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Rotary District 5495



Club President Outlines 'Four Way Test' and How it Relates to Four Peaks Rotary

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2019-20 Four Peaks Rotary President

The **Four-Way Test** of the things we think, say or do!

Welcome to October! You can feel the change in the weather. The crisp fall mornings welcome change for those of us that wake up early! It's the end of Baseball as they go forward to crown a champion and the beginning of Sunday prayers to the team we cheer for! (Go Bears beat Packers!). As the seasons change so does the opportunity for us as Rotarians to make a change. This leads me to our motto: **The Four Way Test.**

We all come to that point in our subconscious when we tend to want to fudge things in our favor, maybe a thought or just a comment. That little person in our head that seems to be our best friend telling us it is OK to do, but we know it's not correct. That's when I have a love / hate relationship with our first test.

"Is it the TRUTH?" My darling Wife Julie is my best friend. She uses this line so many times on me that I have developed internal scaring on my brain. She often questions my motives and ask's me to repeat that famous line: **"Is it the Truth?"**

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Featured Four Peaks Rotarian

TONY FINOCCHIO

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 October, please welcome **Tony Finocchio** as he recounts his path to Rotary, his various leadership roles in the Club, and the benefits of being part of something that is, "bigger than you..."*

When I was first introduced to Rotary, the club members were in the process of building the Splash Park. I was amazed at what a great project it was for the Fountain Hills community. I immediately decided to become involved and become a member of this great organization. Then I learned of all the amazing things that Rotary International and all the clubs accomplish.

Shortly after I joined Rotary, the recession hit our club hard, and over a period of time, the club membership went from over 50 members down to 14. During that time, these 14 core members never gave up. We persevered and worked together on our annual golf fundraiser and provided over \$20,000 each and every year for charity.

I have been a Rotary club member for over 15 years. I have had the honor – and have enjoyed -- being the Club Treasurer, Club President, and for three years, one of the Assistant District Governors. Presently, I am the Treasurer on our club's Foundation Board for the past 2 years.

One of the benefits of being a Rotary member is being a part of something bigger than you.

You can accomplish so much with the help of other Clubs and the worldwide organization of Rotary International.

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, Paul Perreault, Alex Ross, Roger Riggert, Gary Shuey, Pam Stivers, Tim Taylor, and Pat Tuttle.

Four Peaks Rotary Marks 'Breast Cancer Awareness Month' With High Tea Event



The month of October is Breast Cancer awareness and what a better way to end this month with a treat for the woman, ladies and girls. Julie Ewald Poynter, first Lady of Four Peaks Rotary, will be hosting a Ladies High Tea Party, Saturday November 2nd at 1:30 pm at the Crowning Glory Tea Room in Fountain Hills on Palisades Blvd.

What a great way to spend time with your fellow Rotarian and guests as they participate with their favorite tea attire, hat and gloves. This invite is open to all Rotarian's, wives and girlfriends as well as family and friends to join in on full afternoon tea and three tiers of a scrumptious array of heavenly handmade savories, home-baked breads and delicious spreads, including a glorious selection of sweet dainties and just overall fun!

I hope to see you all there to share some afternoon tea and conversation!

Please email me at julie.ewald@aol.com or call/text to 708-267-5267 to confirm or answer any questions.

Cheerio,
Julie Ewald Poynter

Club NEWS and NOTES

Wanna win a **free breakfast** at this week's Club meeting?

It's easy-deezy. Just answer the quiz on **page 8**. The **third person** to answer correctly wins!

In Memoriam

Word was received in late September of the passing of long-time Rotarian John Dasher. John's wife Linda, a Four Peaks member, reported that he was surrounded by his family when he passed. John was a distinguished Rotarian, having served as District Governor in Iowa before moving part-time to Arizona.

The Club sends sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Dasher family.

Annual Pilgrimage to Hermosillo Date Set

The weekend of January 17 will see a caravan of Four Peaks volunteers travel to Hermosillo, Mexico to work at Casa Esperanza. Contact Pam Carlson at pam.carlson@cox.net or 602-677-4218 for all trip details.

Reminder

Because of the approaching holiday season, Four Peaks Rotary meetings will be held the **first and third Thursday** in **November** and **December**, not the usual second and fourth.

Four Peaks 'Golf for Giving' Event Reorganizes; Goal is Best Fundraiser in Club's History



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

22nd ANNUAL

GOLF FOR GIVING CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT!

March 2nd, 2020

Ancala Country Club
11700 E Via Linda
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Please visit our golf website
www.FourPeaksGolf.com

Tournament Chairman:
Pete Donzelli
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The holidays are still on the horizon and the 22nd Annual Four Peaks Rotary Golf Tournament is still over five months away, but that isn't stopping the Club from moving into full swing in preparation for what is hoped to be the most successful fundraiser in Club history.

***Bob Jacobius** has stepped up to take over the reigns as tournament Chair and promises a full slate of activities to bolster the event's status. Held once again at the beautiful Ancala Country Club in Scottsdale, all Club members are expected to take an active role in the success of this year's tournament.*

More information on how Club members can get involved will be available soon!

Art Fair Trash Fundraiser Fast Approaching

One of the largest Club fundraisers of the year is approaching with the annual **Fountain Hills Arts & Crafts show, November 8, 9, 10.**

Doug Lawyer, the Club's head sanitation engineer, has communicated to Club members urging us to keep those dates open to work several hours in a volunteer effort to keep trash and litter from overflowing during the Arts show. Doug will be updating shift sign-ups soon.

This project is a major activity for Four Peaks Rotary and serves as a lucrative fundraising for the Club.

Club Members Meet for Three Weekends to Deliver Bikes to Underprivileged Kids



What does it take to make a kid smile? *Nothing more than arriving at 6:45 on three consecutive Saturday mornings to help an incredible organization deliver bicycles to over 600 underprivileged children in Fountain Hills and surrounding Valley communities.*

*Bob's Free Bicycles did just that along with some powerful help from members of Four Peaks Rotary. Led by **Dave DeLucia** who showed up each Saturday at 6:45, Club members transported bikes from downtown Phoenix to the Bob's facility at the EVIT campus in Fountain Hills.*

*Along with Dave, **Paul Perreault** worked two early morning Saturday shifts showing up with his truck and trailer to carry bicycles. **Doug Lawyer** also utilized his truck and trailer and **Jeff Poynter, Steve Fox, Debbie Clason, and Gil Miller** chipped in tote bikes.*

Four Peaks Rotary: this is what we do.

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I usually quote that famous philosopher Charlie Brown with a big AAAARRRRGGGHHH! But in the end, it's always comes out as the best answer and allows me to make the right decision and feel very good about it. Has tis happen to you! Think about it? "Is it the Truth?"

Our 2nd line, "Is it FAIR to all concerned?" what does that mean? What I love about, "Is it fair to all concerned?", is that it requires that everyone in a relationship be treated fairly including ourselves. Fairness means that we treat everyone with justice, equality, impartiality, in other words everyone is treated equally and given a FAIR shake. This leads me to our Club. Have you done your FARE share? Have you given your all? Have you stepped up and volunteered lately? Not just as a volunteer but as a leader of a project.

We too often wait for the other guy to step up and take the reins. Our Club is built on LEADERSHIP! Leaders develop Leaders! I ask you the question, when have you taken Leadership? When was the last time you took a challenge? With risk comes reward. Reward is FAIRLY given when one accomplishes a goal. Have you succeeded your goals in this Club? As our East Coast Members would say: "Think about it!" have you done your FAIR share to be the Rotarian you have been chosen to be?

Telling the truth will make you feel good about yourself. ... Being fair means, you will not be hurting someone's feelings and participating.

Our 3rd line "Will it Building goodwill and better friendships?" will give you **friends** and make you proud of yourself. When most people think of **goodwill**, they think of a kind feeling of approval and support. How do we build **goodwill**? The answer is the Rotary motto: "Service above Self". If **goodwill** is defined as a kind feeling of approval or support, what better way to create a kind feeling of approval or support from Club Members than to put service to them above you? Remember the 2nd line?



The second part of line 3 asks you the Rotarian "Better Friendships." This refers to **better friendships** and not more friendships. **Better friendships** are built on five attributes: respect, trust, reciprocity, shared experience, and mutual enjoyment of each other's company. We as **Four Peaks Rotarians** have that opportunity to build better friendships as hands on activities. **Have you been to the last social? Have you signed up for trash pickup? Will you attend our Golf Outing?** All these opportunities are presented every month for your chance to answer the question "Will it Building goodwill and better friendships?"

Lastly "Will it be BENEFICIAL to All?" Successful Club Members understand that to succeed in the long run, they we should strive for win-win whenever possible. We understand when other Club Members **benefit**, they benefit too as well as their family and friends who participate. We will have situations when not everyone involved will be able to **benefit**. There will be situations when everyone will not **benefit** equally. It's not necessary for everyone to **benefit** equally; it's necessary to try to spread the **benefits** equitably, which leads me back to "Is it fair to all concerned?" "Will it be beneficial to me?" is not only selfish, but shortsighted. **Club Members** with that attitude don't produce loyalty in others "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" may require more effort than any of the previous 3 questions, but in the long run, benefitting everyone concerned creates respect and loyalty and will pay huge dividends to us all.

Four Peak Rotarians are admired throughout the community and soon to be world renowned with the Navajo Water Project. This is all made possible because we try to live up to the **Four-Way Test**. I hope the next time you recite it you look to your left and right at your fellow Rotarian and smile. I think you will find deeper meaning and greater inspiration in its words and your fellow **Four Peaks Rotarian** Friend! To my wife **Julie** and all my fellow Clubbers who I call my Friend, **IT IS THE TRUTH!** words that are scared across my brain for the rest of my years even beyond my Rotary days!

Happy Fall!

Jeff

CELEBRATIONS

October Four Peaks Birthdays



Michelle Webb



October Rotary Anniversaries



Pam Carlson
2012



Scott Schollsberg
2015



Joan Aliory
2016



Scott Sommer
2016



Rick Halsten
2018



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

FOUR PEAKS ROTARY Officers Directors Committees



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

Officers

President Jeff Poynter
President Elect Scott Sommer
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 Dave DeLucia
 Michelle Webb

Four Peaks Rotary Foundation

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Secretary Art Tolis
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 John Gianotti, Gil Miller

Sergeant at Arms

Jerry Berna

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Pat Tuttle

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Four Peaks Rotary Club



OCTOBER FOUR PEAKS ROTARY QUIZ

Win a **FREE BREAKFAST** at the next Four Peaks Rotary Club meeting!

Be the third to answer:

Who is the new Chairperson for the Club's annual golf tournament?

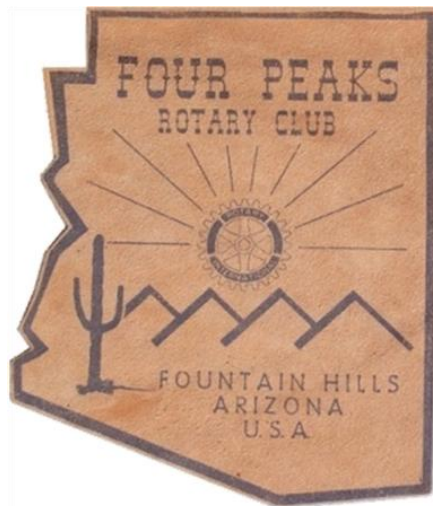
Send answer to buzzponce@gmail.com

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



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** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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