



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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This week

by Art Harrington

Treating addictions here on the river



Our guest speaker this Thursday will be **Bonnie Cole**. She is the Director of **MSTEPP**.

In case you need some help deciphering that acronym, it stands for the **Mohave County Substance Abuse Treatment Education Prevention Partnership**.

Last week

by Art Harrington



Dave & Gary challenged us

It's always a good thing to have your vision lifted and your imagination stirred. **Dave Lesnick** and **PDG Gary McEachern**, from the White Tanks Rotary Club, did both for us at our meeting last week.

This dynamic duo updated us on [our Rotary Foundation's](#) progress in eradicating Polio from the face of the earth and encouraged us to continue to do everything we can to financially support this gigantic effort. Most importantly, though, Dave shared with us a number of creative ways to give to our Foundation that are often overlooked.

We appreciate Rotarians like Dave and Gary who are so personally committed to supporting The Rotary Foundation and its goals that they are willing to use their personal time and resources to travel out here to clubs like ours to share their vision and expertise. Thanks, guys, for making the trek all the way up here to Bullhead City! And thanks also to Corky and Cathy Cornell for hosting them in their home.

Photo: Dave Lesnick speaking

-- The club has received a nice note from Gary and Dave, thanking us for the opportunity to speak to our club about The Rotary Foundation -

and especially thanking Corky and Cathy for their wonderful hospitality.

Next week

by Art Harrington

Happy Thanksgiving!



Please remember that our Rotary club will **not** be meeting next week, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

We wish you and your families a wonderful time together as we pause to count our blessings and give thanks for all that we have received from our God.

Here's a suggestion: In early New England it was the custom at Thanksgiving to place five grains of corn at every plate as a reminder of those stern days when the food was so depleted that the Pilgrims rationed just that much food to each individual at a time.

The Pilgrim Fathers wanted their children to remember the sacrifice, suffering and hardship which had made possible the settlement of a free people in a free land. They wanted to keep alive the memory of that long 63-day trip taken in the tiny Mayflower, and that first terrible winter that took such a heavy toll of lives. They did not want their descendents to forget that on the day in which their ration was reduced to 5 grains of corn, only 7 healthy colonists remained to nurse the sick.

Perhaps we also need to remember, and remind our families, this Thanksgiving by placing those 5 grains of corn beside each plate.

Club leadership

by Art Harrington



Club elections coming up Dec. 11

Club members are reminded that this is the time of year when we need to be thinking about selecting our club leadership for the next Rotary year, beginning July 1. Rotary requires that clubs hold their election of officers before the end of December. Ours has been set for Dec. 11.

If you have an interest in serving as a club officer for the 2009-2010 Rotary year, or have someone you would like to nominate for one of the positions, please

contact Pres. Sharon, Pres-Elect Paul or Sec. Terry as soon as possible to let them know.

RYLA is coming

by Art Harrington

RYLA leadership opportunity

Just about two months remain before District 5490's **RYLA**, being held again in Prescott, **Jan. 16-19**. This incredible Rotary-sponsored weekend leadership conference for outstanding high school youth with leadership potential, is rapidly filling with applicants for its 120 delegate openings. To date, 91 paid registrations have been received.

Clubs are being asked to submit as quickly as possible the list of delegates they are sending, together with their signed applications and health forms.

A staff of over 20 Junior Counselors, and nearly 50 Adult Volunteers, is needed to help work the Rotary magic to give these youth the most challenging experience yet of their lives.

If you would like to participate as a **Rotary Volunteer** in the RYLA experience, go to the RYLA website, <http://www.ryla5490.org>, and fill out the volunteer application.

Editor's Note:

Having done this before, I can heartily recommend the experience to anyone who believes in the potential of our youth and is willing to invest some time in them. This weekend will truly amaze and totally energize you. (It also has the potential to completely exhaust you at the same time.)

Financially Speaking

by Art Harrington



Beyond the club

As I noted a couple of weeks ago, our club assesses a single club dues amount each quarter. While some clubs may have complicated tiered levels of dues, depending on whether or not a member eats the meals, or how many meetings out of the quarter are attended, our club keeps it simple with a "one size fits all."

From the dues we collect, the club is currently obligated to pay

annually to our Rotary district per capita dues of \$33. This amount is set by the club delegates at the annual District Council on Legislation, held in conjunction with the District Conference. In addition, semi-annual per capita dues of \$24, plus \$2.30 for the club's general liability insurance and \$6 for *The Rotarian* monthly magazine, must be paid to Rotary International. There is also an annual \$1 per capita assessments for the international Council on Legislation. Add all that up, and the annual per member cost is \$98.60.

These "beyond the club" financial obligations for each member do tend to increase a little each year - as does everything else we have to pay for these days. For example, the \$24 per half year RI dues will be \$24.50 for the 2009-10 Rotary year, and \$25 for 2010-11. Consequently, unless a club board is carefully watching and increasing club dues each year to compensate for these escalating fees (not even considering increasing meal costs), it is quite common for clubs to suddenly discover - as our board did this year - that the club dues they have been charging no longer cover these costs.

Finally, let me address a couple of other questions that have been asked. When a Rotarian is on an official Leave of Absence from the club, while Rotary requires that the member's attendance *must* still be counted in calculating our club's monthly attendance average, our club only bills the member a \$25 per quarter charge to cover these "beyond the club" obligations. In addition, the member pays a \$12 charge for the meal for each meeting attended. The attendance of a member who has qualified for the "Rule of 85" is *not* counted in calculating the club's monthly average, but the full amount of club dues are charged each quarter.

Rotarians getting involved

The story of how one Rotary club made a difference



Relentlessly pursuing Polio in Pakistan

Driven by compassion, commitment, and courage, members of the **Rotary Club of Peshawar, Pakistan**, recently helped immunize children in one of the most remote and dangerous parts of the world.

Members of the club took part in the country's 15-17 September Subnational Immunization Days, reaching children in a federally

administered tribal area in North-West Frontier Province near the troubled Pakistani-Afghan border.

"The area is comprised of 320 houses, and the local tribal population is [lagging] in all the development sectors of life, such as education, health, and communication," says club member Syed Feroz Shah.

Before the immunization campaign, he says, "a social mobilization workshop was arranged for the tribal elders, and especially the tribal youth participated with great enthusiasm. A polio awareness walk was conducted in the area to make sure of the efficacy of social mobilization for polio vaccination."

House calls

During the three-day campaign, Peshawar Rotarians went house to house to immunize 905 children under age five against polio. They also advised parents of other routine immunizations their children should have.

For two days after the campaign, club members worked to persuade families who had refused to allow their children to be immunized. As a result, the Rotarians were able to vaccinate an additional 105 children missed by the campaign, including 65 children of families who had initially opposed their efforts.

A key focus in Pakistan's push to end polio, health experts say, will be the provinces at highest risk for the disease: Balochistan, Islamabad, North-West Frontier Province, and Punjab.

"Despite the challenges, we are committed to eradicating polio," says Saeed Akbar Khan, a World Health Organization operations officer in Peshawar.

- Dan Nixon, Rotary International News

Photo:

Stepped-up social mobilization is helping to rally support for polio immunization in high-risk areas of Pakistan. *Photo courtesy of World Health Organization*