

FOCUS ON AUGUST

FOUR PEAKS ROTARY



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Club meetings are the second and fourth
Thursday of each month, 6:45 – 8 AM
Fountain View Village, Fountain Hills, AZ

Fountain Hills, Arizona

Rotary District 5495

<http://fourpeaksrotary.org/>

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AUGUST Newsletter Quiz

Win a FREE Club breakfast! Be the first
to answer:

**Who is the Arizona Diamondbacks
opponent during the Four Peaks Social
on August 26?**

Send answer to buzzponce@gmail.com

Featured Four Peaks Rotarian 'Why Did I Join Rotary'



Each month a Four Peaks Rotary Club member is
featured answering the question: *Why Did I Join
Rotary?*

For August, please welcome **Paul Perreault**, a charter
member of Four Peaks Rotary.

I was introduced to Rotary in 1993 and joined Fountain
Hills Rotary Club that same year. I was impressed with
how Rotary gives back to the local community and the

world at large. I wanted to be a part of a group of business men and
women who genuinely cared about bettering their community and the
world, not just about increasing their business.

Because Fountain Hills Rotary met at noon, several of us separated
from that group and started Four Peaks Rotary in 1997 which would meet
in the morning prior to the start of the workday. We chartered Four Peaks
Rotary Club with 25 members and incidentally, we have 6 charter
members who are still active in the club today.

Four Peaks Rotary has been involved in and has initiated several fund
raising activities from selling watermelons on July the 4th, to the Cow
Patty Drop, to the Challenge of the Ages, to the Soap Box Derby and of
course now the Trash Collection during the fairs, selling pretzels and beer
during Oktoberfest and the annual Golf Tournament. I believe that being
a part of Four Peaks Rotary and being able to give back to the community
in so many ways makes us all better people.

Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairperson Steve Chucri to Speak at August 23 Four Peaks Meeting



Steve Chucri

Steve Chucri is the quintessential American story. A native of Mesa, Arizona, he comes from Lebanese lineage on both sides of his family. His maternal grandfather, Tony M. Coury, Sr., was a true entrepreneur in becoming the first licensed automobile dealer in Arizona. Steve draws inspiration from his grandfather who couldn't read or write, but whose hard work and success afforded Steve first-hand insight into the complexities of running a business. That experience at an early age led to successful careers in both the public and private sectors.

Chucri is an alumnus of Brophy College Preparatory and went on to obtain his post-secondary degree in Business Administration at the University of San Diego. He has received the Sentinel Award from the Greater Phoenix Chamber and the Business Journal's 40 Under 40 award.

Four Peaks Members Recognized as 'Paul Harris Award' Recipients at July 26 Meeting

In recognition of outstanding contributions to Rotary, six Four Peaks members were honored at the July 26 meeting.

Roger Riggert, Bill Beamish, Jeff Poynter, Dick Bauer, Patrick Benkowski, and Art Tolis were recognized for reaching another level of being a Paul Harris Fellow.

In part, a Paul Harris award acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International's Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund.



*Paul Harris Award recipients include (from left) **Roger Riggert, Bill Beamish, Jeff Poynter, Dick Bauer, Patrick Benkowski, and Art Tolis.***

Youth Exchange Student Max Arrives From Austria

Max arrived at Sky Harbor Airport on July 28 and was welcomed by his first Fountain Hills host family and Rotarians.



Four Peaks Rotary Club's 2018-2019 Rotary Youth Exchange student, Max, has arrived from Austria and is ready to begin his year of study and "cultural immersion.". Four Peaks will be co-hosting Max along with the noon Rotary club, as has been done with previous exchange students. Club members are encouraged to take Max on a special outing such as to dinner or a show, sometime during the next 10 months.

Contact one of the Club's representatives if you would like to host an activity for Max. **Bill Beamish** is the Local RYE Coordinator, **Sandy Davis** is the club Youth Exchange Officer and **Jim Hill** and **John Gianotti** will be tag-teaming as Max's club counselors. The Club will be helping Max manage his busy personal, school, family, and Rotary calendar, but there is always room for one more outing with other Club members and family. Max will be attending our club meetings every month or two during his year in the USA



In a living history reenactment that provides a sense of stepping back in time, Doug Waldo will share experiences of the P-Bar Ranch owners. The ranch significantly impacted the property on which the Town of Fountain Hills and McDowell Mountain Regional Park was developed.

Four Peaks Rotary Supports 'River of Time Museum' Fundraiser

Four Peaks Rotary members and guests are invited to attend the August 18 *River of Time Museum's* "A Taste of the P-Bar Ranch" fundraising event on August 18.

The western-themed occasion will feature chuck wagon style tastings, live and silent auctions, and entertainment by the Cimarron Sidekicks.

Cost for the Social is \$35 for non-River of Time members and \$30 for Museum members.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.rotmuseum.org/event-details?id=82>

Rod Mahnami Transitioning into Lead Webmaster for Four Peaks Rotary

In the coming months, watch for a new-look Four Peaks Rotary website as **Rod Mahnami** begins to take the reigns as Webmaster and transform the site into a powerful, informational vehicle for the Club.

"I'm looking forward to working with other Club members in moving forward with enhancements to our website," said Rod, who has been a Four Peaks member since February.

Specifically, Rod will be tutored in Four Peaks Rotary web skills by **Bill Beamish**, who has handed over the keys of the program to Rod this month. The transition to new webmaster will be gradual, with both Rod and Bill working to enhance design and informational services.

Rod is a Fountain Hills resident and owner of *Rod's Custom Workroom*, located in Fountain Hills.

The Club will continue to use *Clubrunner* as the website platform.



Rod Mahnami, new
Four Peaks Webmaster

Mark Your Calendar for the August 26 Four Peaks Social Event at Zipps Sports Grill

Social Chair **Nicola Bird** is planning an array of exciting events for Four Peaks Rotary starting with the upcoming Pre-season Football Tailgate Party at Zipps Sports Grill on **Sunday, August 26**. Nicola promises an afternoon of fun and frivolity, including prizes and free food and a drink ticket.

Below are the details:

- Event: Pre-season Football Tailgate Party (with a D-backs game on the side!)
- When: Sunday August 26th from **Noon to 4:00 p.m.**
- Where: Zipps Sports Grill
8380 E Via de Ventura (NW corner of Via de Ventura and Hayden)
- Food: Club will provide pizza, wings, focaccias, salad, chips & salsa, beer cheese pretzel bites, etc.
- Cocktails: Club to pick up the tab for 1 drink per person. A drink ticket will be provided at the registration table when you arrive. Full cash bar for all other drinks.
- Entertainment: Football game (Steelers vs Titans) and D-back vs Mariners game on the five TVs, music, pool, golf video game, darts, shuffle board
- Prizes: Prizes at the end of the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th quarter.
You must be present to win and, don't worry, no skill is required (only luck!).

Contact Nicola at nicolatbird@gmail.com for your RSVP

Happy Birthday!



Pam Carlson
August 4



Greg Golucci
August 11



Tony Finocchio
August 19

Rotary Anniversaries!



**Pete
Donzelli**
*August 15,
2002*



**Gina
Perreault**
*August 13,
2015*



**Robin
Brand**
*August 24,
2017*

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