**Old Pueblo Rotary Club**

*Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (ZOOM)*

*Club Meeting Notes*

#2020-024

**Agenda:**

* Call Meeting to Order (12:10 pm)
* Welcome
* Pledge of Allegiance
* Inspirational Moment - ***February 9 Trivia***
* Announcements – Club and District 5500
* Service Projects Update
* Club Member Check-ins **(Pat pick’s 3)**
	+ **Doug, Paul H., Sam**
* Sergeant at Arms **(Beto)**
	+ Gold Cup
	+ Happy Bucks
	+ 50 / 50 Tickets now available (monthly drawing)
	+ <https://saguaro-tucson-rotary-club-foundation.square.site/>
* **TODAY’S SPEAKER:  *Rotary Training Videos***
* The Four Way Test **(Pat)**
* Close Meeting (1:10 pm)

**Inspirational Moment:**

Today, February 9th Trivia –

1870 - The United States Weather Bureau was authorized by Congress. The bureau is officially known as the National Weather Service (NWS).

1895 - The first college basketball game was played as Minnesota State School of Agriculture defeated the Porkers of Hamline College, 9-3.

1932 - America entered the 2-man bobsled competition for the first time at the Olympic Winter Games held at Lake Placid, NY.

1960 - The first star was placed on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The star was for Joanne Woodward.

1969 - The Boeing 747 flew its inaugural flight.

On February 9, 1971, pitcher Leroy “Satchel” Paige becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. In August of that year, Paige, a pitching legend known for his fastball, showmanship and the longevity of his playing career, which spanned five decades, was inducted. Joe DiMaggio once called Paige “the best and fastest pitcher I’ve ever faced.”

1971 - The Apollo 14 spacecraft returned to Earth after mankind's third landing on the moon.

1997 - "The Simpsons" became the longest-running prime-time animated series. "The Flintstones" held the record previously.

2001 - "Hannibal," the sequel to "Silence of the Lambs," opened in theaters.

**Club and District Announcements:**

1. **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?
2. **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. **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:**

Rotary Club with Environmental Focus Being Formed.

A new “cause-based” Rotary Club is being formed in District 5500. The Club’s programs and projects will focus on environmental issues. The provisional name is “The Rotary Club of Tucson Verde” with the intent of being chartered on Earth Day, April 22, 2021.If you have friends, associates, or neighbors that are passionate about the environment and want to make a difference please refer them to Michael Drake at Michael@DrakeLawAz.com; Ellie Patterson at ellie.patterson1@outlook.com; or Kirk Reed at wkirkreed@gmail.com. We will invite your friends to our February event where they can learn more about our new Rotary club. The meeting will take place at Tucson Botanical Gardens on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. A short tour of the Gardens will be included followed by an informational talk with time for Q & A.Beverages and snacks provided. There is no entrance fee.

1. **Service Above Self.**

As you attend today’s Old Pueblo Rotary Club meeting, I ask you to think about Service Above Self and the importance of service and community involvement. When I was in the process of retiring from the United States Army in 2016, I looked for organizations to join that would help me bring a sense of satisfaction in that I could make a difference. A close friend encouraged me to join Rotary - thanks again Keith Ganske. The foundation behind Rotary is not to network and/or increase your company’s bottom line, but rather to serve others. I joined the Rotary, and would you believe it, I got immediate “satisfaction” and belonging from it! Thanks to Jack, Lynn, and Bob Waldon for making me feel welcome at that first lunch meeting I attended. The reason why is I felt connected was because these are like-minded individuals who have a commitment to giving back and doing it in their own unique way. OPR Club provides that to every club member and I believe our club strives to live by Will Smith’s quote *“If you're not making someone else's life better, then you're wasting your time. Your life will become better by making other lives better.”* OPR Club members give back both financially as well as with their time through participation in community level service projects - debris clean-up at FWHS, assisting with food distribution for the local food bank, sock drive, Gifts of Love Holiday Program for ICS, and Handbags For Hope, just to name a few.  Rotarians share a passion for service, no doubt. Being an active member of an organization that is much larger than any one individual is very fulfilling and gives a lot back to me personally. Rotary’s purpose is Service Above Self; as a result, Rotarians world-wide provide services and financial support to a myriad of causes at their local level. A critical role of being an involved community member is to embrace your opportunity to educate others on the importance of giving back to your community. It’s also a great way to learn and get to know other professionals like yourself, who may be able to provide you services that you’re looking for, i.e. financial advice, home construction, insurance coverage, or even apartment management. So, I encourage you to consider recruiting like-minded individuals who will find personal satisfaction and reward from being a member Old Pueblo Rotary Club from the start, not to mention lifelong friendships. Service Above Self begins and ends with you.

YIR (and Service), Pat Kerr

**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.

* **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:**

Educational Rotary Videos – thanks Dante.