

The Sun Riser

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Rotary
Club of Sun Lakes, Arizona, USA 

Today's Event Mathew K. Scott



Our program last week was presented by Elizabeth ("Liz") Boothe. Liz is a "Hearing Loss Support Specialist" and is involved in many hearing-associated organizations, such as ALDA (The Association of Late Deafened Adults), ALOHA (*Adult Loss of Hearing Association*), and the local Sun Lakes Hearing Loss Chapter. She writes a column "Living with Hearing Loss." If this strikes a chord, note that she can be contacted at 480-284-6952 or at halib72@gmail.com.

Liz began to lose her hearing as a small child. It progressed to where she is deaf. In 2001, she had a cochlea implant. Today she can hear fairly well. She told us that over 481 million US citizens are challenged with some degree of hearing loss. Only 25% of these individuals have hearing aids and some of these aids are left in home drawers. Over one million people in Arizona have some hearing loss. One in three are over the age of 65.

Loss of hearing can impact both the individual with the loss, plus their spouse, family members, friends and workplace members. There can be significant denial and frustration with hearing loss. Some individuals can be vain and not wish to wear a hearing aid or device. Plus health and safety can become factors, too, in one's life. Technology is improving in hearing aids and other devices and methods, such as captions on TV and movies. A local individual can find organizations like the Hearing Loss Association of America, with a local Sun Lakes chapter, to utilize as a resource and advocate.



RIDE TO END POLIO RAISES \$730,000

For the past five years, Rotary members around Tucson have bicycled as many as 111 miles in a day to raise money for polio eradication. This year's team of 70 cyclists (including our **Mark Grady**) and their supporters raised \$730,000 in the Ride to End Polio, which, after matched two-to-one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, will make \$2.1 million available for polio eradication.

"With every penny going to end polio, we've immunized an awful lot of kids against this horrible disease," says Gary Hirsch, a member of the Rotary Club of Tucson and a ride organizer.

The Ride to End Polio is part of the annual **El Tour de Tucson** bike event. This year's ride, which took place 23 November, was dedicated to Rotary General Secretary John Hewko, who once again participated. The honor was given in recognition of his contributions to the bicycling community and the global eradication of polio. Hewko has raised more money than any other rider in a single El Tour event: over \$243,000 in 2012.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW: MAY 9, 2017

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

Pledge: **Hal Wochholz**

Invocation: **Dwight Snyder**

Song Meister: **Roger Edmonds "Ole MacDonald"**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES TO BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

BIRTHDAY: NONE

ANNIVERSARY: Bill & Polly Giessing May 19; Don & Georganna Bell May 19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May is a new Rotary Month; it is Youth Service Month. **Greg Jewell** was thanked for chairing the annual "Easter Egg Hunt". 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**. **Don Robins** was proud of AWIM at Fulton Elementary School with 300 students participating. He thanked the volunteers.

HAPPY/SAD \$ AS REPORTED BY BILL MCCOACH!

Spinning the wheel for their birthdays were **Bill Giessing** - \$2, **Gary Whiting (who forgot his birthday)** - table pays \$1, **Bob Phillips** - all pay \$1, **Jayson Phillips** - \$2 and **Dave Cramer** (80 years young!) - \$5. **Peter Meade** celebrated his anniversary with a \$3 spin. Sergeant at Arms **Stu** chatted with **DeeAnne Hawkins** who paid a scooter \$1 as she was going to a friend's citizenship induction. **Dee Rasmussen** paid because **Roger Edmonds** had spoiled her recently with chocolate. **Don Robins** was proud of his grandson graduating from Michigan State and he is starting a 14-week internship at the Phoenix 98.7 sports station. **Bill Crumb** complimented **Don Waldron** for his armed service, plus his authored book "I Flew With Heroes." **Dave Cramer** was given a pacemaker on his 80th birthday. **Chuck Deuth** contributed a happy dollar because he was HAPPY. **Craig Gilbert** paid \$2 as he was proud of his daughter and her soccer club team's success, plus she is going to a soccer camp, showing colleges what she can do. **Jayson Phillips** was very happy that he was halfway through his doctorate degree! **Roger Edmonds** was happy and he helped the Sgt-at-Arms. **Bill McCoach** pointed out to membership that **Dick Nelsen** had written an excellent short story, published in the May 2017 Splash.

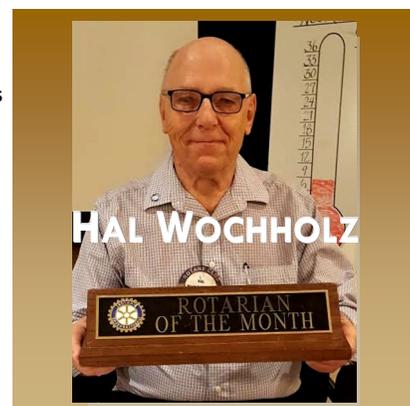
MAY—JUNE EVENTS

May 23	Tony Contrabasso
May 30	David Florence
June 6	Russell Yurk
June 13	Bill Larson

ATTENDANCE MAY 9

Members: 33
 Sr. Members: 19
 Frequent Visitors: 0
 Visiting Rotarians: 3
 Guests: 11
Total: 66

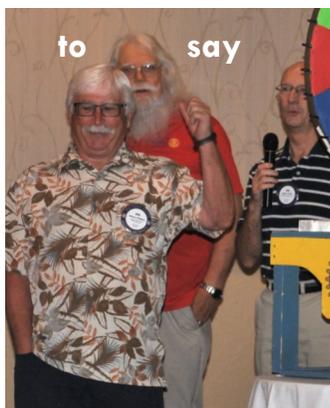
Norman Mark & Dennis Nelson are prospective members.



Old MacDonald
Mary Louise Lansbarkis played the "Chick," **Gary Nessel** played the "Cow," and **Norm Noble** played the "Pig" (all fitting their real-life roles very well) when we sang the familiar childhood refrain of "Old MacDonald." It might be observed that this is one of Song Meister **Roger Edmonds** favorite songs.



RAFFLE WINNER
Dave Logan drew the **JOKER!** He won **BIG Time!**



SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARDS

Two high school students were presented the *Service Above Self* award. Farin Shiehzadegan of Chandler HS and Momen Abdelkarim of Hamilton HS were honored. These two students exemplify "service," being involved in significant service activities in high school, their community and other outside efforts. Both students had excellent grade point averages, plus they were officers in their school's Interact Clubs. Each student will receive \$2,000 toward their college tuition.