

OUT OF THE PARC

Phoenix Arcadia Sunrise Rotary Club

Speaker Calendar:

- August 6 speaker: Francesca Thomas—Scottsdale School Override
- August 13 speaker: Teri Lane, Director City of Hope—Cancer Research
- August 20 speaker: Heidi Lichte, Desert Song Yoga Studio—Everything you need to know about Yoga
- August 27: Phoenix Rescue Mission

FRANCESCA THOMAS ON SUSD

This week's speaker is Francesca Thomas speaking on the upcoming Scottsdale School District Override.

Francesca is a 20-year Arcadia resident running for a seat on the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board. Her short biography, taken from her website, follows:

"I am a married mom of 3 boys, all 3 of whom have attended SUSD schools from elementary through high school. I am running for a seat on the Governing Board because I am committed to the promise of public education, and am passionate about supporting our local public schools. I have 15 years of experience volunteering in SUSD

in the classroom, with parent groups and on district committees, and as an advocate for education issues at the state level.

"I am the first generation in my family to be born in the USA, and am a product of public education, kindergarten through high school. I earned a B.S in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, and a M.A. in Justice Studies from Arizona State University. After volunteering for a year on the Navajo Reservation in a special education class at a residential school for Native Americans, I have devoted my career to raising my children, volunteering in the community, and being an advocate for public education.

"I discovered my passion for education, and specifically for the promise of a universally accessible, high quality public education, through my many volunteer positions in SUSD. I have assisted teachers in the classroom, served as an officer in multiple school parent organizations, been both the President and Legislative Liaison for Scottsdale Parent Council, and have had the privilege of further serving our community on SUSD committees, including a math adoption committee, a technology committee and a budget committee. I have had the opportunity to work with state legislators on issues pertaining to education."



Scottsdale Unified School District Override

DUES IS DUE

PARC Treasurer-For-Life Dave Demaine reminds his club-mates that quarterly dues were due beginning last month (July).

In keeping with PARC's Back-To-Basics initiative,

Dave reminds us dues are now \$175 per quarter, up from \$125. The change was required because we now are back to weekly breakfast meetings, instead of alternating breakfast and evening socials.

Breakfast for Rotary Rule of 85 members and Guest Rotarians is still \$15.

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THE FIRST FOUR ROTARIANS

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Read about each of the first four Rotarians below, and about Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian."

Rotary's founder, **Harris**, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918.

A Rotarian for only a few years, **Shorey** served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in June 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in

1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, **Ruggles** was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of *The National Rotarian* and the first Rotary songbook. He died on 23 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.



Rotary Club of Chicago member roster, 1905.

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

Did you know August is Rotary Membership and Extension Month?

All Rotarians are ambassadors of Rotary and their clubs. This is especially relevant during Membership and

Extension Month in August, when the focus is on building strong, vibrant clubs by inviting prospective members to join Rotary. The difference between retention and engagement is simple: Retention refers to

keeping members from year to year, while engagement concerns keeping those members involved and excited about your club every day.

What is the difference between merely retaining members and ENGAGING them?

THE HISTORY OF PAUL HARRIS FELLOW RECOGNITION



In 1997, the Foundation standardized the designs of the medallion and lapel pin.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

It was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

The first Paul Harris Fellows include 1937-38 RI Director Allison G. Brush and long-time RI Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin, both for donations made in 1946. Mrs. Adan Vargas was the first woman to receive the recognition, for a gift made in 1953. Mrs. Harry L. Jones was the second, and one of only five people recognized for con-

tributions made in 1957.

Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the RI Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Japanese metal artist Fiju Tsuda created the piece under the direction of then-past Foundation Trustee Kyoza Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to purchase a Paul Harris Fellow medallion.

Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others. Ida LeTulle Taylor became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978 when her husband, then-District Governor Vann Taylor, made a donation in her name in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary. The gift also made her the 25,000th Paul Harris Fellow.

At the International Assembly in 1979, then-RI President-elect James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, responded by making a donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. The entertainer Pearl Bailey also became a Paul Harris Fellow through a joint effort of the Rotary clubs in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Many other notable figures have been named as Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jonas Salk.

The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached the one million mark in 2006.

JOKE O' DA WEEK

In a convent in Ireland, the 98-year old Mother Superior lay dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her warm milk to drink but she refused it.

One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the

previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, they held the glass to her lips.

The frail nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop.

As her eyes brightened, the

nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us."

She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them and said: "DON'T SELL THAT COW."



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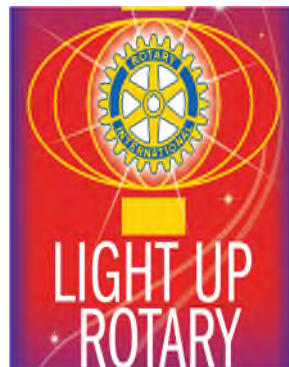
Our Children, Our Future.

Meets Wednesday mornings at 6:45 AM
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Founded in 1988, the **Phoenix Arcadia Rotary Club** has a strong tradition of serving the community, state, and the world. Our primary areas of service have been youth health and education, and international projects to improve the quality of life in less prosperous countries. Hands-on work, fellowship and fund-raising have been the hallmarks of Phoenix Arcadia Rotary for over 25 years. Besides the Rotary International slogan "*Service Above Self*", our club's slogan is... "*Our Children, Our Future*".

Our gatherings promote community service and fun with new friends as we enjoy this Rotary experience. Please, come see what it is all about. *You might find yourself enjoying a whole new experience. We can't wait to meet you!*



We're on the web!

phoenixarcadiarotary.org

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1: John Aitchison

August 10: Tom Rouse

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

We have no Rotary anniversaries in August.

One suspects most folks were out of town.



*Inside every older person,
is a young person,
wondering what the hell
happened!
Happy Birthday!*