

The Sun Riser

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Today's Program Gordon Kesler

STATE OF THE CITY

At last week's meeting, Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny was introduced by **Gary Whiting**. A former senator in the Arizona Senate, Jay has been the mayor of Chandler since 2011. He previously served as the mayor of Chandler from 1994 through 2002. He is in the midst of his 7th term and relinquishes rein in January 2019. Under his management, Chandler has garnered significant growth, with both businesses, families, housing and entertainment/restaurants coming to the city. Chandler has an excellent regional tech center reputation. Chandler was honored that it was one of four cities selected by Google as a Driverless Host City. Both local operations of Intel and GM are pursuing similar technologies. Chandler is being considered by Amazon to be its 2nd corporate city. Jay was excited about the Chandler downtown improvements and expansions. As an example, a Flix theater chain, new parking garage and restaurants are coming to the Chandler Blvd/Arizona Ave intersection. Businesses are moving to the Downtown area, too. The annual tumbleweed tree lighting and parade will be on Dec. 2th this year. Jay is also President of the AZ League of Cities & Towns, so he also spends time lobbying for that effort. Chandler is very sound financially, enjoying Triple AAA bond ratings — one of only 27 cities nationwide. Chandler also has a strong water position with recently signed agreements on the Gila River and Salt River projects. With a population of about 255,000, Chandler will have future challenges managing the future build-out from its growth; additional resources may have to be extended for road paving, water lines, sewer, etc. There is always the potential for the light rail to be extended from Mesa into Chandler. After his *mayorship* term ends, he likely will pursue a Justice of the Peace role.



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Program Overview: November 21, 2017

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

Pledge: **Gary Whiting**

Invocation: **Norm Noble**

Song — **Bill Giessing "Blue Skies"**

DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 5 Curt Ward

Dec. 12 Christmas Party

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES TO BE CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

Birthday: None

Anniversary: None

ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 21

Members: 33

Sr. Members: 19

Frequent Visitors: 3

Visiting Rotarians: 1

Guests: 4

Total: 60



Happy/Sad \$ (as reported by Bill McCoach)

Sergeant-at-Arms **Dee Rasmussen** hood-winked visitor Mike Tennant into assisting her in her Happy/Sad room tour. Anniversary spinners **Don Prestin** and **Greg Jewell**, both spun and had their tablemates each pay \$1. Visitor Mike Tennant was celebrating a birthday so he spun for \$5! Scooter dollars paid by tooth doctor **Rob Romanin**, **Debbie Wiltse** and

Craig Gilbert. **Dale Rusk** paid up for having his wandering jacket returned from our picnic!

Fred Crist decided to keep his mouth shut. **Phyllis Carr** was happy to get her blue badge and reminded us of the Saturday, Dec. 2nd "Living in the Joy" breakfast fundraiser for **Sandy**

Lundberg at Casteel HS, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon; admission will be \$5/person for breakfast burritos and there will be raffles and silent auction items. Please call or email Kara Wilson at (480) 424-8107 or wilson.kara@cusd80.com if planning to attend. **Bill Crump** was doubly

happy to be back from *AussieLand* and glad to be back at his abode and away from the 34/40 split Aussie Club. **Dick Thomas** put in \$20 in fond remembrance of his good friend who

just passed away from major health issues. **Dave Cramer** was glad that the hospital told him his heart was still beating and that more red wine helps! **Ed Anderson** was glad football (he paid) was winding down and basketball for his grandson Zach at Hamilton HS was starting up. **Steve**

Perkins let us know that **Chuck Deuth** was off getting cardiac ablation treatment and that politicians have gray hair, pin-stripe suits and hemorrhoids, which helps them show facial concern.

David Mork told us of the Duluth, MN mayor who died in office in 1962. **Bill Giessing** had an excellent visit with his new great-grandchild. **Don Robins** was excited to go to Vegas and promised one-half of the winnings would go to PolioPlus. **Jon Lyons** was filled with joy that com-

pany and close family would be coming to celebrate Thanksgiving. Weather forecaster **Stu**

Frost let us know that it was raining in Flagstaff and Prescott. We had a report that **Law Langer** is helping spouse Shirley recover at

home now. **Mark Grady** proudly announced that he completed the 106-mile Rotary Tucson bicycling event and over \$10 million was

raised for PolioPlus!

Rotarian of the Month

John McKoy



WINNER

Mark Grady

drew the Ace of

Diamonds from

the deck. Now

there are 49

cards left —

including the

Joker.



Announcements



President Peter presented both **Rob Romanin** and **Debbie Wiltse** with plaques, thanking them for continued, solid sponsorship of our pancake and golf fundraising events. Many thanks! Membership Committee member **Jon Lyons** reminded us of the importance of bringing guests to Club Meetings. **John McKoy** let us know of the tremendous work Rotary is doing bringing water to the Navajo Villages. **David Mork** thanked all who assisted in the Pancake breakfast. We sold more than 1,000 tickets and will net over \$15,000, including sponsor donations. **Ed Anderson** and **Bill Schink** told us of the importance of the upcoming March 11, 2018, golf outing; it's our largest fundraiser and we need all to help. We are trying to get a professional auctioneer for the event. **Bill McCoach** said the December Splash will likely be available at the Storage Shed right after our Nov. 28th Club Meeting; an email will go out confirming it and further info will be available at the Nov. 28th Meeting. Our Holiday Dinner will again be at the Sunbird Resort on Dec. 12th at 4:30 PM and we will not have our Club Meeting on that morning.

Fellowship Cruise



Lisa Phillips and **Terrie Sanders** are chairing the 2018 Fellowship Cruise, which promises *lotsa* fun and fellowship to all. It will commence in New Orleans on Feb. 28th. The Norwegian Cruise Line cruise on the Pearl will be from March 2 – 7 and it will stop in Western Caribbean ports of Cozumel and Costa Maya with two full days at sea. Cost is \$918/person, double occupancy, balcony cabin and let either Lisa or Terrie know by Dec. 15, 2017 if interested in going. Terrie will have a kickoff cocktail party at her house on Feb. 19th. And The Rotary Foundation benefits from this cruise!