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Last Thursday

by Art Harrington

Helping to change lives



As Randy Turner said in his brief Rotary Minute, what a privilege it is to be a part of an organization like Rotary that is involved in accomplishing so much good!

Our program last Thursday vividly brought home to us how much our club's contributions to the programs of West Care really do accomplish. Kirby Burgess, Executive Director of West Care, in his introductory comments, noted that while his organization provides services in 7 states and the Virgin Islands, in no place does it get better community support than here in Arizona.

Then Kirby turned the program over to Charlotte Robinson to tell her moving story. Charlotte, a mother of two with a long history of alcohol, drug and domestic abuse, emotionally shared with us how she managed to emerge from all of that through the guidance and support she received from the programs and staff at West Care. Today she is a licensed CMA, has a good job in our community, is paying her own way and has both of her children back with her.

What a tremendous success story, and what a testimony to the effectiveness of this program in our community that we support!

Representing us at Grand Canyon

by Art Harrington



Friendship Conference a success

105 Rotarians from all three Rotary districts here in Arizona, along with those from several districts in Mexico,

convened for the **9th Annual Mexico-USA Friendship Conference and Projects Exchange** at the Grand Canyon this past weekend. In fact, there were 22 Rotary clubs in Arizona and 17 in Mexico that sent representatives this year. Hermosillo clubs participated for the first time.

Coming not only for the great international fellowship, these Rotary leaders came determined to work together, with hands across the border, to address problems and meet needs, as Rotary does so very well. As the result, **Matching Grants totalling a quarter million dollars** were written over the course of the weekend.

Rotary clubs, utilizing the resources of our Rotary Foundation, routinely reach out and do whatever it takes to tackle serious problems, provide services and change lives, in ways that governments, due to politics, red tape and waste never seem to be able to accomplish. **Rotary specializes in getting the job done** - not just talking about it!

Representing us at the Grand Canyon were our club president, Sharon Harrington, along with Willie Richardson and Corky & Cathy Cornell. All are members of our club's Rotary Foundation Committee. They report that a great time was had by all, and they are eagerly looking forward to attending next year's conference - slated for the beautiful city of Veracruz. Want to join them?

A great opportunity

by Art Harrington

Webinars begin this Saturday

The Rotary Foundation Webinars kick off this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. And you can tune in from the comfort and convenience of your own home! Each interactive session is loaded with helpful information, and each costs only \$8. All you need is a phone and an internet connection - and to be registered for the session, of course.



In addition to this Saturday's session on Foundation Basics, two other webinars are scheduled for Saturday mornings on Nov. 15 and Dec. 6.

Don't miss these! Register today and pay online at: <http://trfwebinar.eventbrite.com>

Our Matching Grant

by Art Harrington



Helping the handicapped

Last year we partnered with our new sister Rotary club in Cuernavaca to help provide some badly needed equipment for a remarkable school for the handicapped located in that city. In fact several of us had the privilege of visiting that school and meeting the capable and caring staff, along with many of the children and their parents. We were greatly impressed by what is being accomplished with these young people and their families.

This year our club's representatives have decided to continue that partnership with the **Valle de Cuernavaca Rotary Club** and do together another Matching Grant to help that same school. Through this \$16,500 grant, our clubs, working together with our districts and the Rotary Foundation, will be purchasing needed diagnostic and rehabilitative equipment, along with some computers and software.

Also financially partnering with us for the first time in this project will be our neighboring **Rotary Club in Needles, CA**. We warmly welcome them aboard!

Reciprocating, the Cuernavaca club plans to financially participate with us in our proposed "Begin with the Children" project in our community.

Going to Casa Grande?

by Art Harrington

Foundation Dinner is next week



Time is running out to make your reservations for this year's Rotary Foundation dinner. This wonderful, dress-up tri-district Rotary event is being held at the beautiful Francisco Grande Hotel and Golf Resort in Casa Grande next Saturday, November 15. Cocktails are at 6:00, with dinner at 7:00.

Make your dinner and room reservations today!

Cost of the steak and shrimp dinner is \$47. The special featured speaker will be **Mark Daniel Maloney**, past RI

Director and past Foundation Trustee.

You can register and pay online at:

<http://trfbanquet.eventbrite.com>

For hotel reservations call (800) 237-4238.

Board reminder

by Sharon Harrington



Board meeting this Wednesday

I want to remind all club board members that our monthly meeting is being held this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Harrington Financial Services.

Our fight against polio

Advocacy paying off in India's polio fight



If strong gains continue against polio in Uttar Pradesh, the northern Indian state may not have to bear the stigma of being the poliovirus capital of the world much longer. In 2007, India's most populous state not only accounted for almost 40 percent of the country's 864 polio cases but also more than a quarter of all cases worldwide. Eighty percent of Uttar Pradesh's 339 cases that year occurred in the Muslim community.

But a Rotary-led initiative helped drop that rate to 16 percent of 48 cases during the first four and a half months of 2008. Overseeing Uttar Pradesh's effort to end the disease is the Ulema Committee for Polio Eradication, established by Rotary International in 2007. (Ulemas are leading Muslim experts in Islamic law.) The group has distributed a booklet published by the India PolioPlus Committee to Muslim clerics and school representatives that links polio immunization to the duties of parents as explained in the Quran.

Ulema Committee members have also visited districts in Uttar Pradesh with large numbers of polio cases to convince parents that the vaccine is safe and consistent with Islam. "When we went to the slums, Rotary went with us. Rotary tried to understand the background of the resistance," says Nita Chowdhury, principle health secretary of Uttar Pradesh, explaining that Rotarians worked with other nongovernmental

organizations to create an advocacy plan for the area.

"Rotary is able to do this work because of the conviction people feel flowing from their actions," she said.

PHOTO: *The polio eradication message reached more than 1.5 million people at Muslim shrines in Uttar Pradesh, India, in February and March. National Polio Surveillance Project representatives, Social Mobilization Network field staff, Rotarians, and influencers (who urge families to have their children immunized) coordinated the effort.*

- from *Rotary World*

Financially Speaking

by Art Harrington



Included in our dues

Each Rotary club handles its finances differently. With our club, we do not separate out meals from dues. There is one set amount each member pays quarterly, which includes the member's meals at club meetings.

From those billed amounts are paid the per capita dues to Rotary International and to our Rotary district, along with an amount for each member's subscription to ***The Rotarian*** magazine and the premiums for the insurance each Rotary club is required to carry. In addition, club supplies, required leadership training and the additional expense of a couple special events during the year are covered in those club dues.

What happens to the meals money saved when members do not attend a meeting? That's all calculated into the budget to help pay the cost of our guest speakers' meals, as well as our being able to host those wonderful Interact Club representatives we invite to our meetings each week.