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Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Last week's program
by Art Harrington

Senior assisted living is big business

Ron Baker, our speaker last week, is a member of the Bend High Meadow Rotary Club in Bend, Oregon. He is also part owner of Frontier Management, which builds and manages senior assisted living facilities in seven states -- including new SunRidge Village here in Bullhead City. This beautiful seniors' residence consists of 142 apartments, and it is already 70% full .

Baker says there is a huge demand today for these assisted living facilities, exceeding the present supply. His company is building two new memory care residences in Arizona, which will include facilities for Alzheimer and dementia patients.

He told us the biggest problem they encounter today in this business is the lack of sufficient qualified and trained staff.

It was an interesting and enlightening program, and we always appreciate being able to host and hear from Rotarians about their business ventures in our area.

Wilf visits Vegas project
by Art Harrington



Joe's Rotary Minute

Our thanks to Joe Heath for using his Rotary Minute last week to call our attention to an excellent article that appeared in Thursday's edition of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* newspaper that featured RI President Wilf Wilkinson's visit to Vegas last week.

Wilf was in Vegas to meet with area Rotarians and to tour the West Prep Elementary School, which has been

adopted as a project of the Las Vegas West Rotary Club.

The article particularly focused on a conversation the reporter had with Wilf regarding Rotary's membership trends (declining some in the US, while growing rapidly in other parts of the world, and therefore resulting in net worldwide growth for the service organization -- compared to other international service clubs that have been shrinking in size).

Thanks, Joe, for spotting this article and sharing it with our club.

From Don's family

by Art Harrington

Thank you

A thank you card has been received by the club from Don McMurry's family.



It's message says: "*Your kindness will always be remembered and appreciated.*"

The card contained a typical ranch photo of Don, along with the signed individual names of all of his family.

Splinters from the board

by Art Harrington

Recent board actions

Meeting last Wednesday, our club's board approved the follow expenditures, all within the scope of the club-approved budget for the year:

Under community service projects: \$1,500 was approved to co-sponsor with Kiwanis and the Mohave Community College Foundation this year the very successful "College for Kindergartners," to be held April 7, 8 and 9 at Mohave Community College. 700 kids are expected to participate this year, visiting the various facilities and programs at the college, along with getting a snack, a diploma and information about the college and the summer College for Kids programs -- along with a logo T-shirt.

Under The Rotary Foundation: \$1,000 was approved as our club's contribution to Rotary's match of the Gates Foundation \$100 million challenge grant to help complete worldwide polio eradication. Our club intends to contribute \$1,000 each year for three years, in addition to individual Rotarians' contributions for this polio eradication effort.

Under International Service: \$2,500 was approved to partner with the Sierra Vista Rotary Club and others in a \$46,000 Matching Grant Project to assist a community in Niger, West Africa. Included will be a water well, benches, desks,

computer equipment and latrines to benefit 4 schools, grain for a grain bank cooperative and other needed items. The project is being undertaken in partnership with the US Peace Corps in Niger. This is one of the projects engineered by Ernie & Sallie Montague, who spoke to our club last year. We are looking forward to having them back to share more about this exciting project.

New board meets

by Sharon Harrington

Next year's board to meet



I have scheduled an organizational and planning meeting for next year's club board for Wednesday, March 19, at 5:30. We will be meeting in the conference room at Harrington Financial Services.

I am pleased to announce that serving on our board next year will be:

- **Laura Grasse, Immediate Past President**
- **Paul Stubler, President-Elect**
- **Terry Kelly, Secretary**
- **Alan Callner, Treasurer**
- **Sharon Rains, Club Administration**
- **Mike Rubell, Membership**
- **Dave Moore, Public Relations**
- **Jim Richardson, Service Projects**
- **Art Harrington, Foundation**

-- Sharon Harrington, President-Elect

BBQ tickets to be distributed

by Art Harrington



Burro BBQ Pre-sale Tickets

-- to be distributed March 20

As is our club's custom each year, 20 pre-sale barbeque tickets will be issued to each club member @

\$6.00 per ticket. Club members are billed for the cost of these tickets, and they can do whatever they wish with them. Some sell them, and others prefer to give them to clients and/or employees. The cost of the pit barbequed beef meal (*the best to be found anywhere*) tickets the day of the barbeque will be \$7.00.

For the benefit of both new club members and the veteran members, the board wants to remind everyone that no unsold or unused tickets can be returned for credit.

The board also says this year that tickets cannot be returned to offset receipts for supplies purchased for the barbeque. Neither can receipts for those supplies be used to offset dues owed to the club. Instead, all receipts are to be submitted to club treasurer Steve Brown for reimbursement. This procedure should help reduce the BBQ accounting difficulties experienced in previous years.

Wheelchair GSE team
by Art Harrington

Final call for team leader applications

District 5490 is issuing a last call for Rotarian applicants for the position of GSE Team Leader for our 2009 all-wheelchair GSE Team that will be going to Australia. The team leaders and team members for both the inbound and outbound teams will be full-time wheelchair users.

The Team Leader interviews will be held on March 29, 2009.

This cultural and vocational exchange is with Rotary District 9680 in Australia, near Sydney. The trips will be in the spring of 2009, with the outbound team going April 27 through May 18. Due to the complexity of this exchange, the team is being selected and put together further in advance than usual.

Candidates for team members are also being sought. For the team leader application go to:

http://w.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/260en.pdf

For the team member application go to:

http://w.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/161en.pdf

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