



Service Above Self

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Veterans Day Parade

by Art Harrington

Rotary's presence in the parade



Rotary was well-represented in our community's first Veterans Day Parade last Saturday.

Thanks to the efforts of **Mike Conner**, and by using the Rotary wheels salvaged from the recently-demolished ramada in Community Park, our club had a colorful float entry in the parade.

Rotarians, members of our Interact club and Vienna Pezzuto, our Rotary Youth Exchange student from Belgium, helped wave flags on board the float.

Flag Wavers

by Art Harrington



Pulling the float & waving the flags

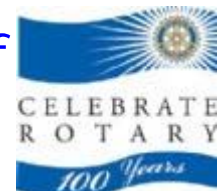
Mike Conner's spiffed-up truck provided the horsepower to pull our float.

Dr. George Flitcraft and Lainie Shimpa are seen here adding spirit and helping to wave the flags.

Special program on 19th

by Art Harrington

Special Celebration of Rotary



Invite former members & prospective members as your guests on Nov. 19

Our Club Membership Chair, **Lainie Shimpa**, is planning an extra-special Rotary program at our club meeting next week on Nov. 19th, as we **Celebrate Rotary**.

Her goal is to have as many of our former club members as possible in attendance. In addition, she is asking you to also bring a prospective new member for our club to our luncheon meeting that day.

And do we have a deal for you! **Your guests that day** — whether a past member or a prospective new member — **are on the club!** You don't have to pay for them.

Lainie guarantees that this will be a fun-filled, exciting and informative experience for all who attend.

Let's make this the largest club meeting of the year. Take a few minutes to think about who **YOU** could invite — and then do it!

Foundation Event

by Art Harrington



The Rotary Foundation "Experience"

Probably the best opportunity our club members will ever have to participate in a top-level Rotary Foundation event is coming up November 21 in Lake Havasu City. Rotarians from around the state, along with top speakers from other states, will be gathering at the picturesque London Bridge Resort for the "Arizona Rotary Foundation Experience."

How much do you know about our remarkable Rotary Foundation? Of the top 10 best large foundations in the world evaluated by Charity Navigator, according to an announcement I received today, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was ranked 3rd — above Mayo Clinic, National Gallery of Art, The Nature Conservancy

and others well-known around the globe for their excellence.

What makes our Foundation so impressive as to be ranked 3rd in the world? Don't miss this golden opportunity to find out!

While there are Friday night and Sunday morning events as well, if you just want to drive over for the day on Saturday, the cost is only \$39, including lunch. There is also a major Foundation Dinner that evening, if you want to register for that.

With the "AZ Rotary Foundation Experience" being held "next door," help us to have a strong representation there in Havasu from our Bullhead City Rotary Club. Register online today at:

www.rotaryfoundation.eventbrite.com

Interact update

by Art Harrington

Interact Club is busy serving



Our Mohave High School Interact Club members proved to be invaluable partners when our Rotary club tackled the River Regatta in August this year.

That was just the beginning of the year, though, for this active service club. Last weekend, in addition to those who rode on our Rotary float, 65 of their members unloaded several thousand trees for **Operation Cool Shade** here in our community.

Several weeks ago the club created an outstanding Interact Club entry in the school's annual Homecoming Parade. Some of our Rotarians rode their bikes alongside the float to add realism to their "Wild Ones" theme.

The club is currently launching on campus, as well as in several neighborhoods, their massive annual **Canned**

Food Drive to help struggling families during the upcoming holidays.

This week the club's officers selected December 9th as the day the club members will take 38 handicapped children to the movies and McDonald's — another annual club event.

In January the Interactors will partner with the Key Club to raise scholarship funds through a Jogathon, as a memorial tribute to an MHS teacher who was killed recently. And the list goes on

Do you begin to understand why this club was selected and honored as the most outstanding service club in our community this past year? Hats off to our Interact Club!! We are so proud of you!

Our Rotary Foundation

by Art Harrington

EVERY
 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR
**What your Paul Harris
 Fellow**

contribution helps provide

A \$1,000 contribution helps provide:

- Educational materials for 150 elementary students in Costa Rica
- 400 Pairs of eyeglasses for needy patients in Nigeria
- Playground equipment for an orphanage housing 128 AIDS orphans in Thailand
- Bedding, bed frames, school uniforms, and notebooks for 14 children at an orphanage in India
- 24 desks for a community school in the Solomon Islands
- Small microcredit loans for 23 women in the Philippines to begin income-generating activities to support their families

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) — that's what it takes to be able to continue working the miracles that

change lives in communities around the world through our Rotary Foundation. The sun literally never sets upon the work of Rotary through our Foundation.

What about you? Are you doing your part? Even in the poorest countries circling the globe, Rotarians are stepping up to give at least US\$100 every year to The Rotary Foundation. Can you justify wearing the Rotary pin and do less than that here in Bullhead City?

Bulletin editor needed

by Art Harrington

The challenge of the pen



Over the past several years I served as the bulletin editor for this Rotary club. Then, when other responsibilities and my heavy travel schedule necessitated that I pass the editorial pen to someone else, Dave Moore stepped up and filled the position for several months.

As you have noticed, since Dave had to take a leave of absence from the club, we have had no bulletin editor.

I believe a good club bulletin is an invaluable tool for any Rotary club in keeping the members informed, enthused and connected to the club. Our club needs a weekly club bulletin. I have managed so far to produce only four issues this Rotary year, and that is not enough.

I would like to challenge **you** to consider one of two possibilities:

- Volunteer to serve as bulletin editor for the remainder of the year
- Consider taking a two-month or three-month stint as the bulletin editor, in rotation with several other members

With the ClubRunner template and tools, the task can be accomplished in 2-3 hours each week. I am willing to show you how it's done.

Think about it. And give me a call at 763-1440.