

The Sun Riser

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Rotary
Club of Sun Lakes, Arizona, USA



Today's Event Russell Yurk



Our program was David Florence, a past Rotarian of our Club, a member between 1991-2010. David spent 35 years flying; he served 10 years active duty in the US Army flying primarily helicopters and 25 years as a commercial pilot for TWA. He retired 26 years ago. David graduated college in 1956, entered the service, and commenced his flying career. He served in Germany and Vietnam. Most memorable was his trip to Berlin at the time of the Cold War with Russia. The Vietnam Huey helicopters, very reliable turbine-powered aircraft, could carry 15 personnel. 16,000 were manufactured and 7,000 were in Vietnam. He has mixed feelings on the Vietnam War, thinking that Washington DC politicians lost the war and not the men and women on the ground and in the air.

After his ten years in the service, he was hired by TWA, first as a flight engineer for 1.5 years, then a 1st Officer, and then Captain. He initially flew Lockheed Constellations and then jet-powered aircraft. He related how seniority plays a big role in determining schedules, flights, etc. He had a different crew on each flight. He told us about the

small cockpits and how it is much safer flying today. Airlines were deregulated in 1978. He experienced a few near misses, but got through them unscathed. He also lamented on how drones are a problem in today's world of aviation. He had some famous passengers, including Ronald Reagan, Ed McMahan, Senator Ted Kennedy, and others. He was honored to be named a *Kentucky Colonel* by the Governor of Kentucky. He retired as a commercial pilot in 1991. After retiring, TWA merged with American Airlines in 2001. They missed David too much!

ART SLOANE

Art Sloane, from The Arizona Veteran StandDown Alliance, which is the [Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness](#) spoke to the Club about that organization. While its primary goal is helping homeless veterans access the resources needed (including housing) to regain their highest level of independence; its secondary goal is to bring our community and service providers together in a collaborative format that can build relationships throughout the year that positively benefit homeless and at-risk veterans. Needs are diverse, including such items as clothing, food, shelter, transportation, hygiene kits, and medical services.



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW: MAY 31, 2017

Call-to-Order: **Pres. Bill McCoach**

Pledge: **Hal Wochholz**

Invocation: **Norm Noble**

Song Meister: **Bill Giessing** "My Country 'Tis of Thee"

JUNE-JULY EVENTS

June 13 Bill Larson

June 20 Club Day

June 27 Adrian Fontes

July 4 DARK

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES TO BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAY:

ANNIVERSARY:

ATTENDANCE MAY 31

Members: 29

Sr. Members: 20

Frequent Visitors: 1

Visiting Rotarians: 1

Guests: 3

Total: 54



HAPPY/SAD \$ AS REPORTED BY BILL MCCOACH

The highlight of the morning came when Dee told us that "TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY!" She even told us how old — 80! Now we suppose that she is going to want some respect. **Dee Rasmussen** then took the hesitant **David Mork** under her wing and led the Happy/Sad \$. Birthdays included **Mary Louise Lansbarkis** (\$5), **Dwight Snyder** (\$2), **Doug Baker** (\$5); **Chuck Deuth** celebrated his anniversary with an "All Pay \$1". **Bill McCoach** had to pay for not bringing batteries to the Club Meeting. **Craig Gilbert** was elated that the school year was ending on Wednesday! **Chuck Deuth** reiterated his happiness with his 42nd anniversary. **Julian Pickens** was happy to see Dee's blouse. **Don Prestin** said he will be enjoying wine country soon. **Norm Noble** told a David Florence golf joke (something about John McCain being his golfing handicap). **Ed Anderson** honored his partner Elaine's company, recognizing their being named Chandler's Small Business Company of the Year and related his Qatar yacht story. **Bill Crump**



Rotarian of the Month



RAFFLE WINNER

Tom Burns drew the Ace of Hearts! **He reaped some gold — \$10 AGAIN.**

was both happy/sad that he is departing Arizona this week for the summer. **Frank Wiley** had lunch with **Craig Gilbert** and told us about the 1991 white elephant sale fundraiser of 1991. **Wayne Johnson** was caught napping and had to pay up. **Don Robins** lamented that he was taking off for the summer and complimented AWIM efforts. **David Florence** was happy that his granddaughter was doing well. **Bill Giessing** trumpeted ASU female golfer and golf teams winning NCAA titles this year.



If you eat, you can support the Sun Lakes Rotary Club by shopping at Basha's. It's easy. Purchase a Basha's Community Support Card from **Peter Meade**. This card costs \$10 and is good for \$10 at any local Basha's, Food City, or AJ's. The card is reloadable at the checkouts and 6% of the purchases you make on the card will be issued in the form of a check from Basha's to the Sun Lakes Rotary Club. So if you reload the card with \$100, the club will get \$6 from Basha's and you will have a \$100 gift card. Last year with just a few cards in circulation, this program generated over \$600 for our community outreach programs. **Super Easy**, no extra money out of your pocket and you have to eat anyway... right?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Bill stated on this day after Memorial Day, "Those who have served or are serving our country have always been an important part of the family of Rotary. Particularly, let us all remember the fallen with high gratitude and honor." **Don Robins** and his AWIM team were thanked for their excellent work with the schools. A photo, taken by **David Mork** (thanks David for photos and video!) was shown of the 5th grade Fulton Elementary School winners. If you have perfect attendance, please see Club Secretary **Colette McNally**, who will record the information; it's the honor system. District 5510 is seeking donations/gifts to be used as door prizes and raffle items at the upcoming District Conference. If you have anything to donate, see **Bill McCoach**. Sun Lakes Rotary shirts can be purchased again; see **Colette McNally**; cost is \$40.50 - \$42.00. **John McKoy** announced that three Foundation projects have been completed: Casteel HS flagpole, software for donated Hamilton HS laptops, and the Mesa Senior Center. **Frank Willey** reiterated that there was an opening for a couple to participate on the Australian Rotary Friendship Exchange/Cruise in the early autumn and to see him if interested.