**Old Pueblo Rotary Club**

*Tuesday, February 2, 2021 (ZOOM)*

*Club Meeting Notes*

#2020-023

**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 pick’s 3)**
	+ ***Joe, Bruce, and Linda***
* 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:  *Kristen Garcia-Hernandez, CEO, Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona***
* The Four Way Test **(Sam)**
* Close Meeting (1:10 pm)

**Inspirational Moment:**

* **On February 2, 1887,** Groundhog Day, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler’s Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.
* Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas, when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather.
* **On February 2, 1913,** New York City’s Grand Central Terminal opens for the first time. The transportation hub as we know it today began construction in 1903, but before that 89 E 42nd was home to an older steam train station built in 1879. Even though the station had been updated to deal with an increased volume of commuters coming from suburbs outside the city, a collision between outdated steam trains in 1902 killed 15 people and made it clear that a more substantial renovation was needed.
* That same year, engineer William Wilgus and railroad tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt began planning the landmark that Grand Central is today. They proposed a station with new electric trains that would not emit exhaust fumes and could, for the first time, operate underground. Planning officials also changed the station’s name. Technically a station, because trains no longer went south of Grand Central Station, the hub was renamed Grand Central Terminal. While these renovations and improvements had practical value, the more significant impact that both Wilgus and Vanderbilt hoped to create was cultural.
* Grand Central was designed to usher New York into the dynamic 20th century. As the world around it grew increasingly interconnected, Vanderbilt wanted Grand Central to overtake its rival Penn Station as the palatial gateway to the heart of a rapidly growing country. That ambition was manifested in the form of a towering white marble facade and a ceiling mural depicting God’s view of the sky. After almost 10 years of construction and more than $4 billion in today’s money, New York’s architectural marvel opened to the world.

**Club and District Announcements:**

1. **January 2021:  FWHS Sock Drive Service Project.  (COMPLETE).**  Old Pueblo Rotary Club delivered 488 pairs of socks of all makes and sizes for the benefit of Flowing Wells High School Students on Friday, January 29, 2021.  A big shout goes to Dana Rothstein and her leadership for this highly successful Service Project.  Thanks to all those club members that donated their time and support.
2. **February 2021:  In support of the Tucson Million Trees Program.**  On Saturday, February 27, 2021 Club members will participate 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.**  This is our annual (on-line) poker tournament fundraiser that benefits Sky School and FWHS.
* 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. **OPR Club 5-year Bylaws Review.**Sam Behrend, Committee Chairperson, will you please discuss the way forward on our Club Bylaws review and update.
2. **Weekly OPR Club Meetings and monthly Club Board Meetings Announcement will continue over Zoom until further notice.**

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 via Zoom until further notice.

1. **District 5500 Notes:**

***Words from our District Governor:***

“February is one of my favorite months. I absolutely love the celebration of Valentine's Day. During February, especially February 14th, reach out to those Rotarians and friends whom you haven't seen or spoken to in a while. Mail them a greeting card or send a virtual greeting card or just pick up the phone and call them. Make a difference in someone’s life."

**- Diane Ventura-Goodyear**

1. **Service Above Self.**

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“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”

**- Shirley Chisholm**

**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 Distribution.**  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:  COMPLETE.**  Sock Drive for Flowing Wells School System. Old Pueblo Rotary Club delivered 488 socks of all makes and sizes for the benefit of Flowing Wells High School students on January 29, 2021.  A big kudos goes out to Dana Rothstein for her leadership on this Club Service Project.
* **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.
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* **March 2021 Service Project:  In Planning.**  Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona food distribution at Kino Sports Complex.
* **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:**

**Kristen Garcia-Hernandez,**

**CEO, Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona**

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona is a non-profit organization with services and programs open to all girls ages 5-17 in Southern Arizona. We are one of 112 Girl Scout councils across the nation, privileged to serve nearly 5,000 girls and over 2,000 adult volunteers.

While our volunteer-led troops are a big part of what we do and support, Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona has taken a unique approach to reaching more girls through our Social Impact Program. As one of only a few councils in the United States implementing this approach, Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona uses a staff-led model to reach girls who may not normally have the opportunity to participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.  Because times have changed and more families in Arizona live in poverty, there are fewer and fewer parents who have the time to volunteer as a leader of a troop. Our council believes it is vitally important to devote resources and time into making the dream of Girl Scouting a reality for more and more girls.