



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Future Speakers

Oct 26 2006

Greg E. Podd PDG

"GSE - Phillipine Islands"

Upcoming Events

Interact Mtg MHS T-124 7:30 am

Oct 25 2006

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Nov 1 2006

Board of Directors Meeting

Nov 7 2006

New Member's Fireside Get Together

Nov 16 2006

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Re-sending the e-Bulletin

by Art Harrington

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Some of you will be getting a second copy of the Club Bulletin this week. The reason is that at least 1/3 of the club members did *not* receive the first eBulletin we sent.

ClubRunner has informed us that they have just completed their infrastructure upgrade to a faster network. This will dramatically improve the loading of websites, as well as the sending and receiving of email messages sent through the ClubRunner Email Message Service.

However, we are experiencing a considerable number of email bounce backs currently as the new IP addresses propagate through the Internet.

The re-send does also afford the editor the opportunity to correct the original article about Alan Callner. Alan is a Coast Guard retiree - not Bob.

Tim McDonnell is new member

by Art Harrington



WELCOME, TIM!

Tim McDonnell was inducted as a new member of our Bullhead City Rotary Club on September 28th. Pictured here are Tim, his wife Sue and Mary Beth Clark. Both Sue and Mary Beth are active members of the Kingman Route 66 Rotary Club.

Tim is the Sales Manager of Mad Dog Radio in Bullhead City. The eventual plan is that both he and Sue will be making their home down here by the river, and that we will be picking up Sue as an additional member of our club. In the meantime, they live in Kingman, where Sue works, and Tim commutes.

Interact leadership will again be strengthened with Tim coming into our club, since working with youth via the Interact program is one of his strong interests. Tim was sponsored by Ed Matthews. We welcome him to Bullhead City Rotary!

Alan Callner also joins us

by Art Harrington

WE WELCOME ALAN, TOO!



Alan Callner was also inducted as a new member of our club on September 28th. Alan is a realtor with Holiday Realty and, as you might suspect, was sponsored by Bob Schoen. His spouse's name is Debbie, who is an elementary teacher in Laughlin.

Alan is retired after 20 years with the Coast Guard, where he specialized in computers and communication. He and Debbie moved here 13 years ago from Torrance, CA. His hobbies include golf, bowling and music.

Alan is still deciding on the service area in our club where he wants to lend a hand. We welcome him to our club!

Rotary President Nominee from South Korea

by Art Harrington



Korean Rotarian is Nominated for President

The Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International has unanimously chosen Dong Kurn "D.K." Lee to lead us during the 2008-09 Rotary year.

D.K. Lee is Chairman of the Bubang Co. Ltd. and Bubang Techron Co. Ltd. manufacturing companies in Seoul, and formerly served as a trustee of the Bank of Seoul. In 2005 he was appointed an international goodwill ambassador by the President of Korea.

Lee has served as honorary consul to the Italian consulate in Korea since 1994 and was awarded the Order of Industrial Merit by the Korean government. He and his wife, Young Ja, have two sons and two daughters.

A Rotarian since 1971, Lee is a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea. He currently serves as one of the Trustees for The Rotary Foundation. He has also served RI as a director, treasurer, district governor, training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and membership task force coordinator in Asia. He is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Lee will become the President-Nominee of Rotary International on December 1st if there are no challenging candidates.

Dictionaries project on hold

by Art Harrington

Our club's annual Dictionary Project, which distributes dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Bullhead City schools, is on temporary hold. As the final arrangements were being made for the presentations to the students this year, it was discovered that the Elks had come up with a similar project and had slipped in ahead of us in some of the schools.

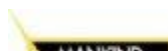


Our chairman, Scott Merrill, is currently trying to determine what schools have been covered by the Elks, and which ones they have missed.

Stay tuned for more information regarding this project.

Got an idea?

by Art Harrington



Help us find a \$10,000 local humanitarian project

In our last issue of the club bulletin we mentioned our board is seeking your input and ideas to help them select a significant humanitarian project here in our own community that could be accomplished with \$10,000.

Where will the \$10,000 come from? Part of it (about \$1,500) will come from our club. The rest of it will come from our district, along with a district in India and The Rotary Foundation.

We are participating with an Indian Rotary district in reciprocal Matching Grants projects, utilizing the leveraging magic of The Rotary Foundation. We need to determine as soon as possible, though, the local need we want to address with this project, so the necessary paperwork can be submitted before the grant monies are all claimed for other projects.

Please share your project ideas with with Kelly Burgess or Shirin McGraham.

Doing some good with tangible benefits

by Art Harrington

Want to pocket \$200 in 3 months?

Let's talk tax savings. Let me show you two no-brainer contributions that you could make before the end of the year, that will wind up costing you absolutely nothing - and in fact will save you \$200 on your federal taxes.



This is how it works: If you are a taxpayer who itemizes deductions, contributions to a select number of causes can qualify for an Arizona Tax Credit (returning your entire contribution to you in state income tax savings) - and, at the same time, will actually pay you a bonus for making those contributions (via the tax savings you will reap from your charitable contributions deduction on your federal tax return).

Two contributions you should consider making as a Rotarian - from which you should be able to pocket at least \$200 in federal tax savings when you file your tax return for 2006:

1. **\$400 to The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona**
2. **\$400 to Mohave High School, designated for the Interact Club we sponsor**

***EXAMPLE:** Richard & Rachel Rotarian make these two \$400 contributions before Dec. 31, 2006. As long as their total of itemized charitable deductions for 2006 exceeds by \$400 the amount they contributed to charities in 1996 (or the first year they itemized after that year), their \$400 donation to the Rotary Vocational Fund qualifies for a \$400 Arizona Tax Credit on AZ Form 321. In addition, their \$400 MHS contribution for the Interact Club qualifies for another \$400 Arizona Tax Credit on AZ Form 322 (Credit for Contributions Made to Public Schools). So they get their entire \$800 back within 3 months, via Arizona income tax savings.*

Now here's the BONUS: Those same donations also qualify as deductible

charitable contributions on their federal Schedule A (for itemized deductions). Since these Rotarians are in the 25% tax bracket, they will save \$200 in federal income taxes. So they wind up pocketing an extra \$200 for making two donations that ultimately cost them nothing.

The fact is that most Rotarians are in at least the 25% tax bracket, and most *do* itemize on their tax returns. And the truth is that you don't even have to be a Rotarian to make these contributions and reap these rewards. Each of these credits has risen to \$400 for couples for 2006, but they remain at \$200 for singles.

We do need to note, however, that when you take an Arizona tax credit for charitable contributions, you must remember to enter that amount as an adjustment on Line 14 of the Arizona Schedule A, to avoid being guilty of illegal double-dipping.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to do some great good for Rotary and Interact (and be handsomely paid for doing it), the necessary forms you will need to send in with your contributions can be picked up at our Rotary meetings from Sharon Harrington, our club treasurer.