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**FOUR PEAKS  
ROTARY**

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

**JANUARY 2020** <http://fourpeaksrotary.org/> **Rotary District 5495**

## ***Club President Highlights Upcoming New Year in Monthly Message***



**Jeff Poynter**  
2019-20 Club President

Hello Fellow Four Peaks Rotarians and Happy New Year!  
2020 our “VISION of GIVING” will put Four Peaks Rotary on the map Internationally. Our **Navajo Water Project**, headed by **Paul Perreault, Roger Riggert, and Tim Taylor** will be recognized in the **Rotarian Magazine**. As we begin construction of the \$400,000.00 project this February/March, I have learned that reporters from the magazine will be covering

the installation in April. Thanks to all of you for your support and dedication to our Club! Details on a trip to the location site in northern Arizona will follow once installation begins.

Halfway thru my year as President and it's been my pleasure to serve. However, we have only just begun! The Board of Directors and I have an exciting beginning planned for you and your partner to the coming year

February brings us to love with a **Valentine Dinner** in the year's first Social; details will be announced soon. March is our most important month of the year with the **Four Peaks Rotary Charity Golf Outing**.

April is Family month with a good ole fashion **Picnic at the Fountain** and I will introduce our first-ever **Kentucky Derby Fund Raiser** on May 2 at Desert Canyon CC; details to follow.

We will be **cruising under the stars on the Desert Belle on Lake Saguaro** come end of May. And before you know it, in mid-June I will be saying so long and introducing our newest President, Scott Sommer at our **In/Out Party**. If you are interested in helping with any of the above, please contact your Board member representative John Colucci, Dave DeLucia or Michele Webb.

**P.A.R.T.Y.** – Participate to Accomplish and Reach our goals Together, Yes, we can!

## Featured Four Peaks Rotarian

**CHRIS ENOS****Why Did I Join Rotary?**

*Each month a featured Four Peaks Rotary Club member gets up close and personal by answering the question: **Why Did I Join Rotary?***

*For January, please welcome **Chris Enos** as he recounts his path to Fountain Hills and Four Peaks Rotary, and the benefits of giving back—in spite of the rigors of oddly named brews and picking up trash!*

**It was 2015. We had been in Fountain Hills** since September, 2014.

I was still working from my law practice in New York — six months here - six months there. At the same time, I had been trying to set roots here. The back and forth was getting old. A change was needed.

A realty guy we met in our home search was more than willing to help us.

We talked about how to get established in a new community. “Everybody here is from somewhere else,” said the former mayor. He offered, “If you want to establish yourself here — meet new people — I’ve got just the thing — Rotary!” I learned that Rotary had been started by a group of businessmen who wanted generate business contacts while doing some good. It sounded perfect.

There were introductory breakfasts. The bi-weekly meetings were early, but the people were welcoming. It was a rough cross between a pub and a church. Kind of fun. Only later on, as I had been warned, did it become apparent why this was called a “service organization.”

There was setting up and organizing golfers. There was picking up bags of festival trash while people would try to stuff more in — even as you were trying to close the darn thing. There was a beer fest. You tried to keep up with an unceasing demand for oddly named brews. Then, finally, there was another festival, and more trash. Always, always, there was trash.

The odd thing was that, once you were done with it, it hadn’t really been all that bad. This was mostly because of the people who had been involved with you — your fellow Rotarians. Of course, that was it. Rotary is the people, united by a goal.

There is something special about bringing together so many imperfect people with different backgrounds. It became clear that we can work together when there’s a view toward common goals.

So, maybe things didn’t really work out exactly the way that I had first thought they might. It doesn’t matter. I found something bigger than my personal goals. And, in doing so, I achieved what I had set out to do. We are established. We found a house. There are fewer trips to New York.

I now know that Rotary is an essential part of where we live. I am grateful to be a part of it - despite the trash!

Past featured Four Peaks Rotarians on **Why I Joined Rotary**

*Patrick Benkowski, Jerry Berna, Robin Brand, Pam Carlson, Dick Carney, Rob Clausen, John Colucci, Linda Dasher, Sandy Davis, Dave DeLucia, Pete Donzelli, Tony Finocchio, Steve Fox, John Gianotti, Lady Sue Hendershott, Bill Pape, Paul Perreault, Alex Ross, Roger Riggert, Gary Shuey, Pam Stivers, Tim Taylor, and Pat Tuttle.*

# Club **NEWS** and **NOTES** for **JANUARY**

## Quiz!

Wanna win a **FREE BREAKFAST**  
at the next Club meeting?  
It's easy-deezy. Just answer  
the quiz on page 9.  
The **THIRD** person to answer  
correctly, wins!

## Club Social Set for February 11

Four Peaks Rotary is set to celebrate February with a social where Club members and guests will meet and greet each other in a festive atmosphere.

Mark your calendar for February 11 at 6:00 pm when Club members will meet at Aguamenti Restaurant.

Keep an eye out for an upcoming announcement from Social Chair Nicola Bird with further details.



## Calling All Trash Volunteers for February Town Art Fair



All Club members are reminded that **February 21 - 23** is the Fountain Hills Great Fair event, which means it's trash duty time!

If you haven't yet responded to the e-mail sent by trash coordinator Jack Reynolds regarding your volunteer days, please do so.

Like the Club's golf event, trash duty is expected for all members.

The Great Fair is a major fundraising activity for Four Peaks Rotary and fun at the same time!

So get out your best trash gear and we'll see you on the midway next month.

## Reminder: Next Club Business Meeting Set

The Club will be holding its first Business Meeting of the year on **Thursday, January 30, 6:45 am**, Fountain View Village. As a reminder, Business Meetings are for Club members only.

## *Earn Valuable Tax Credit by Donating to the Rotary Vocational Fund*

Club member Bill Pape has a valuable message: Don't miss out on donating to the Rotary Vocational Fund.

According to Bill and other Club members, "It costs us NOTHING, since we get a tax credit with the State and helps to fund those folks who really need the help."

The mission of **The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona, Inc. (TRVFA)** is to partner with Rotary Clubs to provide assistance to Qualified Candidates in obtaining education, training, and skill development so they may, in turn, attain career oriented employment and financial stability and contribute to their communities.

The vision is for students go on to become productive citizens in our state. The education they obtain will help them earn a living and raise their families. Because of their increased earning potential they help grow the economy of the state of Arizona.

TRVFA is a Vocational Service opportunity uniquely available to Arizona Rotarians because of the Arizona tax credit opportunity which allows citizens to direct where some of their tax dollars are used. Board members are enthusiastically ready, willing, and able to visit clubs and raise awareness. It is hoped that in doing so, support will increase and expand the capacity of TRVFA to serve more students. If fundraising in the coming months is abundant, the Board might eventually be able to increase the maximum available grant back to \$3,000 or more.

For more information regarding TRVFA including forms and Grant Applicant information, visit <https://trvfa.org/>.

## ***Original 'Rotary Ann' Member Pat Tuttle Featured in Premiere Issue of 'Fountain Hills Live'***

**Editor's note: The following article appeared in the January issue of Fountain Hills Live magazine and was written by Club member Debbie Clason.**

The Four Peaks Rotary Club is busily organizing its 22nd annual *Charity for Golf* tournament scheduled for March 2, 2020 at the Ancala Country Club, but the event is more than just an opportunity for area golfers to get together and have a good time.

The outing is one of the primary activities the club uses to raise money for youth organizations in the Fountain Hills community. Proceeds are used to support programs such as Junior Achievement, the Golden Eagle Education Fountain, the Mentor Program, Rotary exchange students, the Teacher of the Month, and Casa Esperanza.

"The compassion the Club has for children and youth is outstanding," Pat Tuttle, Four Peaks Club member said. "We've made an impact on the Town. I'm proud to say, yes, I am a Rotarian."

Pat, an original "Rotary Ann", was one of the first women to become a Rotarian in 1988, a year after the Supreme Court ruled that private clubs did not have a constitutional right to exclude women from membership. She and her husband, Roy, were among the founding members of the Four Peaks Rotary Club after they became full-time residents of Fountain Hills in 1996.

The Four Peaks Club received its charter in 1997; other founding members include Bill Beamish, Paul Perrault, Dick Bower, and Roger Riggert.



*Pat Tuttle, Rotary pioneer  
and proud Four Peaks  
member*





## ***Largest Club Fundraiser***

# **January 23 Meeting to Spotlight ‘Golf For Giving’ Charity Event**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Four Peaks Rotary Golf outing is fast approaching and the Club is moving into full swing in preparation for what is hoped to be the most successful fundraiser in Club history.

Golf chair Bob Jacobius promises a full slate of activities to bolster the event’s status. The Club will receive an update report at the **January 23 meeting** featuring newly designed brochures by Debbie Clason and **sponsorship selling opportunities by all Four Peaks members**. As the major fundraising event of the year, expectations are high that each Club volunteer does their part in asking friends, family members, and others to do their part in participating in this year’s golf outing.

The goal for 2020 is to raise over \$40,000 which will require every Club member to sell sponsorships. Again, watch for more information at the **January 23** meeting!

***To fully understand the significance of fundraising via the Four Peaks Rotary’s Club’s golf event, read this story!***

## **Crisis in Haiti Continues as ‘Free the Kids’ Struggles During Famine**

**Have you ever wondered what happens to the money our Club raises through its various fundraising events during the year?**

The Club’s Foundation has contributed in the past to the group *Free the Kids*. Club member Jack Reynolds, a *Free the Kids* board member, reports that the Espwa orphanage in Haiti continues to suffer the effects of country-wide famine. “The orphanage is rationing food by serving smaller portions as well as two meals per day vs. three,” he says.

“We are the only agency in the southern region of Haiti that has food in our depot and the locals know that,” Jack continues. “Hence when we hear of a very destitute situation outside our campus, we provide relief to that family.”

Kudos to the work Jack Reynolds does for Espwa and *Free the Kids*. And kudos to all members of Four Peaks Rotary who through their diligent fundraising, helps support incredible organizations such as *Free the Kids*.

To read a recent article on the devastation that is Haiti, read <https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/30/world/haiti-hunger-doctors-intl/index.html>

For additional information on Free the Kids, visit <http://www.freethekids.org/>

# *New Members Orientation Held January 15*

**New members  
to Four Peaks  
Rotary including**  
*Susanne Orlove,  
Todd Harris, Debbie  
Clason, Lyn  
Dickinson, and Bob  
Kane listen to Club  
Board officers  
Nicola Bird, Patrick  
Benkowski, Jeff  
Poynter, Scott  
Schlossberg, Scott  
Sommer, and Tony  
Finocchio talk about  
the history of the  
Club and the  
benefits of being a  
member.*



In an annual Rotary rite of passage, new members of Four Peaks Rotary gathered on January 15 for a *Fireside Chat* at the home of President-elect Scott Sommer.

The event, presided over by President Jeff Poynter and Club Membership Chair Greg Golucci, walked new members through the history of the Club and the responsibilities of Club board members and chairpersons.

All new members from January 2019 to January 2020 were invited to attend. The meeting included dinner and a slide show presented by former President Bill Beamish that highlighted the history of the Club and future goals and achievements.

New members attending were Debbie Clason, Susanne Orlove, Lyn Dickinson, Todd Harris, and Bob Kane.

# CELEBRATIONS

## **JANUARY** Four Peaks Birthdays



**Rick Halsten**  
January 2



**Bob Jacobius**  
January 20



**Sandy Davis**  
January 22



**Chris Enos**  
January 31



## **JANUARY** Rotary Anniversaries



**Tim Taylor**  
1980



**Jack Reynolds**  
1985



**Pat Tuttle**  
1988



**Gil Miller**  
1990



**Art Tolis**  
1993



**Dick Bauer**  
1996



**Rob Clausen**  
2005



**Bill Pape**  
2011

**John Gianotti**  
2014

*Note: All birthday and Rotary anniversary dates are generated from the Four Peaks Rotary website and the Clubrunner platform*

## FOUR PEAKS ROTARY Officers Directors/Trustees Committees



<http://fourpeaksrotary.org/>

Board of Director Meetings are held the first Monday of each month and are open to all Club members

### Officers

**President** Jeff Poynter

**President Elect** Scott Sommer

**Vice President** Buzz Ponce

### Board of Directors

John Colucci

Dave DeLucia

Michelle Webb

**Secretary** Nicola Bird

**Treasurer** Patrick Benkowski

**Immediate Past President**  
Scott Schlossberg

### Four Peaks Rotary Foundation

**President** Dick Bauer

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Bill Beamish

Sandy Davis

John Gianotti

Gil Miller

**Secretary** Art Tolis

**Treasurer** Tony Finocchio

### Sergeant at Arms

Jerry Berna

### Membership Chair

Greg Golucci

### New Generations/Youth Services

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Cassie Johnson

Debbie Clason

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Pat Tuttle

### Rotary District 5495

### Assistant Governors

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*Fountain Hills Rotary Club*

Jay Schlum

*Four Peaks Rotary Club*



## JANUARY FOUR PEAKS ROTARY QUIZ

Win a **FREE BREAKFAST** at the next Four Peaks Rotary Club meeting!  
**Be the third to answer:**

**What are the dates for the next trash duty?**

Send answer to [buzzponce@gmail.com](mailto:buzzponce@gmail.com)

*If you have been a quiz winner in the last two months, you are not eligible to win in December.*



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