


The Sun Riser

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Today's Program Doug Nick



Morris Johnson introduced our speaker Jim Willettes, a Mason and Shriner, who explained the organizations, plus highlighting the Shriners Hospital. Jim is a 27 year-resident of Sun Lakes from Des Moines, IW. He went to Drake University and was a Wells Fargo executive. As a Shriner, Jim must be a Mason. The first Shriner's Hospital was in Shreveport LA, established in 1922. Shriner's Hospitals for Children are now a network of 22 non-profit medical facilities across North America. Children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay. Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, the hospitals, known as "The World's Greatest Philanthropy," are owned and operated by Shriners International, formerly known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a Freemasonry-related organization whose

members are known as Shriners. Patients must be minors under the age of 18 and are not required to have any familial affiliation with the Shriners order nor Freemasonry. The current advertising campaign for the healthcare system features the tagline, "Love to the Rescue." Shriner's Hospitals for Children has a mission to provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment.

NEW MEMBER SPIEL -- ADRIAN CHRISTOPHER

Adrian Christopher is a Texan, born in 1981. His first move was to New Mexico and then on to Arizona. He went to high school in Ahwatukee and a local community college. After schooling he had a hodge-podge of jobs from telecommunication installs to Kansas railroad conductor training, but then met a "woman" and he commenced work in the Colorado oil/gas fields. Moving on, he obtained a CDL license and drove truck for a while in Arizona and then sold corporate securities for 7 years. He has worked in assisted living/memory care/independent communities and now is employed in marketing for Koelsch Communities, "The Park at Copper Creek." He knew Meadowlark Lemon and others in his video and writing/directing work. A most fascinating career.



2018 GOLF TOURNAMENT — PHENOMENAL SUCCESS!

We all knew that our recently concluded Charity Golf Tournament was a success. What we didn't know was just how much of a success it was. So **Bill Schink** told us last week. **We netted over \$60,000.** That's \$27,000 more than we netted last year which itself was the most ever (until now). And to go back to 2016, we netted only \$25,000. What brought about this change. Well, a lot of hard work that yielded more sponsors; and the Helicopter Ball Drop; and the enhanced Live Auction; and the Bazooka Ball Launch. AND the involvement of the entire Club. **THANKS!**



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Program Overview: May 8, 2018

Call-to-Order: **Pres. Peter Meade**

Pledge: **Don Prestin**

Invocation: **Adrian Christopher**

SongMeister: **Bill Giessing** — "The Band Played On"

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES TO BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Birthday: Dave Cramer May 4; Jayson Phillips May 16

Anniversary: Craig & Jessica Gilbert May 8; Bill & Polly Giessing May 19; Don & Georganna Bell May 19



On May 19th at 11 AM, there will be a Memorial Service for Phyllis Wochholz at the Methodist Church on Riggs Rd. The May 29th Club Meeting will be a late afternoon affair, commencing at 4:30 PM. Club Dues need to be paid: \$70 for 6 months or \$140 for a year; there is an extra \$5 processing fee for paying electronically. Madelyn Becker of Mathew's Crossing Food Bank was on hand to accept a \$1,500 donation check from our Club.



Sgt. Dee enlisted visitor Tony Alcalá, incoming AZ College Prep – Oakland Campus Principal, to assist her on her tour of the room. Birthday spinners were **Colette McNally** (welcome back!) - \$2, **Bill Giessing** - \$5, and **Gary Whiting** - \$4. **Peter Meade** celebrated an anniversary for \$5. **David Mork** paid a \$3 late fee for showing up 20 minutes late as

"Club Greeter." **Frank Wiley** was glad that Colette was back and then told an Irish joke. He should have stuck with his joy over Colette's return. **Don Robins** proudly stated that AWIM at Fulton Elementary was back in full swing. **Orm Saathoff** was blamed and fined for a *Splash* error that he did not do. **Don Denkinger** lamented over his garage fire that claimed a car and golf cart. This also explained why he was still here and not in Iowa. **John McKoy** thanked both **Stan Kauffman** and **Alan Kurth** for furthering the Navajo Water Project contacts; maybe we will get a potential Canadian partner as a result. **Mark Stapels** thanked **John McKoy** for a lift in his car. **Ed Anderson** was proud that grandson Dylan was named the #1 8th Grade basketball player in the Southwest. **Fred Crist** was happy 5 times by saying the dreaded "F" word — "football." **Stu Frost** congratulated the local Special Olympic athletes and the local track & field teams. With pride, **Gene Vogt** told us he joined Rotary 55 years ago in 1963!

Mark Grady was happy after a family reunion trip, but it was offset by the \$ outlay. **Jayson Phillips** paid for scootering with cohort Tony Alcalá.

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MAY-JUNE EVENTS

May 22 Ellie Casson

May 29 Thomas Kaufman

June 5 Joan Campbell

ATTENDANCE MAY 8, 2018

Members: 34

Sr. Members: 18

Frequent Visitors: 2

Visiting Rotarians: 3

Guests: 3

Total: 60

May's Rotarian of the Month



WINNER

Chuck Death drew the Queen of Spades ...alas, no BIG winner ...

Grady Anderson is a prospective new member in our club.



Let me say just one thing . . .

Sure! When was the last time you heard Gary say just ONE THING?