

Memorial Garden dedicated by Art Harrington

Sara would be proud!



After 18 months and some 600 man hours of work, the Sara Hargrove Memorial Garden was dedicated Monday evening at Mohave High School.

The persistent, driving force behind this project has been **Kari Hoffman.** She and her recruited volunteers have transformed a weed-ridden, trash collecting eyesore on the MHS campus into a beautiful courtyard with plants, flowers, trees and an inspiring fountain - to pay fitting tribute to the caring and committed woman who invested 22 years of her life as the Faculty Advisor of our MHS Interact Club. We lost her to cancer last year.

Interactors, the football team, other students, faculty members and school administrators have all joined in with Rotarians to help create this memorial garden where teachers can take a break, eat their lunch, relax and reflect on the beautiful things in life. Rotary (aided by **Tom Dallman** and his mighty machine) helped move and spread the 80 tons of crushed rock and installed the automated watering system. Special thanks to **Lainie Shimpa** who was faithfully there working with her shovel and rake at every work day - along with all of the other Rotarians who help make this memorial garden a reality.

Sara's husband, **Dan Hargrove**, expressed his personal thanks and appreciation to all who have played a part of this project. A student musical group sang Sara's favorite carol, and Kari did a great job as the MC for the dedication.

Memorial tribute by Art Harrington



Sara's husband, Dan Hargrove spoke at the dedication, expressing appreciation for all of the hard work that has gone into the creation of the ave Memorial Cardon He said be

Sara Hargrove Memorial Garden. He said he knows that Sara would be pleased.

Foundation features by Art Harrington

TRF double-header this Saturday



Two great opportunities for Rotary Foundation fellowship and learning are coming up this Saturday.

Saturday morning:

The second Webinar, featuring the Programs of our Foundation, is slated to begin at 9:00. Last week's online session went well and has been praised by all who participated in it. You can join in this one. Register online at http://trfwebinar.eventbrite.com. The cost is only \$8.00

Saturday evening:

The tri-district Rotary Foundation Banquet will be held at the beautiful Francisco Grande Hotel and Golf Resort in Casa Grande. Join us there to hear Mark David Maloney, the keynote speaker. A silent auction and lots more will be a part of this gala evening.

Backpack project by Art Harrington



It's the Randy & Steve Show

After giving them a couple of weeks advance notice (because the bulletin editor can't read the schedule), it will finally be

Randy Turner's and Steve Moss' turn this Saturday to "pack it in."

They will be reporting at 9:00 a.m. to Room 805 at Mountain View Elementary to represent our club in helping to fill the bags for our **WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project**.

Early reservation needed by Art Harrington

Mexico service trips filling up



If you would like to participate in the next **Polio Eradication** bus trip to Caborca,

Mexico, February 13-15, 2009, or the **Wheelchair Distribution** trip to Hermosillo, either Feb. 13-15 or Feb, 20-22 (exact date to be determined soon), you need to make your reservation soon. A limited number of seats are still available on each of these trips, but the buses are filling up. For a really unforgettable, hands-on international service experience, these trips can't be beat. Ask Corky Cornell for more information, or copy and paste this address into your web browser:

http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/ 5490/NewsBulletin/2336/Polio%20-% 20Wheelchair%20Trip%20Details.pdf

A century of service by Art Harrington



This past Sunday, Nov. 9, the **Rotary Club of San Francisco** celebrated their 100th anniversary with a gala ball. Held at the club's original meeting place, the famed Palace Hotel, the event drew Rotarians from all over the west and around the world. SF Rotary became the second club in the world to reach the milestone of providing a century of service to others.

Rotary, of course, began in Chicago in 1905. Then in 1908 the second club was established in the city of the Golden Gate. This was followed shortly be the third club in Oakland, the fourth club in Seattle and the fifth club in Los Angeles.

We congratulate this grand old club on their century of leadership and service in Rotary.

Rotary welcomed at UN by Art Harrington

Rotary Day at the United Nations

Rotary members and their guests attended a landmark Rotary Day at the United Nations last



Saturday, Nov. 8. Held at the UN Headquarters in New York City, the all-day event included presentations and panel discussions addressing key humanitarian issues: water, health, literacy and hunger.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon addressed the gathering, along with other UN senior officials and representatives from major international non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The annual event is sponsored by Rotary International's Representatives to the United Nations.

Financially Speaking

by Art Harrington



A separation of funds

Didn't we get awarded a Matching Grant for our WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project at Coyote Canyon School? Where are those funds? Were they included in the club budget we adopted?

In response to those questions, yes, we did receive a \$12,476 Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation to enable us to launch this greatly-needed program at Coyote Canyon School. However, those funds were neither included in our budget, nor are they kept in our club's regular bank account.

These grant funds must be kept and accounted for separately, and any funds not expended for the purposes specified in the grant must be returned to TRF at the end of the year. Consequently, we established a completely separate bank account for these funds, which are carefully shepherded by Laura Grasse, the project chair, and our Rotary Foundation Committee.