**Old Pueblo Rotary Club**

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020 (ZOOM)*

*Club Meeting Notes*

#2020-018

**Agenda:**

* Call Meeting to Order (12:10 pm)
* Welcome
* Pledge of Allegiance
* Inspirational Moment
* Conduct Annual Meeting – Nomination of 2021-2022 OPR Club Officers
* Announcements – Club and District 5500
* 2021-2022 Club Officer Nomination Committee Report
* Service Projects Update
* Club Member Check-ins **(Pat picks 3)**
  + **Diane Goodyear, Sarah LoRang**
* Sergeant at Arms **(Beto) – *Happy belated Birthday Beto! December 13th…***
  + Gold Cup
  + Happy Bucks
  + 50 / 50 Tickets now available (monthly drawing)
  + <https://saguaro-tucson-rotary-club-foundation.square.site/>
* **TODAY’S SPEAKER:  CPT John Hoffman, UA-ARC SkillBridge Intern**
* The Four Way Test **(Sam)**
* Close Meeting (1:10 pm)

**Inspirational Moments:**

**Last meeting of 2020 – Club Member Shout-outs:**Happy Birthday goes out to Lynn Kastella (DEC 23rd) and Tori Meyer (DEC 28th).  Happy Anniversary to Paul and Roxanne DeLorme (DEC 28)

**On December 15, 1791**, the United States of America ratified the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, confirming the fundamental rights of its citizens.

**December 15, 1939,** the Movie "Gone with The Wind" based on the Pulitzer Prize Book Winner in 1937 starring Vivien Leigh (Scarlett O'Hara), Clark Gable (Rhett Butler) Leslie Howard (Ashley Wilkes) and Olivia de Havilland (Melanie Wilkes) has its world premiere in Atlanta, Georgia.

**December 15, 2009,** overly loud television commercials have taken a closer step to being restricted when the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1084, the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation (C.A.L.M.) Act. The bill prevents television advertisements from playing at a volume noticeably above the programs during which they air.

**Club Announcements:**

1. **Host the 2020 Old Pueblo Rotary Club Annual Meeting.**

**Action item:2021-2022 OPR Club Officer Nomination Committee Report.**

1. **December 2020 Service Project:  Complete.  Gifts of Love Program, Interfaith Community Services.**
   * All 12 children have been sponsored.  I will turn in our presents and four family food gift cards, $1600 in total, to ICS this afternoon.  Thanks to everyone who participated.
   * 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.
2. **December 2020:  On-going.  FWHS Third Space Holiday Fundraising Drive.**
   * Again, if you didn’t get chance to sponsor a child in the ICS Gifts of Love Program, please consider donating money towards the Third Space Program at Flowing Wells High School.
   * <https://saguaro-tucson-rotary-club-foundation.square.site/>
   * Send a check to Old Pueblo Rotary Club Foundation; PO Box 2606, Tucson, Arizona 85702
3. **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 Coordiantor.
4. **Reminder - no Meeting next week --- but we do have our Old Pueblo Rotary Club Zoom Bingo.**  We will host Zoom Bingo on Tuesday, December 22, 2020.  No Rotary Meeting --- just BINGO.  Come for the fun and fellowship with Sarah LoRang and other OPR Members.  Sign-up and game details are coming soon.
   * [https://saguaro-tucson-rotary-club-foundation.square.site](https://saguaro-tucson-rotary-club-foundation.square.site/)
5. **Weekly OPR Club Meetings and monthly Club Board Meetings Announcement will continue over Zoom through the month of December.**
   * For the safety of our club members and with the approval of the Old Pueblo Rotary Club Board, I will recommend we continue to host our weekly club and monthly board meetings over Zoom through the March of 2021.
6. **District 5500 Notes:**DISTRICT 5500 ROTARY PODCAST - OVER 200 PODCASTS DOWNLOADED!  Subscribe to Rotary District 5500 Apple Podcasts, the link is below. Podcasts are being added every month. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/rotary-district-5500-podcasts/id1527137450> If you have any difficulty setting up your account, please contact the District for assistance.
7. **OPR Club 5-year Bylaws Review.**Final reviews.  Next step - Committee Chair will present the updated Bylaws to the OPR Club Board for approval.
8. **Service Above Self.**

In our club we say, “Service above self.” What this means to Rotarians is that we are there first of foremost, to serve, not to network, not to talk about ourselves, not to use the Rotary affiliation to better ourselves. It means we are there to give of ourselves, to serve others, above all else. Why is service above self-important? First - it should not just be important to Rotarians; it should be important to all. If the world set their personal needs and interest aside and focus more on kindness and support to others, imagine what a better world we could have. When you serve, the purity of your intention comes into play. When you are sincere, it shows when you do anything, right? Same thing. When you serve and you really want to help rather than create attention to yourself, then you are truly serving. And when you truly serve vs serving because you want to impress someone or you want people to think you are a good person - in time it shows and people feel betrayed once your true (not so great) intentions come up. Sincerity is very much connected to this motto. So is selflessness. You achieve a lot more when you serve without expecting in return. That is “service above self.” You get a lot more (i.e. benefits to the heart and the soul) when you serve because you care. You get a lot more when you set yourself aside —people feel your sincerity and they are more likely to respond positively when you do that. This means — when you are focusing on others, without trying, you end up winning all around. THAT is why service above self is so important.

**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.
* **December 2020:  On-going.**  FWHS Third Space Holiday Fundraising Drive.  This service project is for those members who didn’t get chance to sponsor a child in the ICS Gifts of Love Program.  OPR Members can provide a donation that will directly the operation and sustainment of the Third Space Program at Flowing Wells High School.
* **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](mailto:joed57@hotmail.com).  Project Leader Justhy Deva Prasad
* **May 2021 Service Project:**
* **June 2021 Service Project:**

**Today’s Speaker:**

**Captain John Hoffman**

**Intern, SkillBridge Gateway Program**

**University of Arizona Applied Research Corporation**

The DoD SkillBridge program is an opportunity for Service members to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days of service. SkillBridge connects Service members with industry partners in real-world job experiences.

For Service members SkillBridge provides an invaluable chance to work and learn in civilian career areas. For industry partners SkillBridge is an opportunity to access and leverage the world’s most highly trained and motivated workforce at no cost. Service members participating in SkillBridge receive their military compensation and benefits, and industry partners provide the training and work experience.

“The DoD SkillBridge program is a critical opportunity available to Active Duty Service Members during their last six months on active duty. It is one of many resources available to transitioning veterans, however it is unique in the fact that it allows them to participate in an internship with a Company or program of their choosing, related to the career field they wish to pursue following their separation.  It provides service members an invaluable experience to transition both their mindset and professional network from a military focus to the civilian market. Both of those areas are one’s veterans historically struggle with, as the culture of the two can be very different at times.” ***--- CPT John Hoffman***