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Next Meeting: December 8, 2020

Evening @ 4:00 pm

ZOOM'n Along—

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

September and October teachers of the Month were honored. Each received a check for \$500, with \$200 from the Sun Lakes Rotary Club, \$200 from Earnhardt Automotive and \$100 from Trust

Bank. September honoree was Donna Gustafson the Gifted 7/8A Social Studies teacher of SanTan Junior High School. Mary Ann Rezzonico, SanTan Junior High School Principal introduced her. Donna's "education philosophy is to challenge her students to raise their personal expectations and experience success. When students feel successful, it can build a confidence that lasts a lifetime. She hopes to be part of a learning community where everyone is encouraging, and everyone feels safe to take risks." The October honoree was Cassie Itsell, 2nd Grade teacher at Navarrete Elementary School. Cassie was introduced by Vanessa Whitlark, Principal of Navarrete Elementary, Ms. Whit-



lark said that Cassie is a gift to her school. She has been with us 11 years and she does yearbook, literary lead, virtual learning, and is a highly requested teacher, Navarrete is her family.



We honored the November and December Teachers of the Month, Katie Barton, Special Ed teacher, grades 3-6 at Basha Elementary School and Lisa King, Kindergarten teacher at the Weinberg Gifted Academy. Maureen Alger and Jon Lyons introduced Katie and Lisa. Each received a check for \$500, with \$200 from the Sun Lakes Rotary Club, \$200 from Earnhardt Automotive and \$100 from Trust Bank. November's Katie Barton is a proud graduate of Arizona State University. She holds dual bachelor degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education. December's Lisa King is excited to be part of the Weinberg Gifted Academy maiden voyage as a kindergarten teacher. She loves teaching and she embraces a classroom environment where all are comfortable trying new things, expressing new ideas and even making mistakes.

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