



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Future Speakers

Aug 7 2008

Mike Byrd; Crystal Wynkoop
"Vocational Talks"

Upcoming Events

Club Board Mtg

Aug 6 2008

Interact Mtg 7:30am MHS T-124

Aug 13 2008

Club Forum

Aug 14 2008

Club Christmas Party

Dec 18 2008

Burro BBQ

Apr 17 2009 - Apr 18 2009

Installation Dinner 09-10

Jun 11 2009

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Last week's meeting

by Art Harrington

Our club forum



Last week's club forum at our meeting did achieve a great amount of participation by club members. The proposed bylaws were ratified by the club. The proposed budget has been returned to the board, to be resubmitted after there has been further verification of the accounts receivable information.

The belt-tightening and adjustments required to balance budgets is never an easy or comfortable process to go through, whether it is in our personal or our club accounting. However, with an accountant as President this year, along with a board that is committed to fiscal responsibility, it was apparent to all at the meeting that the club will do whatever is necessary to have a balanced budget this year.

Initially the board has proposed cutting expenditures and raising dues. An increase in dues of \$25 per quarter was approved with the ratifying of the new bylaws. However, our other option to cutting back on our service projects is to raise our service income by adding one or more fund-raisers. It was pointed out at the meeting that our club lost \$12,000 - \$15,000 a year in service income when our joint auction with the Laughlin club folded several years ago. That fund-raiser has never been replaced, leaving us with the Burro BBQ as our sole source of service income (outside of the relatively minimal income from the weekly club 50/50 drawing and our club member fines).

Another club forum is scheduled August 14 for the re-submission of the budget to the club, along with further discussion on additional fund-raisers our club could use to increase our service income.

Next week

by Art Harrington



Vocational talks scheduled

Ed Marin and **Dana Rice** will be sharing with us

at this week's meeting about their professions - both what they do in their work, and what is happening of interest in their fields today.

John McCormick, our Program Chair, has scheduled vocational talks by two of our members at each of our next two club meetings.

Next week (August 7) we will be hearing from Mike Byrd and Crystal Wynkoop.

Also speaking this Thursday

Dana Rice will also be featured at Thursday's meeting, giving her Vocational Talk, along with that of Ed Marin.



About our meal costs
by Art Harrington



Did you know?

Club members probably do not realize that, if they order something different than the scheduled meal at our club meetings, **there is an additional charge to the club - usually averaging about \$2 extra.**

The board has no problem with such special orders. However, with our belt-tightening policies in place, ***please be advised that these extra charges for your meal will now be added to your quarterly dues.*** The club can no longer afford to subsidize members' special orders. While this may seem insignificant, multiply the amount times the number of special meals ordered over the course of a year, and you suddenly realize that it has cost the club several thousand dollars.

If you do need to place a special order for a meal at one of our meetings, simply inform our club treasurer that you have done so. He will check the bill from the restaurant and add the difference to your bill for your quarterly dues.

With rising costs over the past number of years since we had our last dues increase, it became apparent to our board that our dues were not even covering our meal expenses. Consequently, we have been deficit spending out of club reserves the past few years to cover our actual operating costs.

The question always arises: "Can we get a cheaper meal anywhere

else?" The answer is "no." Our current meal cost (including the beverage, tax and required 20% gratuity) is approximately \$12. Our restaurant relations committee has explored a number of other options, and has found none that would be less expensive, when all costs are included. Simply look at your own total tab when you eat out, while also realizing that restaurants always charge more to serve a group in their banquet room. Compare this amount as well with what you pay at other Rotary luncheon clubs. An all-inclusive \$12 is certainly *not* an unreasonable figure for a Rotary lunch at today's prices.

If you have any input on a better meeting place at an equal or better price, please pass that information on to Paul Stubler, who chairs that committee.

Backpack deliveries Aug. 11

by Art Harrington

Help us deliver backpacks



Stephanie Moore, our Community Service Chair, announced on Thursday that we will be delivering backpacks, as partners in the Legacy Backpack Project, to five schools on Monday, August 11.

Here is the list of the schools and the scheduled times:

- **Mountain View - 9 AM**
- **Diamondback - 10:15 AM**
- **Mohave Accelerated - 11:00 AM**
- **Coyote Canyon - 2:00 PM**
- **Sunrise - 2:45 PM**

A number of our members have already signed up to assist with the deliveries to the children at one or more of the schools. If you have not done so yet, please see Stephanie at this week's meeting, or respond to the email she has sent out to all club members. Each delivery is expected to take about a half-hour.

Saving the children

by Art Harrington



THE FACTS

about child mortality

- More than one-third of all child deaths occur during the first 28 days of life.
- Up to half of the deaths under age five are associated with undernutrition.
- Other contributors to under-five deaths are unsafe water, poor sanitation, and inadequate hygiene.
- Only about 1 percent of under-five deaths resulted from unknown causes.
- Two-thirds of the under-five deaths are entirely preventable with such interventions as skilled attendants at delivery, newborn care, immunizations, oral rehydration therapy, antibiotics to fight pneumonia, and insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

Source: State of the World's Children 2008, UNICEF

One of our goals this year
by Art Harrington

Clubs urged to *Make Dreams Real*

and earn a Presidential Citation



The 2008-09 Presidential Citation honors Rotary clubs that ***Make Dreams Real*** by initiating a service project that reduces child mortality. "When we carry out tasks that save children's lives, we ***Make Dreams Real***," says RI President Dong Kurn Lee.

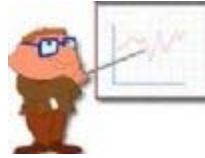
As part of the citation requirements, Lee has also set membership goals that clubs must meet and five categories in which clubs must complete activities: Membership, Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. These activities must be completed between July 1 and March 31.

Interact and Rotaract clubs may also earn a Presidential Citation by completing activities in at least four of the five categories. District governors will be recognized if at least half of the district's clubs earn a citation, and if the governor and at least half of the district's club presidents each recruit at least one new member into Rotary. Clubs must submit their certification forms, along with those of the Rotaract and Interact clubs they sponsor, to their district governor by March 31. The governor's list of certified clubs must be received at RI World Headquarters by April 15.

Our club board members and committee chairs all have copies of the criteria for the Presidential Citation, and will be working with their committees and our club members to achieve this citation for our club this year. Our **WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project** at Coyote Canyon School certainly fits in with the President's theme and primary emphasis this year. Laura Grasse chairs this project.

Rotary stats

by Art Harrington



Current Rotary numbers

from around the Rotary World

- Rotarians worldwide: 1,225,046
- Rotary districts: 532
- Rotary clubs: 32,907
- Rotaract clubs: 7105
- Rotaract members: 163,415
- Rotary Community Corps: 6,143
- Rotary Community Corps Members: 141,289

All figures as of March 31, 2008