

Four Peaks Rotary

Fountain Hills, AZ



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CHANGE THE WORLD**

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

Focus on Four Peaks Rotary SEPTEMBER 2019 <http://fourpeaksrotary.org/> Rotary District 5495



September 12 Meeting to Highlight Club's Navajo Water Project Updates

Curt Ward, Rotarian from the Gilbert Club, will be the featured speaker at Thursday's Four Peaks meeting.

Curt will share his experience spearheading Rotary's efforts to improve water efficiency for the Navajo Nation and how Four Peaks Rotary can provide funds and people power to accelerate Rotary's effort to improve the lives of thousands of people who live without running water.

Curt's remarks will echo the story found on page three in which District Governor David Simmer cites stunning statistics on the Navajo Nation and the reasons why Rotary is doing what it can to provide the necessary resources to help bring relief for over 200,000 Navajo people.



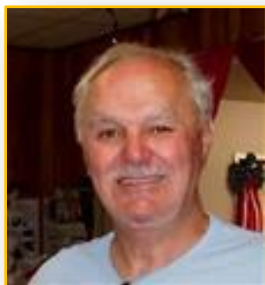
Curt Ward, Gilbert Rotary
Immediate Past President

Back by popular demand! Check out page 9 and be the first to correctly answer this month's Four Peaks Rotary Quiz. Win a **FREE** breakfast for the September 25 meeting!

Featured Four Peaks Rotarian

S A M C O F F E E

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 September, please welcome **Sam Coffee** as he recounts his path to Rotary, his commitment to Veteran causes in Fountain Hills, the upcoming Oktoberfest and other Town events he is involved with.*

I was first introduced to Four Peaks Rotary in 2017 by my friend Paul Perrault. I was not sure Rotary was what I was looking for, but I have spent the majority of my time since retirement in 1999 volunteering for community related projects, and thought this might be just the venue I was looking for to invest myself.

Before I retired, I owned a software development company that had a worldwide presence. Our software was installed in mostly Fortune 1000 companies, throughout the USA, Europe, South America, and Australia. After retirement, I looked at my community to see where I could redirect my energy to help improve the lives of my fellow residents of Fountain Hills.

I have participated in community enhancement programs that have helped bring Oktoberfest, the Irish Fest, and 4th of July festivals back to the Fountain Park. As President of Fountain Hills Veterans Memorial, Inc., I have helped keep our memorial in a condition that honors the sacrifice of our armed service members.

I have always been involved in veteran's assistance programs and I volunteered for three years at the Phoenix Veterans Medical Center inputting billing records for veterans who had received service outside the VA System. Since leaving that position, I have concentrated my efforts on making sure that our veterans receive the care they have earned through their service.

Joining the Four Peaks Rotary gave me an additional opportunity to give back to my community. The Rotary collects trash during the fairs, serves beer at Oktoberfest, and contributes to bettering our community in innumerable ways. I am proud to be a part of this great organization that does so much to make our community a better place to live. All the money raised through these efforts goes to making our community a better place to live

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

Four Peaks Rotary to Host Next Step For Running Water in Navajo Nation



According to District 5495 Governor David Simmer, “Rotary’s Navajo Water Project has received wonderful interest and support from almost all the clubs I have visited so far. That is not totally surprising as it benefits residents right here in Arizona who have lived for years without running water in their homes.”

Simmer is calling attention to this project now so that Rotarians can make decisions about allocating limited resources among the many compelling projects for this current fiscal year.

Over the last three years Rotary clubs in District 5495 have helped finance the work to bring clean running water to residents of the Navajo Reservation. **Four Peaks Rotary** is hosting the next step of this project to fund water installations in homes in and around Dilkon, Arizona.

Here are stunning statistics:

Navajo Population:

- Approximately 200,000 Navajo live in an area of 24k square miles with roughly half of that territory within northeast Arizona -- i.e. within our District
- It is estimated that 70 thousand (roughly 40%) of the Navajo live without indoor tap water and/or toilet
- A reported 44% of the children on the Reservation live in poverty

Comparative Information:

- The average American family uses 100 gallons of water per day
- The average Navajo family uses just seven (7) gallons of water per day
- That means that Navajo go two weeks on what other Americans use in a single day

Four Peaks Rotary Will Make a Difference

Paul Perreault, Roger Riggert, and Tim Taylor along with Club President Jeff Poynter will lead Four Peaks Rotary on this project which will begin in earnest in January. The goal is to outfit 138 Navajo households with wells to provide water, culminating in a \$750,000 outlay in funds. Households have already been chosen based on need.

Club leadership will meet September 26 with tribal leaders to outline logistics of the project.

It's Never Too Early to Start Thinking Four Peaks Rotary's 'Golf for Giving' Event



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
lpdinaz@gmail.com
Cell: 480-226-5543

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 30 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.

Four Peaks members and guests were treated to a guided tour of the Musical Instrument Museum in

Scottsdale on August 31 as part of the Club's monthly social event.

Following a two-hour tour of the Museum, members gathered at State 48 Brewery for happy hour and dinner.

Thanks to Social Chair Nicola Bird for lining up yet again another great event.





Oktoberfest Features Beer Pouring and Pretzels as Fundraising Events for Four Peaks Rotary

It's time to unpack your dirndl and lederhosen gear as Four Peaks Rotary welcomes back the Fountain Hills Oktoberfest on September 27 and 28.

In addition to being a major Town event, the Oktoberfest serves as a large fundraiser for Four Peaks Rotary as the Club serves beer and pretzels to the hundreds of attendees.

Look for additional volunteer sign-up information for both the beer and pretzel venues coming your way soon.

Beer Pouring With the Pros:

Most beer aficionados know how to tap a decent beer, right? Nice head, good carbonation, and the glass filled properly to the rim. So while you may be the kegmeister of the backyard barbecue, it's a whole different ballgame when it comes to pouring brew at the Fountain Hills Oktoberfest.

It takes passion, finesse, and exquisite timing to do it right. Be sure to join us on September 25 for Beer Pouring With the Pros. Appetizers included!

BEER POURING

With the Pros

September 25

6 – 8 pm

Fireside Grill

Amy Ashley Joins List of TV Stars with Show on HGTV

Club webmaster Amy Ashley has branched out -- now she can say she's a certifiable television star. Amy and her sister Tiffany were recently featured on the hit HGTV show Pool Hunters. The plot centered around the idea that a community pool just didn't cut it anymore for Tiffany's family, so she enlisted her real estate sister's help as they searched for a resort-style home tricked out with fun kid features including their own backyard swimming pool. Check out episode number three entitled "A Pool of Their Own" in this season's lineup for Pool Hunters on HGTV!



Fountain Hills High School Homecoming



Fabulous 50's Then
September 18, 2019
Avenue of the Fountains
6:00 pm

For those Club members who have school age children, or who may still be young at heart, Four Peaks Rotary has been invited again to participate in the annual Fountain Hills High School Homecoming Parade, which will run up and down Avenue of the Fountains on Wednesday, September 18th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

This year's Homecoming theme is "Fabulous 50's", so we are looking for a few parade volunteers who may have some classic 1950's attire, such as poodle skirts, blue jeans, or a little Brylcreem.

If you are interested in participating in the Club float decoration, or riding on the float and tossing out goodies to the parade spectators, e-mail Four Peaks Rotary's New Generations director and Club float expert extraordinaire, Bill Beamish at: azbeamish@gmail.com.

MILESTONES

Four Peaks Rotary sends three cheers and the hope of a full recovery to charter member Tony Finocchio who was discharged from Mayo Clinic last week. Tony is a past President of the Club and currently serves as the Four Peaks Rotary Foundation Treasurer.

Tony is still faced with challenges but reports that his favorite nurse Wynette is taking good care of him. To wish Tony well, he can be reached at tonyfino@aol.com or 480-251-2638.

Huge kudos to Four Peaks Rotary First Lady Julie Ewald as she earned her Master's Degree this summer from the University of Cincinnati. Julie, who works in the Pediatric Development Center at Mayo Clinic, promises that her advanced degree will help keep Jeff on the straight and narrow. Congratulations, Julie!

Club's Annual Casa Esperanza Orphanage Trip Planned for January

*An Invitation
from Club
Ambassador
Pam Carlson*



Four Peaks Rotary volunteers
*Roger Riggert, Scott Schlossberg,
and Pam Carlson at last year's
pilgrimage to Hermosillo, Mexico.*

Dear Four Peaks Rotarians,

A very exciting adventure is planned again this coming January to one of our international interests in helping children in the world.

We are asking you to join us working at Casa Esperanza Orphanage in Hermosillo, Mexico. For our newer members, we take a weekend to do physical work at Casa.

Last year we painted the exterior of two buildings and served lunch with the Casa family.

We caravan leaving on Friday, work at Casa on Saturday and return home on Sunday.

There is some extra fun in the mix too, with dining out at the local restaurants. We stay at the Holiday Inn in Hermosillo and each person is responsible for their room. I will send out more information about accommodations and more details about the trip.

There are 3 weekends in January that are available for us to choose. Listed are the weekends available in January 2020 and I would like to know which weekend will work for you.

If you would please email me with your 1st and 2nd choice. The weekend that most people can attend will be chosen. If you have children, check school schedules.

- **January 10, 11, 12**
- **January 17, 18, 19 (Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday)**
- **January 24, 25, 26**

Once we get closer to January, Casa's manager Paul Plumb will update on what project we as a group will work on so we can plan accordingly.

For those of you who have not had the wonderful experience, attending this year might your time to say yes. If you have more questions, please do not hesitate to call either Dick Bauer (bauerrdb@gmail.com) or me (pam.carlson@cox.net). My cell is 602-677-4218.

Thank You!
Pam

CELEBRATIONS

September Four Peaks Birthdays



Nicola Bird
September 8



Rob Clausen
September 10



Bill Pape
September 17



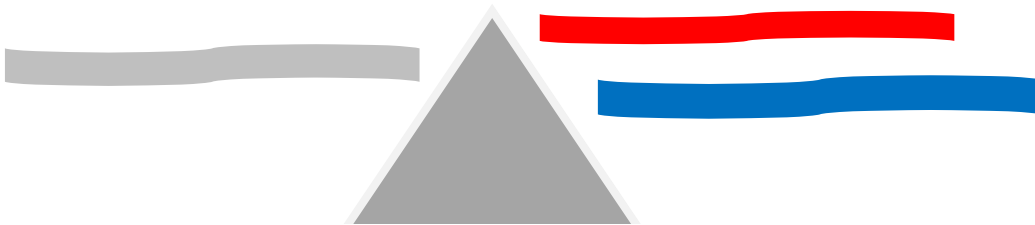
Bob Kane
September 27



Dick Bauer
September 29



Sam Coffee
September 30



September Rotary Anniversaries



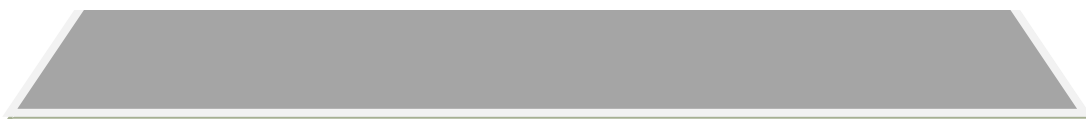
John Colucci
September 1, 1993



Jerry Berna
September 26, 1998



Michelle Webb
September 13, 2018



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

Officers

President Jeff Poynter
President Elect Scott Sommer
Vice President Buzz Ponce
Secretary Nicola Bird
Treasurer Patrick Benkowski
Immediate Past President Scott Schlossberg

Board of Directors

John Colucci
 Dave DeLucia
 Michelle Webb

Four Peaks Rotary Foundation

President Dick Bauer
Secretary Art Tolis
Treasurer Tony Finocchio
Directors Bill Beamish, Sandy Davis, John Gianotti, Gil Miller

Sergeant at Arms

Jerry Berna

New Generations/Youth Services

Bill Beamish

Website/Social Media Administrators

Amy Ashley, Cassie Johnson

Membership Chair

Greg Golucci

Social Chair

Nicola Bird

Hospitality Chair

Pat Tuttle

Rotary District 5495 Assistant Governors

Michelle Holcomb
Fountain Hills Rotary Club
 Jay Schlum
Four Peaks Rotary Club



SEPTEMBER FOUR PEAKS ROTARY QUIZ

CONGRATULATIONS to July/August winner **Pam Stivers!**

Win a **FREE BREAKFAST** at the next Four Peaks Rotary Club meeting! **Be the first to answer:**
How much is golf co-chair Pete Donzelli recommending each member set aside every week to help support Raffle Tickets for the Club's annual Golf Charity event?

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 September. Sorry 'bout that!



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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?



Rotary
SERVICE Above Self

