



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Welcome new member!

by Art Harrington

Willie is inducted as new member



Bob Schoen ably officiated as **Willie Richardson** was inducted as a member of Bullhead City Rotary at last Thursday's meeting. A recently-retired teacher, and the spouse of longtime Rotarian Jim Richardson, Willie has been active in developing and leading our club's Summer Reading Project. She has also been working on developing a new program for us to help second graders with their reading in one of the schools.

Willie also began serving last year on our club's Rotary Foundation Committee. She and Jim attended both the Salt Lake and Los Angeles Rotary International Conventions, and they even served as Sgts-at-Arms in LA. Giving it some thought, as deeply involved as she has become in Rotary, why not go ahead and become a full-fledged Rotarian? So, with Jim as her proud sponsor, we heartily welcomed Willie as a full member of our club!

By the way, don't miss the meeting this Thursday. Willie will be presenting another exciting new community service project she is hoping our club will sponsor. It is called, "**Begin with the Children.**"

Bulldog transfers membership

by Art Harrington



Club welcomes Ed & Doris Fisher

For a number of years **Ed "Bulldog" and Doris Fisher** have been winter residents here in Bullhead City, making up their attendance with our club, while retaining their Rotary membership with their club in Michigan. They have always been among our most dedicated volunteers during the months they have been in town.

This year they have officially made the move to BC and become permanent residents, assuming the management of one of our

largest mobile home parks in town.

While Bulldog is the one officially transferring his Rotary membership to our club, we can depend on Doris to continue to be by his side, taking an active role in our club projects and activities. Welcome, Ed and Doris!!

Cleanup accomplished

by Stephanie Moore

Roadside Cleanup draws large crew



Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Roadside Cleanup , either by helping to pick up trash, or by making a donation to Interact. I thank you, Rotary thanks you, and the Arizona Department of Transportation thanks you!

Yes, our Rotary club was well-represented, comprising half of the crew this time, along with our Interact Club partners on this project.

We had **29 volunteers** picking up trash at 8:00 a.m. and made quick work of it, with the last trash picked up before 10:00 a.m. Thank you again!

Great start for new fundraiser

by Stephanie Moore



Beer booth succeeds at Soldier Down

The **Soldier Down*** event went very well, and we exceeded our expectations for our beer booth sales. We also exceeded the Bud man's expectations, and Scott had to "borrow" a keg from a local bar to get us through the end of the event. (Friends you can borrow a keg from are very good friends to have!)

A **HUGE** thank you to **Mike Conner** for getting us through the permit/license process so quickly, and getting the booth set-up. Thank you to all of the Rotarians and family that helped serve beer. Our tip-cup is going to Interact, so they will benefit as well. We had a lot of fun, too!

Net receipts were \$1,429. From that the club is contributing back \$375 to the **Soldier Down** cause. Between the tips and the roadside cleanup contributions, Interact will also receive a total of \$193.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

* For those who may be unaware, the **Soldier Down** event is a fundraiser to help military service members who have been wounded in combat or have become sick, and are hospitalized at Landstuhl Hospital in Germany. Comfort and relief items to assist these service members during their recovery are shipped to the hospital by a local group. Each shipment is dedicated in memory of a service member who died in combat. This first such event here in our area was sponsored by McCaa's Enterprises, Active Style Salon and the Avi Resort and Casino. We are pleased that our Rotary club was allowed to be a participant, and hope to continue to be involved in the future.

Organizational meeting

by Art Harrington

Mentors to meet Thursday



Those members who recently volunteered to serve as Mentors to our new club members are asked to remain after our club meeting on Thursday for an organizational meeting.

The mentor position is part of the new Red Badge - Blue Badge program recently adopted by our club board to help educate, integrate and retain new members as they come into our Rotary club.

Rotary learning at home

by Art Harrington



Rotary Foundation Webinars

*New educational tool is Easy,
Convenient & Inexpensive*

All three Rotary districts in Arizona are joining to offer three 90-minute **Webinars** that you can easily and inexpensively access from the comfort and convenience of your home - and family members and friends can watch and participate at no additional cost. All you need is a high speed internet connection and a telephone. The cost is only \$8 for each session.

These Webinars will provide a great way for you to learn more about our truly remarkable **Rotary Foundation**.

One of the Webinar dates, however, has been changed, due to its conflict with other Rotary events. Here are the new dates:

- **Rotary Foundation Basics** - Saturday, [November 8](#) - 9:00 a.m.
- **Rotary Foundation Programs** - Saturday, [November 15](#) - 9:00 a.m.
- **Foundation Matching Grants** - Saturday, [December 6](#) - 9:00 a.m.

Register and pay online:

<http://trfwebinar.eventbrite.com>

Volunteer Service Grants

Another humanitarian grant success story



Our Rotary Foundation at work - helping to solve problems

How does a Rotary Foundation Volunteer Service Grant work?

The Rotary Clubs of Bogota, Colombia (D-4290) and Vernon, BC, Canada (D-5060) partnered together to apply for a Volunteer Service Grant to support a microcredit project in Colombia.

Through this grant, **Rotarian Berta Lopera** of the Rotary Club of Vernon traveled to Colombia to help get this project off the ground. The host Rotarians helped to identify loan recipients, many of whom have been displaced from their homes due to violence. Rotarian Lopera and the host Rotarians then worked with these individuals to teach them about the microcredit project and help them get started, including shopping for materials.

Weekly contact was maintained with the recipients to monitor the development of their enterprises and to help ensure that they will be able to repay their loans.

In all, **70 loans** were granted to extremely needy individuals, helping them to start new lives and become self-sufficient.

-- adapted from ***Our Foundation***

New column

by Art Harrington



Financially Speaking

A club budget was finally adopted at our Club Forum last Thursday. It should be emphasized that a budget is simply a financial tool or guideline for your Board to use in leading the club for the year. Actual income may be higher or lower than expected, and this Board will be looking for every way possible to conserve funds and limit

unnecessary expenses. Consequently, expenditures may be less than projected in the budget as well.

In addition to the fact that the club has not, in recent years, been consulted this much in trying to establish a balanced budget, the other major difference this year is the clear delineation of **Operating income and expense** from **Service income and expense**. These cannot be legally or ethically mixed. Every Rotary club has a fiduciary responsibility to assure contributors that funds raised for Service are not used to support Club Operations. Rotary International, sensitive to IRS regulations and their increasing scrutiny of service organizations, has strongly encouraged Rotary clubs to even set up separate bank accounts for their Club Operations and for their Service Projects income and expenses. While our club has *not* set up separate bank accounts, we will be **separating them in our budget and financial reports** this year.

As noted in our meeting, our Club Operations expenses (including meals, international & district dues, supplies and leadership training) have all increased in recent years - while our dues charged to club members have not. As the result, in spite of a recent minimal increase of dues, our **Club Operating Expenses** are projected to **exceed** our income in that category by **\$3,144** this year, while our Service Projects income and expenses are budgeted to just about break even. (It should be noted, though, that it was necessary to cut last year's International Service Projects budget by half this year, as well as trim some Local Service Projects expenditures, in order to achieve this balance in the Service category in our budget.)

("Financially Speaking" will be continued as a column in the Bulletin in the coming weeks to discuss some of the issues affecting our club's budget and finances.)