**Old Pueblo Rotary Club**

*Tuesday, July 7, 2020 (ZOOM)*

*Club Meeting Notes*

#2020-001

**Inspiration:**

***On July 7, 1930, construction of the Hoover Dam begins. Over the next five years, a total of 21,000 workers would work ceaselessly to produce what would be the largest dam of its time, as well as one of the largest manmade structures in the world.***

***July 7, 1981 - President Ronald Reagan nominated Sandra Day O’Connor, an Arizona court of appeals judge, to be the first woman Supreme Court justice in U.S. history.***

**Club Announcements:**

1. **Kudos. Congratulations goes out to Diane Ventura-Goodyear, our newly installed District D5500 Governor**. **Embracing:**

* Collaboration
* Technology
* Virtual Fundraisers
* Thinking Outside the Box

1. **Installation of the 2020/21 Officers OPR Club is complete.**

* Planning to host a Recognition event in the September / October timeframe, COVID-19 dependent. Brother John’s BBQ…

1. **Weekly OPR Club Meetings and monthly Club Board Meetings will be held virtually (via Zoom) through the Month of August.**
2. **The OPR Club Draft 2020/21 Budget is ready for review and approval, July 28, 2020 Club Board Meeting.**

* Thank you, Beth Dannheim, OPR Club Treasurer.

1. **Annual Old Pueblo Rotary Club Poker Tournament Fundraiser (September 26, 2020) is postponed.** Tucson Country Club is the tournament site.
2. **Weekly Club Meeting fundraising opportunities returning next week.**

* Birthdays, Family celebrations, new purchases, Happy Bucs, Club Member Challenges, and Trivia
* On-line payment button, OPR Club website or honor system…
* Other fundraising ideas requested – OPR Zoom Bingo…

1. **Return to In-person Club Meetings – Date to be determined.**

* Club leadership will research the best method to provide a “Zoom or Facebook Live” virtual capability once we restart our in-person club meetings.

1. **Mark your calendars.** The 2020 District 5500 Conference is still being planned for September 11 – 12, at Tubac Golf Resort & Spa, Tubac, Arizona. Please register for the event on the D5500 website:

* [**https://www.rotaryd5500.org**](https://www.rotaryd5500.org)

1. **District 5500 matching grant submitted, a big thanks goes out to Rene Ground, our grant proposal author and submitter.** Our proposal was submitted two weeks prior to the District 5500 due date. Our submission was the first application that was received at District 5500.

* OPR Matching Grant Description:
  + Provide a mobile hot spot and 12 months of high-speed Internet access to 50 students in grades 7-12 attending Flowing Wells Schools. Eligible students will live in households meeting federal low-income criteria. Flowing Wells School District has committed to providing each of the 50 students selected with a laptop computer to personally use for the entire 2020-2021 school year.
  + Provide instruction to students and their parents (guardians) on accessing the Internet through the mobile hot spot.
  + Provide instruction to students and their parents (guardians) on how to navigate the online educational platforms used to deliver curriculum and instruction.

**Club Assembly**

**State of the Club**

*Talking Points*

***The Old Pueblo Rotary Club is / will…***

W – **WELL-POSITIONED** to continue thrive as a club because of the members and past leadership of Old Pueblo Rotary Club.

E – **EMBRACE** collaboration and thinking outside of the box to advance the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.

C – **CELEBRATE** our members through action, word, and deed

A – **ATTRACT** new members through service to community, friendships with Tucson small businesses, and partnership with government agencies. Creation of a satellite club…

N – **NAVIGATE** through these difficult times with compassion and determination.

**Dante’s OPR Club Trivia Question of the Day Answered.**

**Supporting the Environment Becomes New Area of Focus**

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have added a new area of focus: Supporting the Environment.

More than $18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus. More information about this new area of focus will be announced soon.