**Old Pueblo Rotary Club**

*Tuesday, January 19, 2021 (ZOOM)*

*Club Meeting Notes*

#2020-022

**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
* 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:  *Irene Ogata, City of Tucson Urban Landscape Manager - Rain Water Harvesting You Can Do***
* The Four Way Test **(Sam)**
* Close Meeting (1:10 pm)

**Inspirational Moment:**

* The month of January is named after the Roman god of doors, Janus, because this month is the door into the new year. Janus is also called the two-faced god.

While January takes its name from Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and endings, February comes from the word februum (purification) and februa, the rites or instruments used for purification. These formed part of preparations for the coming of Spring in the northern hemisphere.

* Did you know - on January 19, 2007, Beijing, China, the capital city of the planet’s most populous nation, gets its first drive-through McDonald’s restaurant. The opening ceremony for the new two-story fast-food eatery, located next to a gas station, included traditional Chinese lion dancers and a Chinese Ronald McDonald.

**Club and District Announcements:**

1. **January 2021:  FWHS Sock Drive Service Project.  (On-going).**  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.  She is collecting sock through Friday, January 22nd.  **Please drop off your sock donation at the Army Recruiting Station at 7320 N La Cholla Blvd.**  Dana will coordinate a delivery date with Beto for next week.
2. **February 2021:  In support of the Tucson Million Trees Program.**  On Saturday, February 27, 2021 Club members will participate (2 to 3 hours) in the tree planting program.  This service project will increase the city’s tree canopy and help mitigate the effects of climate change, including reducing the heat urban island effect.  COVID-19 safety items will be provided.  Any other comments Karen?
3. **2021 OPR’s On-line Club Poker Tournament Update.**  Keith Ganske would you like to say a couple words about our upcoming on-line poker tournament fundraiser.

* March – April 2021 Timeframe
* Annual fundraiser for FWHS participants in UArizona’s Sky school
* On-line in 2021 has a COVID-19 Precaution
* Need tournament sponsorships

1. **No OPR Club Meeting next week - January 26, 2021.**There will be Club Board meeting via Zoom.  All are welcome to attend.
2. **OPR Club 5-year Bylaws Review.**Final reviews of our Club Bylaws will be presented at next week’s OPR Club Board for approval.  Sam Behrend, Committee Chairperson.
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.

1. **District 5500 Notes:**

***Rotary Leadership****(Learning)****Institute (RLI) – via Zoom starts this weekend!***

Sign-up at: <https://rotaryd5500.org/sitepage/rotary-leadership-institute-(rli)>

***District is offering 3 scholarships – a great opportunity to learn about Rotary.***

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. RLI seeks to provide quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills to Rotarians interested in developing their Rotary participation and to those identified by Rotary Clubs as having potential in club leadership. These educational opportunities will teach skills that will benefit the members in their lives and in their volunteer service. The exchange of ideas with other experienced Rotarians alone makes the courses worthwhile.

District 5500 leadership knows that every Rotary Club in Southern Arizona cares about its future growth, engagement, and vibrancy and wants the best leadership possible. Participating in the RLI training is an outstanding opportunity for each club to “grow” its future leaders and enhance knowledge of our Rotary world. At the very least, the exchange of ideas with other experienced Rotarians and the opportunity to network with other Rotarians and make long-lasting Rotary friendships make the courses worthwhile.

1. **Service Above Self.**

At the Rotary Club of Old Pueblo (Tucson), we believe that Service Above Self is a journey that is enjoyed and shared by our Rotary Members. The Rotary Club of Old Pueblo (Tucson) is a club of more than 30 business and professional men and women working together to improve our local and international community. The club is also a social and educational forum where members make life-long friends and exchange information on popular business and community developments.

We've been providing opportunities for busy professionals to "give something back" since our founding. Our motto has been, "Service Above Self," but today we invite you to ask the very important question, "Who else in should be on the journey with Old Pueblo Rotary Club?"  Expanding our Rotary Club membership and fellowship begins with you.

**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:  On going.**  Sock Drive for Flowing Wells School System. 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.  She is collecting sock through Friday, January 23rd.  **Please drop off your sock donation at the Army Recruiting Station at 7320 N La Cholla Blvd.**  Project Leader Dana Rothstein.
* **February 2021 Service Project: In Planning.**  Tucson Million Trees. Saturday, February 27, 2021.  More information coming. Through the Tucson Million Trees initiative, City of Tucson Mayor Regina Romero pledges to plant one million trees by 2030 to increase the city’s tree canopy and help mitigate the effects of climate change, including reducing the heat urban island effect.  At the center of the Tucson Million Trees initiative is the Mayor’s commitment to equity by creating green spaces in all communities and especially in frontline and low-income communities that are most impacted by climate change and extreme heat and have historically been most affected by environmental degradation.  **See email attachment for service project details.**  Please sign-up with Karen Riddle.
* **March 2021 Service Project:  TBD - Community Bank of Southern Arizona?**
* **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](mailto:joed57@hotmail.com).  Project Leader Justhy Deva Prasad
* **May 2021 Service Project:**
* **June 2021 Service Project:**

**Today’s Speakers:**

**Irene Ogata**

**Executive Director**

**Urban Landscape Project**

**City of Tucson**

Irene Ogata, executive director of the Urban Landscape Project for the City of Tucson.  A healthy urban landscape is vital to our quality of life. Our stewardship to both the built urban landscape environment and the natural desert ecosystem is even more important now that the population of the Tucson metropolitan area has passed the one million mark. To increase awareness and understanding about urban ecology, the City of Tucson developed an Urban Landscape Framework. It’s an important step to integrate social-cultural elements into decision-making processes that foster a healthier urban landscape.

More information can be found at the Urban Landscape Project.

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/urban-landscape-project>