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Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Rotary's Boom Box Parade Float

by Kari Hoffman

ELVES NEEDED!

(Club members will do)

Your help is needed with the Rotary float!

The Laughlin Rotary Club is asking for our help to decorate the Rotary Float for the annual Boom Box Parade. Remember this is a joint project we have undertaken with them.

Please report for duty on Wednesday night, Nov. 29th, at 6:00 p.m. at Mini Rails (on Highway 95, near Lowe's). Any questions, call Steve Brown at 758-3197.

Also, we are meeting for the Float at Arizona American Water at 5:30 pm on Friday night for the float. The parade starts at 6:00 pm.

Club officer nominations

by Art Harrington



Last call for officer nominations

Nominations are requested. Our Club Board this year is giving club members the opportunity to either nominate or to volunteer for the following club officer positions for the next Rotary year (beginning July 1):

- President-elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Foundation Chairman
- Public Relations Chairman

Changes are being made in our leadership structure. The board adopted, and the club will be implementing, the new Club Leadership Plan. Clubs already utilizing this



new structure claim it has done some great things to help their clubs to become more focused on the essentials that make Rotary clubs effective and successful.

Are you interested in helping to lead our club this next year? Do you know someone you believe would be especially effective as a club leader?

Nominations will be closed this Thursday, November 30th. The resulting slate of officers approved by the Board will be presented to the club on December 7th, at which time additional nominations can still be made. The election of club officers will then be held on December 14th. (Rotary requires the election of club officers, and the submission of their names to Rotary International, by December 31 each year.)

Rotary Christmas Party

by Art Harrington

ARE YOU COMING?

Club Christmas Party - Thursday, Dec. 21



Our annual Bullhead City Rotary Club Christmas Party will be held at the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce Building on Thursday, Dec. 21, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Featured music that evening will be the Melody Lane Duo. It will be a great evening!

Please share this date with your spouse, and plan to attend.

He profits most who serves best

by Art Harrington



Contributions that Pay You to Make Them

while helping Rotary & Interact

If a taxpayer itemizes deductions, contributions to a select number of causes can qualify for an Arizona Tax Credit. In most cases, the contribution costs you nothing (since you get it returned as an Arizona tax credit) *and actually pays you* to make the contribution (since you can also deduct it as a charitable contribution on your federal tax return).

We call to your attention two contributions every Bullhead City Rotarian should consider making before December 31st:

- **The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona** (*Providing Vocational Scholarships to Assist the Working Poor*)
- **Mohave High School, designated for the Interact Club.**

If you are filing as Married Filing Jointly, you can make contributions for 2006 in the amount of \$400 to both of these causes, and obtain a \$400 Arizona tax credit for each. If you are filing as Single, your contribution for these credits is limited to \$200.

In essence, your \$800 is costing you nothing; and if you are in at least the 25% tax bracket, you are saving \$200 in federal income tax.

These are two different Arizona Tax Credits. The credit for the contribution to

the Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona is claimed on AZ Form 321. The credit for the contribution to Mohave High School for the Interact Club is claimed on AZ Form 322.

We would note that qualifying for the credit for your contribution to the Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona does require that your contributions this year exceed your contributions made in the applicable base year (1996, or the first year you itemized following that year) by the amount being taken as a credit on your return.

Caution

To avoid illegal double-dipping, the amount you are taking as a charitable credit on your Arizona return must be entered as an adjustment on Line 14 of the Arizona Schedule A.

While this is a real no-brainer for Rotarians, be aware that *this opportunity is not limited to Rotarians. Anyone* can make such beneficial contributions that will assist both Arizona Rotary and *our Interact Club*.

You can pick up easy-to-use mail-in contribution forms from the club treasurer at any club meeting - or give Art or Sharon Harrington a call at 763-1440. We will be happy to mail or fax the forms to you.

Our Rotary Foundation

by Art Harrington

GSE Alumni make a difference

Rotary's Group Study Exchange alumni make a difference!



Our Rotary club doesn't have to look far to see the kind of difference GSE Team alumni can make. Just a few years ago, this club nominated Kelly Burgess to serve as a team member on a GSE exchange headed to a Rotary district in the Philippines. He came back sold on Rotary and what it has accomplished in the Philippines, and he became a Rotarian. This year he is serving as the capable President of our Rotary club.

James Bauriedel was a GSE Team Leader in 2000-01 from D5130 in California, sent to D5010 in Russia. Dr. Bauriedel has been a Rotarian since 1981, and was the president of his Eureka Rotary Club during the year of his GSE exchange. That GSE experience in Russia made a profound impact on him.

Dr. Bauriedel returned to Russia with a Rotary Friendship Team in 2004, and again in the winter of 2006, teaching in area cancer hospitals. During the last five years his club, along with others in D5130, has sent over \$500,000 of medical equipment into the Tomsk Region of Siberia.

Dr. Bauriedel was awarded the Charity and Humanity Award from the Oblast Government of the Tomsk Region of Russia on March 1, 2006.