**Old Pueblo Rotary Club**

*Tuesday, January 5, 2021 (ZOOM)*

*Club Meeting Notes*

#2020-019

**Agenda:**

* Call Meeting to Order (12:10 pm)
* Welcome
* Pledge of Allegiance
* Inspirational Moment
* Announcements – Club and District 5500
* Service Projects Update
* Club Member Check-ins **(Pat picks 3)**
	+ **Maurice, Beth, and Mark Stegeman**
* Sergeant at Arms
	+ Gold Cup
	+ Happy Bucks
	+ 50 / 50 Tickets now available (monthly drawing)
	+ <https://saguaro-tucson-rotary-club-foundation.square.site/>
* **TODAY’S SPEAKER:  *Christina Polsgrove and Kendra Hall***, City of Tucson Environmental Services - How To Be a Good Recycler
* The Four Way Test **(Sam)**
* Close Meeting (1:10 pm)

**Inspirational Moments:**

**On January 5, 1933,**Golden Gate Bridge is born.  Construction begins on the Golden Gate Bridge, as workers began excavating 3.25 million cubic feet of dirt for the structure’s huge anchorages.

Following the Gold Rush boom that began in 1849, speculators realized the land north of San Francisco Bay would increase in value in direct proportion to its accessibility to the city. Soon, a plan was hatched to build a bridge that would span the Golden Gate, a narrow, 400-foot deep strait that serves as the mouth of the San Francisco Bay, connecting the San Francisco Peninsula with the southern end of Marin County.

**On this day in 1972,** President Nixon launches space shuttle program.  President Richard Nixon signs a bill authorizing $5.5 million in funding to develop a space shuttle. The space shuttle represented a giant leap forward in the technology of space travel. Designed to function more like a cost-efficient “reusable” airplane than a one-use-only rocket-launched capsules, the shuttle afforded NASA pilots and scientists more time in space with which to conduct space-related research. NASA launched Columbia, the first space shuttle, in 1981.

**January 5th of 1980,**The Sugarhill Gang's "Rapper's Delight" becomes hip-hop's first Top 40 hit.

**Club and District Announcements:**

1. **December 2020:  Complete.  FWHS Third Space Holiday Fundraising Drive.**
	* With the support of our Club Membership, we raised $723 for Third Space.  Thanks to all those members that contributed their time and funding.  Thank you.
2. **January 2021:  FWHS Sock Drive Service Project.**  Old Pueblo Rotary Club will collect socks of all makes and sizes for the benefit of Flowing Wells High School Students.  Dana Rothstein is the Service Project Coordinator will provide a project plan at next week’s meeting.
3. **Weekly OPR Club Meetings and monthly Club Board Meetings Announcement will continue over Zoom through the month of March.**
	* For the safety of our club members and with the approval of the Old Pueblo Rotary Club Board, we continue to host our weekly club and monthly board meetings over Zoom through the March of 2021.
4. **District 5500 Notes:**
	* Happy New Year from our District 5500 leadership.  2021 promises to be a better year, look at the New Year as a blank book - it's a chance to write your story. The New Year will offer you another chance to set things right and to open up some new chapters in your life.
	* Please note that the revised dates for RYLA 2021.  They have been changed from the dates in The Clubs' Showcase to February 19 and 20.
	* Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), will be holding the courses via ZOOM on consecutive Saturdays.  This is a first.  Course 1: Saturday, January 23, 2021, Course 2: Saturday, January 30, 2021, Course 3: Saturday, February 6, 2021.  Every Rotary Club in District 5500 will receive 3 scholarships for RLI.  Please consider signing up at the District 5500 website. <https://rotaryd5500.org/>
5. **OPR Club 5-year Bylaws Review.**Final reviews.  Next step - Committee Chair will present the updated Bylaws to the OPR Club Board for approval.
6. **Service Above Self.**
	* Community. It is the place in which people live, and every person on the earth has one. It is our surroundings, our day to day environment, filled with familiar people and places. How many times have people chosen a community based on the location, neighborhood, school system, or any other number of matters? Community is more than the town in which people settle, it has its own vibe. It is only natural that folks instinctively want to settle in a place that makes them feel positive, uplifted, upbeat and secure.
	* Yet, creating such an attitude for community does not magically appear. It begins with the people themselves putting in their share of good things such as caring, compassion, altruism, and above all, a dedication to recognize the world around them and to help wherever they are needed.
	* Rotary Clubs are just one specific example on these kinds of beneficial groups. In effect, they are organizations where members get together to connect with others, brainstorm, share ideas, make plans, take in mind the issues and concerns of community and problem solve. Through the hard work, diligence, efforts, and creativity of these Rotarians do so much to aid others– both domestically and abroad.

**Club Service Projects:**

* **July 2020 Service Project - COMPLETE**.  **Supported Youth On Their Own - YOTO.**  Old Pueblo Club partnered with Rincon Club on their Rotary Assist Project to benefit the Youth On Their Own's Emergency COVID-19 Fund.  Our OPR Club raised $1,050 of the $4K total.  Project Leader Jesse Andre.
* **August 2020 Service Project - COMPLETE.**  **Southern Arizona Food Bank Food Distro.**  Helped Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona to load food at Kino Stadium.  12 club and family members helped serve 141,158.24 pounds of food to 1285 households in the Tucson community.  Furthermore, OPR Club Members & Foundation raised and provided a $500 donation to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.  Project Leader Pat Kerr
* **September 2020 Service Project:  COMPLETE.**  **District Matching Grant Project.**  Delivery of Hots Spots to Flowing Wells School students and families.  Big Thanks to Justhy, Tori, Jim, Paul Hawkins, and David Baker for all their delivery activities.  Supported 50+ FW School System Students / Families.  $12,000 project.  D5500 Matching Grant Close-out Paperwork submitted.  Project Leader David Becker.
* **October 2020 Service Project:** **COMPLETE**.  **Fall Clean-up / Trash Removal.**  Fall Clean-up in and around Flowing Wells High School.  OPR Club is partnering with Tucson Clean & Beautiful Inc..  19 OPR Club Members and U.S. Army Soldiers from the Tucson Recruiting Company participated.  Project Leader Pat Kerr.
* **November 2020 Service Project: COMPLETE.**  **Handbags of Hope.**Old Pueblo Rotary Club (Tucson), with support from the local United States Army Tucson Recruiting Company, purchased and filled 40 “Handbags of Hope.” The handbags were donated to Primavera and Casa de los Niños to distribute to women escaping domestic violence or leaving other dangerous, unhealthy situations. Project Leader Rene Ground.
* **December 2020 Service Project: COMPLETE.  Gifts of Love Holiday Program, Interfaith Community Services.**12 children sponsored from four families.  The ICS Gifts of Love program is a way to match families in need with donors and groups who are willing to help meet seasonal needs.  The holidays are an especially challenging time for the Pima County families who turn to ICS for help to meet their basic needs. As you prepare for your holiday celebration, please consider adopting a child(ren) from a family who does not have the resources to buy clothes or gifts. Project Leader Pat Kerr.
* **December 2020:  COMPLETE.**  FWHS Third Space Holiday Fundraising Drive.  This service project/fundraiser is for those members who didn’t get chance to sponsor a child in the ICS Gifts of Love Program.  Provided financial support for the operation and sustainment of the Third Space Program at Flowing Wells High School.  Project Leader Sarah LoRang.
* **January 2021 Service Project:**Sock Drive for Flowing Wells School System.  Project Leader Dana Rothstein.
* **February 2021 Service Project:**Tucson Million Trees.  Project Leader Karen Riddle.
* **March 2021 Service Project:**
* **April 2021 Service Project:**Rotary Peace Pole – Joe Daniszewski is leading this activity.  If you would like more information, contact him at joed57@hotmail.com.  Project Leader Justhy Deva Prasad
* **May 2021 Service Project:**
* **June 2021 Service Project:**

**Today’s Speakers:**

**Christina Polsgrove and Kendra Hall**

**City of Tucson Environmental Services Department**

Cristina Polsgrove has been the Public Information Officer for the City of Tucson Environmental Services since 2004. She has worked in communications and public outreach for over 25 years. Ms. Polsgrove is responsible for media relations, digital and print materials, education and outreach regarding all programs and services provided by the department. From 1990 to 2004, she worked in community relations and educational outreach at the University of Arizona. She is a native Tucsonan and a proud Wildcat!

Kendra Hall has been a Public Information Specialist for the City of Tucson since 2019.  Before that she was an on-air reporter for KVOA-TV channel 4 in Tucson and before that for KVII-TV in Amarillo.  She graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor’s degree in Journalism.