



Service Above Self

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Challenging goals for the year

by Art Harrington

Sharon shares 10 goals

for Bullhead City Rotary for 2008-09



Installed as our club's new President, Sharon Harrington shared 10 goals she has for the club for this new Rotary year:

- **Develop a 5 year Strategic Plan - Dr. Tom Dallman is chair of this committee**
- **Involve of every member on at least one committee in addition to participating in the all-club Burro BBQ fundraising event**
- **Implement the WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project at Coyote Canyon School**
- **Secure a District Simplified Grant to enable us to expand the summer reading program**
- **Implement the Desert Valley School assisted reading program**
- **Continue our partnership with the Valle de Cuernavaca Rotary Club to secure additional Matching Grants for projects in each of our communities, along with developing Friendship Exchanges between our clubs**
- **Continue our partnership with the Sierra Vista Rotary Club in sponsoring Matching Grant projects in West Africa**
- **Hopefully finally beginning construction on our long-delayed Centennial Park project -- with Mike Conner chairing this committee**
- **Continue to increase our club's contributions to The Rotary Foundation**
- **Accomplish a membership growth of at least 10% in our club by next June 30**

Rotarian of the Year

by Art Harrington



Crystal is chosen as

Rotarian of the Year

Crystal Wynkoop was recognized as our club's **Rotarian of the Year** at our annual Awards and Installation Dinner last Thursday.

President Laura presented a surprised Crystal, who has been a Rotarian a little less than a year, with her beautiful recognition plaque. Crystal served as the chair for the Awards & Installation Dinner this year, and did a fantastic job. She had also served as the co-chair of the Burro Sheet.

French banner exchange

by Art Harrington

Making up Rotary in France

Alan Callner, our club's new treasurer, has just returned from a trip to Europe.



While visiting the city of Mougins, France, Alan kept up his Rotary attendance by making up at the local Rotary club. He is pictured here with the Club President, exchanging club banners.

As a Rotarian, you are welcomed in every Rotary club around the world - more than 30,000 of them! There is no better way to expand your vision of Rotary, or to more quickly make new friends, than to make up a another Rotary club. Want to know more about that community? Ask some of those Rotarians! You may be surprised as how eager to share, and how helpful they will be.

Club accomplishments

by Art Harrington



Laura lists club accomplishments

Speaking to the club at the Awards & Installation Dinner, Pres. Laura said, "Sometimes we might not think we are doing much as a club, but Bullhead City Rotary definitely made a significant impact all over the world this past year."

She listed the following international and local projects:

Internationally:

- Completed a restroom facilities project at the high school in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, India, via a matching grant we partnered in the previous year
- Donated funds to provide a wheelchair in the name of Gov. John King to be distributed in Mexico this year
- Contributed \$2,500 as a partner with the Sierra Vista Rotary Club, along with other clubs and Districts, for a major project in Niger/West Africa that provided water wells, toilets and school equipment and health education to the students and local residents (total project cost: over \$45,000)
- Contributed \$500 to Prescott Sunup Rotary Club to help with the final funding of a major well project in Kenya (total cost: over \$68,000)
- Contributed \$1,800 to ShelterBox USA, which provides a temporary home in a box, including a 2-room tent, sleeping bags, cooking utensils and a stove. These have been supplied to victims of floods, earthquakes and Tsunamis, both in the US and Internationally.
- Hosted the GSE team from District 7020 in Bahamas with dinner at the Carpenter's home and a day trip to Las Vegas, provided by Lainie and Karl. Their visit concluded with a lunch at the Road Kill Cafe in Seligman with Art and Sharon Harrington, where they met up with the Grand Canyon Club.
- Initiated reciprocal grants with the Rotary Club of Valle de Cuernavaca in Cuernavaca Morelos Mexico to help schools in both of our communities:
 - In Cuernavaca the grant of \$16,584, will provide therapeutic equipment and training to a school for handicapped children and their parents
 - In Bullhead City the grant of \$12,478 will initiate the WeekEND Hunger Backpack Program at Coyote Canyon School, managed by Communities in Schools, during the school year of 2008-09. The funds will feed 35 young children that go hungry on weekends without the help of the program.

Local Projects:

- Participated in the Legacy Back Pack program - distributed backpacks at Coyote Canyon School
- Provided personal dictionaries to the third graders in all of the schools from Bullhead City to Mohave Valley

- Donated to Westcare during the holidays in the amount of \$1700 from club members and the club
- Donated children's books collected at our Christmas Dinner, used as part of The Academy of Building Industries Christmas project, where they built rocking chairs, rocking horses and bookcases for needy children. Our club donated over 100 books.
- Donated \$2000 to a Summer Reading Program managed by Willie Richardson
- Sent 7 students to RYLA this year. One of which was Diane from AOBI. She could not stop telling me how that event has changed her life. She later was chosen as the student of the year for the Bullhead Chamber of Commerce.
- Donated \$1500 to the Boys and Girls club for their Basketball program
- Donated \$500 to the Boys and Girls Club annual fund drive
- Donated Scholarships in the amount of \$6,500 to local high school students
- And not to be forgotten, our 57th Annual Burro BBQ.

The Rotary Foundation
by Art Harrington

A phenomenal year for TRF giving!



The unaudited numbers representing the worldwide giving to our Rotary Foundation for the 2007-08 Rotary Year show record contributions of **\$240.4 million** for the year:

- Annual Programs Fund: **\$115 million**
- Permanent Fund: **\$13.3 million**
- PolioPlus Fund: **\$110 million**
- Other: **\$2.1 million**

Our Bullhead City Club's Foundation Giving for 2007-08:

- **Annual Programs Fund: \$11,087.50**
- **Per capita contributions: \$193.35**
- **PolioPlus Fund: \$2,000.00**

Historic moment in LA
by Art Harrington



The Mighty Four

It was a historic occasion when, for the first time ever, the top representatives of the four spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative appeared together, and each addressed the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles.

Shown in this photo, from the left, are:

Ann Veneman, Executive Director of UNICEF

Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization

Dr. Robert S. Scott, Chair of The Rotary Foundation

Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

World Health Organization
by Art Harrington

A huge boost from WHO



Speaking at the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles, **Dr. Margaret Chan**, Director-General of the World Health Organization, lauded the leadership and work of Rotary in bringing about the 99% reduction thus far in polio cases around the world.

She spoke of the extreme urgency of finishing the task of completely eradicating the crippling disease from the face of the earth. Speaking for the World Health Organization, Dr. Chan emphatically stated, **"I am making polio eradication the organization's top operational priority on a most urgent, if not emergency, basis."** She pledged the full operational power of WHO to the final push that we are now making to complete

the enormous task we have begun.

Back in 1985, when Rotarians first proposed to eliminate polio from this planet, when 1,000 children a day were being crippled, and many of them were dying from the disease, the task appeared to many to be impossible. However, today we have almost succeeded. According to Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were only **1,313** cases of polio remaining in the world, now in only four countries.

Dr. Chan stressed that polio is indeed in retreat, and she urged Rotarians to continue their fight. She said, ***"I ask those of you representing Rotary in Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan to do even more. You have been the engines of polio eradication in your countries, and I thank you. But I need you to do more. I challenge you to raise the political stakes even higher, as I am doing with heads of state and political leaders. Political leaders must be mobilized and held fully accountable."***

She ended her passionate address by thanking Rotarians ***"for your steadfast commitment to ridding the world of an ancient disease that has destroyed so many childhoods and broken so many hearts. Together,"*** she said, ***"we will bring this to an end, forever!"***