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JULY / AUGUST 2019 Fountain Hills, Arizona Rotary District 5495

Four Peaks President Ushers in Era of Charitable Causes, Growth, and Excitement for 2019-20



Jeff Poynter strikes a familiar pose as he assumes the position of Club President for 2019-20. Jeff outlines his vision for Four Peaks Rotary for this next year in his inaugural Message from the President.

Editor's Note: New Club President Jeff Poynter will be presenting a monthly 'Message from the President' in each Four Peaks newsletter. Below is Jeff's first foray into Presidential leadership. Read, learn, and enjoy!

Four Peaks Rotarians are "People of Action," people who P.A.R.T.Y. (**P**articipate to **A**ccomplish and **R**each our goals, **T**ogether **Y**es we can!)

It is with great honor that I have been selected as your President for 2019-2020. I thank you all for the support, challenge, excitement and an opportunity to lead. A president is only as good as his supporting cast. I am proud of the choices our Club has made to lead you into the year 2020.

President Elect: Scott Sommers
Vice President: Buzz Ponce
Treasurer: Patrick Benkowski
Secretary: Nicola Bird

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Featured Four Peaks Rotarian

DICK BAUER**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 July and August, please welcome **Dick Bauer** as he recounts his 20 years as a Four Peaks Rotarian. A past President of the Club, Dick has played an integral role in the development of Four Peaks Rotary from a small upstart to the community leader it is today.

I first became interested in Rotary in the 1960's while a Registrar of a small college. Unfortunately, circumstances with Rotary were not an option at that time. In the 90's I was approached by Linda Wright in Fountain Hills, who was attempting to start a morning club. I accepted becoming one of the charter members of Four Peaks Rotary.

I had a home office, working for an international company, setting my own hours and schedule; allowing me to make Thursdays an in town and office day, starting with Rotary at 7:00 AM, golf at 2:00 PM and home for dinner.

Starting a second Rotary Club in such a small community gave people who could not take two hours for lunch. Four Peaks was an opportunity to meet new people, establish relationships, make a difference and have the satisfaction of being a community activist. The lifetime relationships, business opportunities, being involved in local and international projects, husband and wife club gatherings, new and exciting friends, the fun and laughter of the club are all part of the Rotary experience.

Being Club President in '01-'02 was a big challenge; growing membership, fighting with the IRS, getting Mike Plati to take that on and resolving our issues. Working with Chris Peer to get the Club 501-C-3 was huge for the Club.

I'm torn between: starting our international relationship with Casa de Espiranza in Hermosillo, Mexico and Co-Chairing the Rotary Splash Park as being my club highlight.

Orphanage: With Adonna, (founder of the orphanage) our Club has supported and helped to save 100's of children's lives by taking them out of the sewers and moving them into an orphanage started by this wonderful lady. Adonna fought the Mexican Government, overcoming tremendous odds and obtained a license to start the orphanage. She rented a small house (which our Club furnished) and removed 11 children from the sewers. Two locations later she bought three acres and now has nearly 50 children who live in a safe and secure location, go to school, get three meals a day and a clean safe bed at night.

Splash Park: I took on the For Peaks' Rotary Centennial Project the year after my presidency to sort of wind down. Didn't happen. Vicki Morrison (committee member) decided we should build a splash park. After looking into it, we decided we could do this. It took two years, a joint sponsorship between our club and the noon club Foundation. Marty Brown was my co-chair. This was one of the first public private partnerships in Fountain Hills. Between the two clubs and a 50-50 split with FH's Parks and Rec. we raised \$360,000 and built the Splash Park, enjoyed by young and old alike.

The Rotary experience is what you make it. Get out there and make it happen.

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

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

Four Peaks Rotary Leads District 5495 in Conference Attendance



The June 21-22 Rotary District Conference proved to be a success with rousing displays of Rotarian camaraderie, leadership, education, key note addresses, and – togas!

Four Peaks Rotary led all Conference clubs in attendance and was host to one of six different hospitality suites where attendees gathered on Saturday night for a yes, toga party.

Among the featured speakers during the weekend was longtime Rotarian Gem Munro who spoke of the Amarok Society's work in battling ignorance, poverty, and extremism in some of the poorest and volatile countries in the world.

Judge Tommy Webb spoke on how his life as a war orphan in South Korea morphed into a career as a leading District Magistrate Judge in Kansas.



Jeff Poynter and Key Note speaker Tommy Webb shared a few laughs and got to know each other in the Four Peaks hospitality suite on Saturday night. Meanwhile, Dave DeLucia and Scott Schlossberg got up close and personal in toga gear as they welcomed the many guests in the Four Peaks Suite which was catered by Phil's Filling Station.

It's Never Too Early to Start Thinking Four Peaks Golf Classic

When the Godfather says to start putting money in your piggy bank, you'd do well to pony up. As Pete Donzelli says, "There's only 36 weeks left before the Club's annual 'Golf for Giving' tournament."

Pete, this year's golf tournament chair along with Bill Pape, is reminding members of their responsibility to support the Club's major fundraiser of the year.

To reach the Club's goal this year of raising \$45,000 at the golf tourney, Pete recommends:

- Instead of an extra beer or glass of wine/dessert for yourself over the next 36 weeks, put aside \$5.00 per week to help pay for your Raffle Tickets.
- \$10.00 per week puts you really close to paying for your raffle tickets AND being a HOLE SPONSOR.
- If you need a Piggy Bank to set this money aside, Jeff has one for you.

Lady Sue
Hendershott
Takes 'Leave of
Absence' from
Four Peaks Rotary



The Club is losing a gem for the next several months.

Lady Sue Hendershott, one of Four Peaks Rotary's most active volunteers for many years is opting to take a leave of absence from the Club to "refresh and refocus" on other priorities.

Effective July 1, Lady Sue -- a Four Peaks member for 15 years -- will be on Club hiatus for six to 12 months. Lady Sue explained that, "After such a long association with the Club -- whom I love dearly -- I'm just going to take a back seat for awhile and take care of some other things in my life. But don't worry; I'm already looking forward to my comeback!"

Sue has served in a variety of different roles with the Club throughout the years, most recently as Social Chair and Secretary of the Board of Directors. Always one of the first to volunteer for an event, Lady Sue is highly respected in the Club for her effervescent personality, generosity, and "can do," upbeat attitude.

Lady Sue can be reached at LadySue1@cox.net or 602-418-0821 (cell).

President's Message

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Directors: Dave DeLucia, John Colucci, Michelle Webb
Sergeant at Arms: Jerry Berna

Above is your starting line-up!

However, you are on deck - not the BENCH!

Special thanks to Scott Schlossberg and his family. It takes a lot of time and effort of which many of you have not yet experienced in this club. Endless phone calls, emails and getting the Big Yellow Sign on display for the meeting is time spent away from Family and loved ones. Well Done Scott, I once again salute you and your Family on "Service Above Self" in true Rotarian fashion! However, please answer the phone occasionally, I may need some guidance! LOL!

The torch has been passed so it is time we start the FIRE! Whenever I start a bonfire it's usually a PARTY and if you know me, you know I love a good time. Which is why I have chosen my motto for the year P.A.R.T.Y: (**P**articipate to **A**ccomplish and **R**each our goals, **T**ogether **Y**es we can!)

The key word in all of this is "Together" - that's right TOGETHER! Meaning you and I, Tim and Rick, Sam, Amy, Robin and Alex, Bill & Tony, etc., etc.

Yes, together we will make this year one of Doing, Helping, Giving, Supporting and just feeling good. We are "People of Action" People who P.A.R.T.Y. (**P**articipate to **A**ccomplish and **R**each our goals, **T**ogether **Y**es we can!)

Until next time, have a good month and continue to "party" on.

Thank you!

Jeffrey "BOGO" Poynter



Newest Rotarian Joins Club During July 11

Four Peaks Rotary welcomed Debbie Clason as the Club's newest inductee at their July 11 meeting. Debbie, a former Rotarian in the Kokomo, Indiana Rotary Club, is owner of Clason Communications, now headquartered in Fountain Hills.

Debbie has has more than 40 years' experience as a journalist, corporate marketing director and public relations professional.

Club's Signature Project for 2019-20: 'Water is Life' for the Navajo Nation

Four Peaks Rotary has been selected as the lead Rotary Club in District 5495 to host Phase 3 of the Navajo Water Project. The Club will be working to save lives and bring hope and a future to those who are in need.

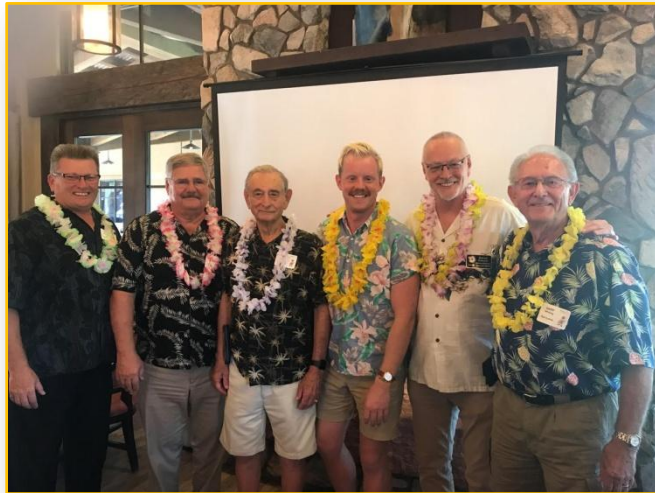
As the Club heads into this project this Fall, here are a few highlights of what Four Peaks Rotary will be striving for under the banner, *Water Is Life*:

The Navajo Nation population is approximately 200,000. The Nation covers 24,000 square miles and 70,000 of its people live without indoor or tap water. Forty-four percent of the children live poverty.

By comparison, the average American family consumes 100 gallons of water per day; the average Navajo family consumes seven gallons of water per day

In two weeks, the typical Navajo person uses the amount of water compared to what typical Americans use in one day.

This project will be *the* signature endeavor of Four Peaks Rotary for 2019-20. All Club members will be receiving much more information as the project begins to build steam early this Fall.



The Rotary District 5495 team that will lead and assist Four Peaks in bringing water to the Navajo nation includes (from left): Jeff Poynter, Curtis Ward, Gilbert Rotary Club, John McCoy, Sun Lakes Rotary, George McGraw, CEO Dig Deep Corporation, David Simmer, District 5495 Governor, and Gary Whiting, Sun Lakes Rotary.

**Late Summer
Club Social
to be Announced**

In lieu of the sold-out River of Time Museum fundraiser that had been planned as a Four Peaks Rotary social for August, stay tuned for a forthcoming announcement from Social Chair Nicola Bird regarding a late summer or early fall social event.

As Jeff Poynter says so well, it's P.A.R.T.Y: (Participate to Accomplish and Reach our goals, Together Yes we can!) time!



‘Stuff the Bus’ Event to Aid Needy School Children Set for July 26

Four Peaks Rotarians will gather at 7 am, July 26 for a “Stuff the Bus” event that will aid school children in need of basic supplies.

All participating Four Peaks members are asked to wear their blue Rotary work shirts. A car pool will be organized to drive to the location at 4343 E Camelback Road.

Two other dates are available if July 26 doesn’t fit your schedule: July 20 at Metro Center Walmart from 10am -2pm and July 22nd at Liberty GMC at Bell Road and 87th Ave from 9am-12pm.

Those not participating in the event are encouraged to donate supplies. Supply drop-offs are at Jeff Poynter's office, at 11881 N Saguaro Blvd (in the U-HAUL box marked accordingly).

For additional information, contact event organizer Michelle Webb at 480-720-7200.

Supplies needed are:

- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Boxes/Cases
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Books
- Notebook Filler Paper
- Glue Sticks
- 2-Pocket folders
- 3x5 index cards
- Printer Paper
- Backpacks
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Pens
- Markers
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Scissors

Does the slogan, “Changing the life of a child, one bike at a time,” have a kind of Rotarian swag?

If you think so, then be sure to mark your calendar for the Club’s next meeting on July 25 when Four Peaks Rotary will hear the inspirational story of “Bob’s Free Bikes” and how the organization, based in Fountain Hills, changes the life of special children.

July 25 Meeting to Hear How the Club Can Help ‘Bob’s Free Bikes’

JULY and **AUGUST** Four Peaks Happy Birthdays!



Scott Schlossberg
July 9



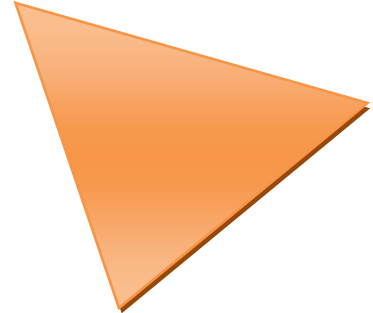
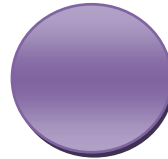
Pam Carlson
August 4



Greg Golucci
August 11



Tony Finocchio
August 19



JULY and **AUGUST** Rotary Anniversaries!



Joe Fahrenbach
July 2006



Dick Carney
July 2012



Jay Schlum
July 2012



Pete Donzelli
August 2002



Robin Brand
August 2017



Note: All birthday and Rotary anniversary dates are taken from the Four Peaks Rotary website

FOUR PEAKS ROTARY Officers / Directors / Committees



<http://fourpeaksrotary.org/>

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

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JULY / AUGUST FOUR PEAKS ROTARY QUIZ

CONGRATULATIONS to JUNE winner **Pete Donzelli**

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

What does the acronym P.A.R.T.Y. symbolize for Four Peaks Rotary?

Send answer to buzzponce@gmail.com

Proviso: If you have been a quiz winner in the last two months, you are not eligible to win in July/August. Sorry 'bout that!





THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
3. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

