



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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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**
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- Soldier Down Event**
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- Road Clean Up**
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- Club Christmas Party**
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- Installation Dinner 09-10**
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Their own dictionaries

by Art Harrington

BC Rotary delivers dictionaries



Our club members participated in delivering approximately 650 dictionaries to third graders in 9 schools in Bullhead City and Mohave Valley last Thursday.

Congratulations to Scott Merrill for chairing this successful project for us again this year - and to Community Services Chair, Stephanie Moore, for her persistent emails to line up the volunteers.

We won't even attempt to list all of the members involved at each school, but the percentage of club participation was very high - virtually all of our members who were in town - and then some.

Explaining dictionary usage

by Art Harrington



Garry enlightens the kids

Garry Reese explains to one of the 4 third grade classes at Fort Mohave Elementary how their new dictionaries are organized, and how they can help with their studies and the development of their communication skills.

His able helper is **Darryl Connella** - back to help us with this important club project. Also assisting at Ft. Mohave were **Dana Rice**, **Alan Callner** and **Jim Carpenter**.

Discovering a new tool

by Art Harrington



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Their very own dictionary

It is difficult for some to imagine, but the fact is that the dictionaries our club presented to these third graders will, in some cases, be the first and *only* book some of these students have ever personally owned.

And what a powerful tool we have placed in their hands! It is always a neat experience to watch the kids discover this new world of information that is now at their fingertips in their new dictionaries.

Filling the bags

by Art Harrington



WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project

It's our day to serve again!

Dana Rice and **Ed Marin** are our club members scheduled to serve this Saturday morning at 8:00 at Mt. View Elementary, Room 805, helping with the process of loading the backpacks with the kid-friendly food items.

There is some pretty exciting news! We knew that this program was desperately needed at both the Coyote Canyon and Desert Valley Schools. Our club tackled, with the help of a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, the challenge of at least launching the program at Coyote Canyon this year, where we had projected 35 students as weekly participants in the program. We were really disappointed we could not do both schools, but we didn't have enough money.

Bernadette Pires, local director of **Communities In Schools**, our partner organization, reports that we don't have quite as many students in the program yet at Coyote Canyon as we had expected. Consequently, with the help of some additional funding she has been able to secure, our organizations have together been able to expand the benefits of this backpack food program this year to include the older siblings from these needy families who are attending Desert Valley.

Our club has the responsibility of helping to fill the backpacks on

an every-other-Saturday schedule. Mountain View Elementary, which is totally sold on the value of this program, has provided a large room for our use in storing the food items that are purchased in huge quantities at discounted prices. Room 805 is conveniently located adjacent to the back parking lot at the school.

Tables are set up in that room in a U-shape, and we, along with other volunteers, move around the course, filling and tying plastic grocery bags with the food items that will go into each backpack. The filled bags are then transported to the participating schools, where their contents are transferred to the students' backpacks to take home each weekend.

Sharon and I served as our club's representatives, participating in this impressive and efficient process of filling the bags, on Sept. 6. Depending on the number of volunteers each day, we found that it took our group less than an hour-and-a-half to accomplish the project.

Next week's special meeting

by Art Harrington

The Guv is Coming!



Mark your calendars, and make a special effort to be at our club meeting next week, Sept.

25th, when **District Governor Charlie**

Tegarden will be making his official visit to Bullhead City Rotary.

We will be holding a Club Assembly at 11:00, prior to our club meeting that day, when the club officers, directors and committee chairs will be asked to share with our DG the exciting things that are happening with BC Rotary this year.

Coming up Oct. 18

by Art Harrington



Roadside Cleanup Project

Calling all Rotarians and Interactors!

Saturday, October 18, needs to be circled on your calendars!

It's just about time to go get dirty again, in order to clean up our assigned section of Highway 95. We can make short work of the task, if we have a lot of hands

to help.

In the past, the date has been allowed to slip up on us. Last-minute appeals for help yielded limited participation, due to already filled schedules for the majority of our busy club members.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Community Services Chair Stephanie is announcing loud and clear - *and well in advance this year* - the dates for our **Rotary Roadside Cleanup**. She expects you to be there!

Get the idea that this may be a busy, productive, hands-on service projects year? Go, Stephanie!!

Vocational Service

by Art Harrington

Youth Shadowing Program Proposed



Past President Mike Conner recently proposed to our club that we revive a Vocational Service project we sponsored some years ago.

Mike reminded us that we invited a selected number of youth from Mohave High School, who wanted to learn more about our businesses and professions, to come to work with us one morning. Then, after shadowing us as we go about our work, and being able to ask questions, we would take them as our guests to our Rotary meeting. After our meeting we would deliver them back to the high school.

Believing so strongly in the value of this program to the youth, **Mike has volunteered to chair this Vocational Service project** for the club this year. He received a positive and encouraging response from the club members. **Expect to see it happen this year!**

What other needs do you see within our community where Rotary could respond and make an impact? Our club may not have a lot of money this year; but working together, we can get a lot of good things done!

Thanks, Mike, for challenging us - and for again taking the lead!

Speaking of money

by Art Harrington



Playing catch-up with the green

Club members are reminded that we need to have you catch up as quickly as possible on any back dues that you owe.

Quarterly dues will be billed again the first of October. And while a slight increase in the dues has been approved for this year, please remember that this was just an intermediate step toward bringing those dues up to the necessary level to cover our actual costs. We *must* collect those prior year dues that are outstanding, or some club services will have to be cut as the result.

Helping in Haiti

by Art Harrington

Rotary again lends a hand



Heartbreaking stories and photos have been coming from Haiti, which has been severely battered by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Rotarians are once again reaching out and lending their hands and resources to help those who have lost everything. PDG Dick McCombe reports from The Bahamas that Rotary has already been working to channel in \$120,000 in assistance.