Rotary International, District 5490 leadership and all district Rotarians are very saddened by this tragic near drowning event of our Taiwanese exchange student, Lydia Cheng. Our top priority in Rotary Youth Exchange is the safety and well being of our students in our programs. We have been and continue to be in full cooperation with emergency and medical professionals who are in charge of the care of our student. Rotarians here and in her home country are doing all we can to support our student and her natural and host families.

After a briefing by the medical team at Sunrise Children's Hospital in Las Vegas, Lydia's condition remains critical and stable. We are in a medically appropriate waiting period with all care directed to support her recovery. It will be a few days to a week before medical professionals can determine the extent of her injuries and recovery time frame. We are doing our utmost to respect the HIPPA privacy laws and to respect the parent's wishes regarding any release of medical information. Lydia's parents arrived Friday, July 11th and are with her at the hospital. Rotary District 5490 leadership and families will do everything we can to support them during this difficult time.

We remain saddened by the recent events and focus on the health recovery of our student.

Rotarians in our district are being urged to quickly send cards wishing her well to:

Lydia Cheng & Family
c/o HCHF
2126 McCulloch Blvd, Unit 7
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Sponsor a new member
by Art Harrington

Help Rotary grow this year

This attractive 2008-09 New Member Sponsor Pin, which clubs can obtain through licensed Rotary vendors, has been authorized as recognition for club members who sponsor new members for Rotary this year.



To help energize clubs worldwide, RI President Dong Kurn Lee is traveling the globe to generate ideas for membership growth. His first 12 presidential conferences, which will include small group discussions to identify best practices for member recruitment and retention, took place on July 7th in Tokyo.

Our Bullhead City Rotary Club will be well represented at the Presidential Membership Conference being held in Mesa, Jan. 9-10, 2009, which is only one of two of these conferences being

held in this country.

To encourage clubs and districts to take action to increase membership, Lee has developed a new membership recognition program. During 2008-09, clubs that achieve a 10 percent net increase in membership will receive a certificate signed by the president. At the district level, gaining two new clubs and a 10 percent net membership increase must be reached. District recognition awards vary depending on the percentage of clubs achieving the membership increase.

The 10 clubs and districts with the highest percentage net membership increase will be recognized on stage at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. To ensure recognition, clubs should update membership information via Member Access by May 15th. RI membership database numbers will be used to determine achievement.

A great Rotary project

by Art Harrington



The Give Hope - Give a Hand Prosthetic Project

Tim Bewley learned of the prosthetic device during a 2005 trip to Vietnam. Inspired by how quickly recipients learned to use it and by their joy at regaining their independence, he joined with Carol Fellows and Michael Mendonca, of the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill, California, USA, to establish a foundation " . to provide the device to those in developing countries suffering below elbow limb loss due to acts of violence, land mines, accidents or birth defects. "

The LN-4 prosthetic hand is controlled by the wearer's other hand, which makes it easy to use and easy to fit. Fellows, a physician, noted that it has a much higher rate of acceptance among users than some of the more technically advanced prosthetic devices more common in the United States.

"The best part was when some of our former recipients came and trained the new recipients," Fellows says. "One day in Uganda, we looked over and saw that one of our recipients was teaching another to tie his shoes."

The project got a boost at the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, when then RI President Bill Boyd named it among his favorite three projects in the Rotary world. Bewley says they are continuing to connect with Rotary. "We happily accept donations," he says.

"We would not be where we are today," Bewley emphasizes, "without the support of District 5160," which contributed \$200,000 to the project last year, under the leadership of District Governor Candy Pierce.

Bewley's plan is that Rotary clubs will work together to provide LN-4s to clinics where the need for prosthetic hands is great. "We're looking for sustainability. We want to get host countries involved," he says.

"We're not wealthy," Fellows says, "but we're both passionate about the Foundation." They also believe that those who are able to give should put the money to work right away.

"When you are looking at the quality of life of others around the world, if you are going the walk the talk, you are going to take risks," Fellows says. "Rather than holding on and protecting, you need to do what it takes to make it better for others."

For more information about this project, visit their website: <http://www.LN-4.org/>

The prosthetic hand
by Art Harrington

How it Works



The operational process of the LN-4 hand is very simple. Two moveable mechanical digits interlock between three non-moveable digits. A ratchet type mechanism causes the moveable digits to grasp incrementally while being closed.

To release the grip, pressure to the hand's other side flexes the base and pulls the tab away from the digits gears. It is a simple process and quickly learned by the recipient. Within minutes, the recipient is using the hand to write with, use an eating utensil, or drink from a cup.

Most important, its simple design enables it to be more inexpensively produced, so more recipients can receive and benefit from these prosthetic hands.

Rotarians making it happen
by Art Harrington



Practicing what they preach

Arch C. Klumph Society Members **Dr. Carol Fellows** and **Tim Bewly** are passionate about the LN-4 prosthetic hand project.

For those who may not know what this Arch C. Klumph designation means, it is a recognition, in honor of the founder of The Rotary Foundation, of Rotarians who

have given \$250,000 or more to our Rotary Foundation.

Editor's notes
by Art Harrington

Early bulletin this week

Due to the fact that Sharon and I will be visiting Rotary friends in Colorado, the club bulletin has been produced and sent out early this week.

President-elect Paul Stubler will be presiding at Thursday's club meeting.