

# FOCUS ON FOUR PEAKS ROTARY JUNE 2019

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



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JUNE 2019 Fountain Hills, Arizona Rotary District 5495 <http://fourpeaksrotary.org/>

## ***District 'Global Grant' Navajo Water Project Slated for Discussion at June 13 Club Meeting***



**Jim Bissonet,**  
Rotary District 5495  
Global Grant  
Project Director,  
will keynote Four  
Peaks Rotary's June  
13 meeting with a  
presentation on the  
Club's participation in  
this year's Navajo  
Water Project. Jim  
will present ideas and  
discussion on the  
importance of the  
water project and how  
the Club can host  
Rotary's International  
Global Grant Project  
in Arizona for the  
upcoming year.

## Featured Four Peaks Rotarian

# JERRY BERNA

## 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 June, please welcome **Jerry Berna** as he gives a candid account of his experiences as a Rotarian since 1998. The Club's Sergeant at Arms for over 20 years, Jerry has a unique view of his duties and responsibilities.

Without further ado....Heeerrre's Jerry!

**Well, as the featured Four Peaks Rotarian of the month,** let me get right to the issues of "Why I Joined Rotary."

I moved to Arizona in 1997 and joined a golf league as quick as I could. I was in a foursome with Dr. Brian Swanson and he suggested that I attend a Rotary meeting to meet new people. I joined in early 1998.

I've been a member for over 20 years. After I was a member for a couple of months, Dick Bauer (who was then the Sergeant at Arms) suggested that I should consider taking over the position. Dick said that all I had to do was get to the meeting around 6:50 am, take attendance and that's it. Little did I know that year after year my position involved much more than that.

I served on the very first golf committee back in 1999. From 2003 – 2006 I was the chairperson for the golf tournament and my committee was responsible for the first time that the tournament netted over \$20,000.00.

To me, the benefits of being a Rotarian are being able to financially support different organizations and individuals in need.

When asked, "*Why am I in Rotary,*" I have to be honest: I'm not in Rotary to inspire anyone. If you need to look to me as someone to look up to or as an inspiration you've got the wrong person. I'm in Rotary to serve – plain and simple.

As Sergeant at Arms, I try to bring a little levity to each meeting and start it off with a laugh. That's what I try to do and sometimes my humor might rub people the wrong way and if that's the case...well...sorry about that!

It's all in the spirit of friendship.

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

Patrick Benkowski, 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.

***Next Club  
Social Set for  
June 22 at  
DoubleTree  
Resort in  
Scottsdale!***



**The upcoming Rotary District 5495 Conference will also be the setting for the next Four Peaks Rotary Social on June 22.** *Located just 12 miles from Fountain Hills, the DoubleTree Resort offers a warm welcome and comfortable atmosphere in tranquil surroundings. While visiting Club members and other Rotarians throughout District 5495, you can relax in the beautifully landscaped property surrounded by lavish courtyards, cacti and palm trees.*

*The District Conference is the weekend of June 21 through June 22 and ends with a Togo Party on Saturday night. If you haven't already done so, you are encouraged to register for the District Conference at <https://rotary5495.org/page/2019-01-01-district-conference>. It's a great opportunity to meet other Rotarians and learn more about the community services we provide.*

**Whether you attend the conference or not, the Club is looking forward to you enjoying this month's Social event;**

- **Saturday, June 22 at 5 PM**
- **Canyon Suite at the DoubleTree Resort, 5401 N Scottsdale Road.**

**Want to learn more about Haiti's Project Hope?**

Four Peaks member Jack Reynolds encourages support for Haiti's *Project Hope* in this 6-Minute Video. Check it out at:

**<https://vimeo.com/334943153>**



## Bob Kane, Newest Four Peaks Rotary Member Inducted May 23

**Four Peaks Rotary inducted new member Bob Kane** at the Club's May 23 meeting. Bob and his wife Mary are recent retirees from New Jersey and have lived in Fountain Hills since January. Bob's focus in Rotary will be centered on youth activities after volunteering in school literacy programs in New Jersey. Shown here is Four Peaks membership chair John Colucci (right) with Mary and Bob Kane.

## Fountain Hills Rotary Gives Special Recognition to Four Peaks Member Paul Perreault



**The Rotary Club of Fountain Hills annually gives special recognition to the Mentor of the Year.** Paul Perreault received the honor from Mentor Council President, Jeannie Ryan, for his service to the young students at McDowell Mountain Elementary School.

One of the teachers, Michelle McElroy wrote in her recommendation that, "Paul has donated his time and energy for 4 years. Our grade level is not easy (teaching them to read) but Paul continues to have a 'whatever you need' attitude. He's also one of the few mentors that start in September and continue through May."

***Four Peaks  
Members  
Gather on  
Memorial Day  
to Display  
US Flags  
around the  
Lake and  
Avenue of the  
Fountains***



*Led by President-elect Jeff Poynter and Bill Beamish, over 25 Four Peaks Rotary members and friends gathered on Memorial Day at 5:30 in the morning to work in groups planting American flags throughout Fountain Park and the Avenue of the Fountains. Club members were also joined by Fountain Hills Rotarians to help in the volunteer effort.*

# What Are You Waiting For? Check Out the New-Look Four Peaks Rotary Website!



After several start and stop attempts in the past year, the Four Peaks Rotary website is finally getting a makeover. While the site has served the Club well under the direction of Bill Beamish for many years, Bill has gladly relinquished most web duties. The challenge was finding a gifted replacement.

Challenge solved.

Led by new Webmaster Amy Ashley, the Four Peaks site now boasts a clean, modern look with drop-down menus added that allows for easy navigation. Finding information is smoother and quicker, making the site the 'Go-To' spot for all current and vital Four Peaks Rotary news and information.

Amy is assisted in her website responsibilities by her real estate office marketing guru Cassie Johnson who touts considerable website experience and skills. Together, Amy and Cassie have pledged to make the site the envy of all District 5495 Rotary WebPages.

Suggestions, additions, complaints about <https://fourpeaksrotary.org/>? Contact Amy Ashley at [amysunshine13@gmail.com](mailto:amysunshine13@gmail.com) or [buzzponce@gmail.com](mailto:buzzponce@gmail.com).



## Mr. 'Behind the Scenes' Recognized at May 18 *In and Out* Banquet

Have you ever wondered who sets up the Rotary sandwich board in the parking lot of Fountain View Village every two weeks at 6:00 in the morning?

Have you ever wondered who hangs and takes down all of the Rotary signage and banners before and after every Four Peaks meeting? Did you wonder who manages the sound system at each meeting?

Wonder no more.

The answer is the estimable Dick Carney, who has been handling such chores for more than several years, all with a smile and disarming manner.

Dick, who's been a Four Peaks member since 2012, goes about his business with an *aw shucks* attitude and a *it's not a big deal* approach. But it is a big deal; consider who would want to do such jobs if Dick didn't step up to the plate? Not many.

For all his behind-the-scenes work to make Four Peaks Rotary successful, Dick was given special recognition at the May 18 "In and Out" Banquet at Fire Rock Country Club.

Job extremely well done, Dick. Thank you and congratulations!

## A Fond *Auf Wiedersehen* to our Austrian Friend Max As He Bids Farwell

Max Juen, Four Peaks Rotary's 2018-19 Youth Exchange Student is packing his bags, getting ready to return to his home in Austria after traveling across the US this summer.

It's been a busy year for Max filled with trips to the Rose Parade, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon and other



**Max and some of his Four Peaks** friends pose in front of an Austrian flag at his bon voyage dinner for Rotary Youth Exchange Students on June 1 in Phoenix.

adventures led by his Rotary host Bill Beamish

Max has been a stalwart honorary member of Four Peaks Rotary since his arrival in Fountain Hills last July and has been active in all of the Club's programs.

It's been the Club's honor knowing Max this past year. From all of Four Peaks Rotary, a warm and heartfelt *Auf Wiedersehen!*

***New Club Officers  
for 2019-20 to  
Take Reigns  
Beginning July 1***

President-elect Jeff Poynter and his new slate of Four Peaks Rotary officers will begin their terms starting on July 1. As Jeff takes over the Club's Presidential duties, Scott Sommer will step in as President-elect while Buzz Ponce will serve as Vice President.

Nicole Bird is the new Board Secretary, joined by incoming Board members Michelle Webb, Dave DeLucia and John Colucci. Patrick Benkowski returns as Club Treasurer.

New Four Peaks Foundation Board members include Art Tolis and Dick Bauer.



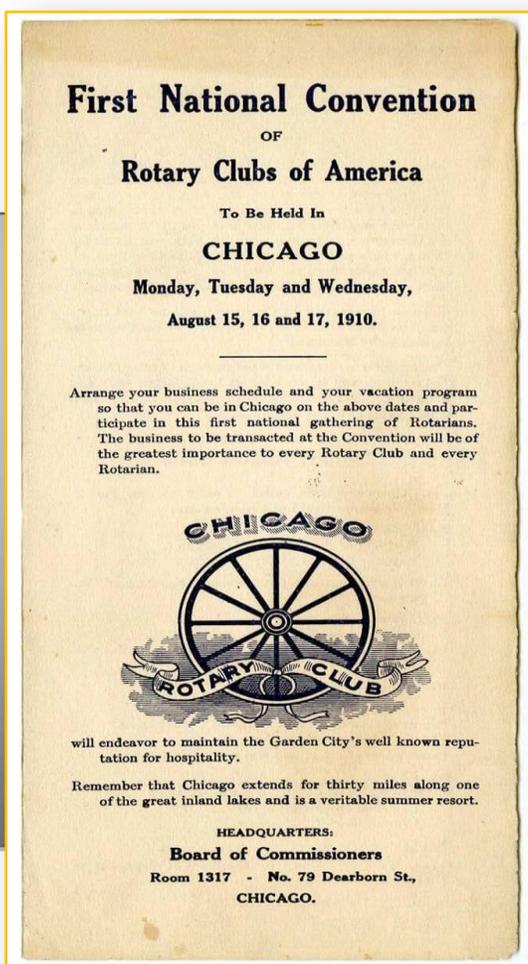
***Jeff Poynter  
President  
2019-20***



***Scott Sommer  
President-Elect  
2019-20***

A new feature for **Focus on Four Peaks** is a periodic 'Look Back at Rotary's Roots' examining the origins and history of Rotary. Do you have pictures of you and/or family members in a vintage Rotary scene? Anything pre-2000 works! Send to [buzzponce@gmail](mailto:buzzponce@gmail.com)

# A Look Back at Rotary's Roots



**Rotary celebrated its first National Convention 109 years ago this summer.** *And as the printed program touts, the vision of the Convention remains the same today as it was those many years ago: "The business to be transacted at the Convention will be of the greatest importance to every Rotary Club and to every Rotarian."*

# JUNE Four Peaks Happy Birthdays!



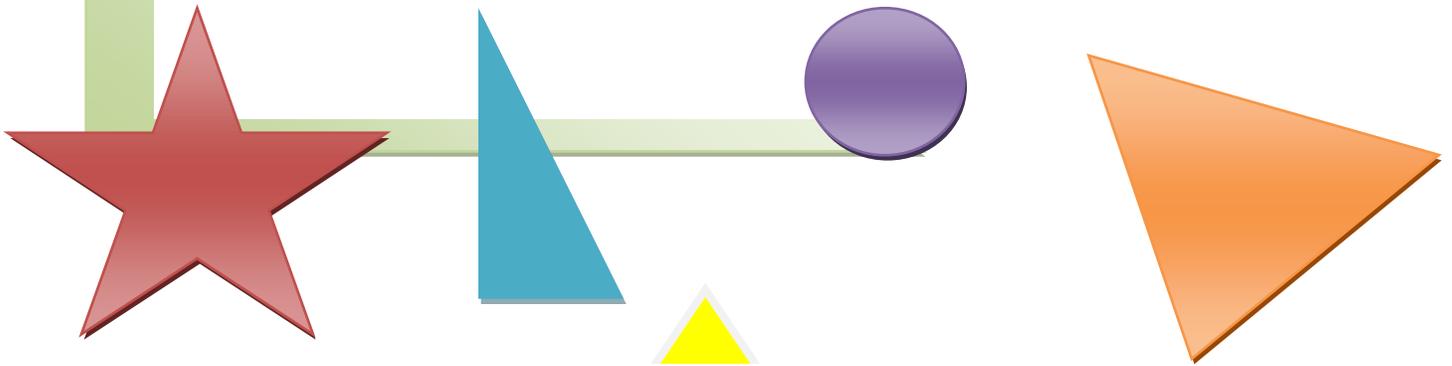
**Grady Miller**  
*June 4*



**Mike Plati**  
*June 6*



**Paul Perreault**  
*June 21*



# JUNE Rotary Anniversaries!



**Linda Dasher**  
*June 1988*



**Tony Finocchio**  
*June 2005*



**Pam Stivers**  
*June 2014*



**Rick Stivers**  
*June 2014*



**Larry Webster**  
*June 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 first Monday of each month and are open to all Club members

### Officers

**President** Scott Schlossberg  
**President Elect** Jeff Poynter  
**Vice President** Scott Sommer  
**Secretary** Lady Sue Hendershott  
**Treasurer** Patrick Benkowski  
**Immediate Past President** Art Tolis

### Board of Directors

John Colucci  
 Buzz Ponce  
 Larry Webster

### Four Peaks Rotary Foundation

**President** Bill Beamish  
**Vice President** Sandy Davis  
**Secretary** Gil Miller  
**Treasurer** Tony Finocchio  
**Directors** Dave DeLucia, John Gianotti,  
 Doug Lawyer  
**Giving Committee Chair** Roger Riggert  
**Foundation Committee Chair** Jack Reynolds

### Rotary District 5495 Assistant Governor

Jay Schlum

### Sergeant at Arms

Jerry Berna

### Membership Chair

John Colucci

### Social Chair

Nicola Bird

### Hospitality Chair

Pat Tuttle

### Service Committee Chair

Larry Webster

### Youth Services Director

Bill Beamish

### Website Administrator

Amy Ashley

### Public Relations

Buzz Ponce

## JUNE FOUR PEAKS ROTARY QUIZ

CONGRATULATIONS to MAY winner Pam Carlson

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

**Do you have to register for the District Conference to attend the June 22 Social Event?**

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

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





Four Peaks Club  
Fountain Hills, AZ

Rotary



**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?

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