



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City

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Future Speakers

Sep 18 2008

Nancy Sinagoga
"High School District
Superintendent"

Sep 25 2008

DG Charlie Tegarden
"Official Visit"

Upcoming Events

Board Assembly
Sep 25 2008

**Sara Hargrove Memorial Area
Work Party**
Sep 27 2008

Club Board Meeting
Oct 8 2008

Soldier Down Event
Oct 18 2008

Road Clean Up
Oct 18 2008

Club Christmas Party
Dec 18 2008

Burro BBQ
Apr 17 2009 - Apr 18 2009

Installation Dinner 09-10
Jun 11 2009

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Make a 3rd grader happy!

by Art Harrington

Dictionary distribution is Thursday

Plan to come to work at this week's club meeting.



We will not have a speaker this week. Instead, as soon as we finish lunch, we will be dividing up in teams and spreading out among the elementary schools.

Scott Merrill, our project chair, will be spearheading the distribution of dictionaries to every 3rd grade student in our community.

President-elect Paul Stubler will be presiding at Thursday's meeting, since Sharon and Art will be attending an IRS tax conference in California.

Member retention

by Art Harrington



Red Badge

/ Blue Badge program adopted

Unveiled at Thursday's club meeting was a new program aimed at improving new member orientation and increasing member retention. The **Red Badge/Blue Badge**, or some similar program, is being used successfully by clubs in many parts of the Rotary World.

The two elements of the program:

1. Requirements that a new member must complete before advancing from an initial Red Badge to their Blue Badge membership status.
2. Mentors (volunteer experienced members) who would be assigned to befriend each new member and to assist him/her through the completion of their Red Badge list of requirements.

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The requirements for our Red Badge new members:

1. Serve as a Greeter at the club meeting for four meetings.
2. Read "The ABCs of Rotary"
3. Present "The Rotary Minute" at one club meeting.
4. Complete an attendance make-up at another Rotary club, accompanied by your Mentor.
5. Participate in at least one "hands-on" club service project.
6. Attend a club social event.
7. Attend a club board meeting.
8. Bring a guest to a club meeting, and introduce your guest to the club.

The board discussed implementing such a program at its August meeting, and asked that a proposal be presented at this month's meeting for their consideration and action. After making a few modifications to the program proposed, the board unanimously adopted the new program and ordered that it be announced and implemented. It was rolled out with fanfare at Thursday's meeting.

Opportunity for service

by Art Harrington

Mentors needed for

RB / BB program



Experienced members (we recommend having 2 years or more in Rotary) are needed to help implement the club's new Red Badge/Blue Badge program for new members. Mentors must be willing to meet for training and coordination, and be willing to accept assignments to work with our new members.

Four sign-up pages were passed around the table at Thursday's meeting to recruit volunteers to serve as Mentors. Unfortunately, only 3 of those pages made it back to me - so I suspect I am missing some names. The names returned to me included:

Jim Carpenter, Bob Edgemon, Laura Grasse, Kari Hoffman, Terry Kelly, Dave Moore, Jim Richardson, Paul Stubler, Randy Turner and Leigh Verley.

If you do *not* see your name in this list, and you would be willing to serve as a Mentor to new members, please send me an email or give me a call. I will be more than happy to add your name to the list.

Thanks to those who have volunteered!

-- Art Harrington

RI website

by Art Harrington



All must re-register at Member Access

Last week we ran an article telling you how you can check your contribution record with The Rotary Foundation. We noted that, if you had not established a password, after entering your email address in the process of your Member Access log-in, you would need to do so.

Due to some major changes and upgrades in the Rotary International website, www.rotary.org, **everyone** now needs to re-register at Member access.

It is a simple process, and takes only a few minutes. But you do have to go through that re-registration process to gain access to any of the secured member information.

Great Rotary training

by Art Harrington

Rotary Leadership Institute this weekend



District 5490 is offering Sessions 1 and 2 of the Rotary Leadership Institute at the Grand Canyon Railway in Williams this Saturday. This exceptional program is especially designed to better inform newer members in Rotary about our remarkable organization, and to help equip them to become leaders in their clubs.

Representing Bullhead City Rotary at these sessions this weekend will be **Crystal Wynkoop** and **Dana Hall**.

The Guv is coming!

by Art Harrington



Governor will visit on Sept 25

BC Rotarians are encouraged to make a special

effort to attend our club meeting on Sept. 25, when ***District Governor Charlie Tegarden*** and his lovely wife ***Anne*** will be making their official visit. Charlie will be our speaker that day. He is doing a great job of leading our district this year, and you will want to hear his important message.

In addition, Charlie will be meeting **at 11:00 that morning**, also at El Palacio, with our club officers, directors and committee chairs. This **Club Assembly** is always an important part of the DG's visit, giving him the opportunity to learn more about our programs and goals for the club.

Suggestion

The Governor's Visit is also a great opportunity to invite a guest to our meeting.

Another Rotary First

by Art Harrington

N. Carolina District is 100% PHF



District 7690 (North Carolina, USA) had its first 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club in 1984, a decade before the achievement became an official Rotary Foundation recognition. In 2004, it had its first 100% Benefactor club. Recently, it scored another milestone of Foundation support by becoming **the first 100% Paul Harris Fellow district in the world.**

"Our district has a long record of achievement in supporting the Foundation and looking for ways to have some stretch goals worth working toward," says district Foundation committee chair Patrick Eakes. "We're always looking for ways to move the bar higher and change the world a little bit at a time."

The district set its ambitious goal, proposed by Annual Programs Fund subcommittee chair Derrick Grantham in 2005, aiming for achievement in 2007. "We missed it a little bit, by reaching the goal in April 2008," Eakes says of the feat, officially recognized in a letter of commendation from 2007-08 RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson and 2007-08 Trustee Chair Robert Scott.

How did the district promote the goal among its 50 clubs and 3,200 Rotarians? "Every time there was an opportunity," Eakes says. "At district assemblies, district Foundation seminars, PETS, assistant governor training, anytime there was a gathering of district and club leaders. For clubs that weren't yet at the 100 percent Paul Harris

Fellow level, we gave programs with appearances by former scholars, GSE team members, and participants in NIDs [National Immunization Days] and Matching Grant projects halfway around the world. We showed how lives have changed through Foundation support. We hope that achieving this level of support for the Foundation will challenge other districts to do the same."

Now here's an idea!

by Art Harrington



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