

FOCUS ON FOUR PEAKS ROTARY APRIL 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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Fountain Hills, Arizona

Rotary District 5495

<http://fourpeaksrotary.org/>

Helping Haiti's Children is Focus of Club's April 11 Meeting



Jack Reynolds, Club member and Haiti volunteer for 'Free the Kids' will head the line-up for the April 11 meeting as he spotlights the difficulties and challenges the children of Haiti face every day. Four Peaks Rotary has generously supported the program in the past and Jack will discuss ways the Club can continue offering help and assistance. For information on Free the Kids, visit

<http://www.freethekids.org/>

Featured Four Peaks Rotarian

PATRICK BENKOWSKI

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 April please welcome **Patrick Benkowski**. An active Club volunteer since 2001 and with a string of six years (and counting) as Treasurer, Patrick is the founder and owner of RoadRunner Custom Remodeling in Fountain Hills.

When Linda and I and our three kids moved to Fountain Hills in January of 2001, Jerry Berna (he and his lovely wife Linda were friends of ours from Wisconsin) made a very strong suggestion that I join Four Peaks Rotary. I didn't even know what Rotary was or even what Four Peaks was. He just said you are joining and *that was that*. I was at a Four Peaks Rotary meeting before my furniture even arrived (Jerry was very persuasive).

I soon found out it was a great way to meet local people and get involved in our new little community. Bill Beamish was the President at the time and between he, Jerry Berna, and Jerry Ernst (the local hilarious banker) I enjoyed the humorous atmosphere. The Club met at Poma's restaurant (now the Saddle Bronc- before it was a bar) and we ate dry eggs, uncooked bacon and changed the world every Thursday morning.

I got involved in Rotary leadership pretty quickly - they spotted a sucker when they saw one. I was even Rotarian of the year in 2003-04. I was involved in everything that year - Cheryl Murray was our President. Nowadays I am your Treasurer - 6th year, and I told Jeff I would be his Treasurer next year too, so you are stuck with me for a while. Yes, yes I know...I *will* volunteer to be President of the Club after I retire! For now I can help the Club best by being the Treasurer.

Back in 2001 I modeled my new remodeling business after the *Rotary Four Way Test*, and it has never let me down. I always considered myself a fair and honest person, but making it a pledge anchored it in stone. Funny how just being honest and fair with people will get you places. It never crossed my mind to join Rotary to get business, but of course it happened anyway. Some of my best customers belong to the Club. It's nice to know that fellow Rotarians stick together!

Joining Rotary was a blessing for my family and my business, and I am grateful every day for what our little Club does for our community and what Rotary does for the world.

Past featured Four Peaks Rotarians on **Why I Joined Rotary**: Pam Carlson, Dick Carney, Rob Clausen, John Colucci, Sandy Davis, Dave DeLucia, Steve Fox, John Gianotti, Lady Sue Hendershott, Bill Pape, Alex Ross, Roger Riggert, Gary Shuey, Pam Stivers, Tim Taylor, Pat Tuttle.



This is What We Do. Four Peaks Rotary Promotes Causes and Helps Change the World.

When Club member Alex Ross first heard about Honor Flight, he was amazed. How does an organization do such a great job of honoring our country's veterans? A Korea War veteran himself, Alex reached out to Honor Flight and learned more about the organization; soon, he was on a flight himself to Washington DC where he toured War Veteran memorials and landmarks.

At the Club's March 28 meeting Karen Friddle, the organization's Arizona Board member, was guest speaker and spoke of Honor Flight's mission and how the organization is educating high school students on the impact of World War II and the Korean conflict.

In its quest to promote causes and help people, charities, and organizations, Four Peaks Rotary presented Karen with a \$1,000 check for Honor Flight Arizona.

In the above picture, Four Peaks Rotary military veterans gather to celebrate the accomplishments of Honor Flight. Club veterans include (from left) **Gil Miller, Jerry Berna, Tim Taylor, Dick Carney, Steve Fox, Roger Riggert, Sam Coffee, Rick Stivers, and Jack Reynolds**. Holding the \$1,000 check is Karen Friddle and Alex Ross.

Club's March 18 Golf Charity Event Hailed as the 'Best Ever!'

After 21 years, it might be difficult to be judged as “the best ever” but that’s exactly what Club members are calling last month’s Four Peaks golf charity event.

Under bright blue skies and perfect temps, the 21st Annual golf outing brought in close to \$38,000 for charity from generous community sponsors and donors.

Led for the second year by Golf Committee Chair Jeff Poynter, the event was held at Ancala Country Club with 100 golfers taking part in the Club’s biggest event of the year.



Jay Schlum is all smiles as he gives a thumbs up to sponsor Linda Donzelli's sign on an Ancala Country Club fairway. All sponsorship money goes directly to Fountain Hills charities and organizations via the Club's Four Peaks Rotary Foundation.



For all Leadership Academy information and registration visit

<https://rotary5495.org/50335/Page/Show?ClassCode=Page&Slug=cla-home>

Rotary District 5495 Leadership Academy Set for April 27

Ready to get your leadership skills polished and honed? Join over 250 Rotarians from across District 5495 at the third annual Club Leadership Academy on Saturday, April 27th. You'll share ideas, gain inspiration and discover more about Rotary's work in Arizona and around the world than at any other single event.

Club leaders, newly engaged Rotarians and even seasoned members will come away with a wealth of ideas and practical strategies to strengthen their club.

The Academy will offer an astounding 40 classes from which to choose on virtually every aspect of Rotary including service, fundraising, leadership, branding, membership, youth programming and much, much more.



April Message from Club President Scott Schlossberg

My tenure as President is slowly drawing to a close with less than three months remaining.

It has been my privilege and honor to lead the club this past year and I am so proud of all that we accomplished.

Jeff Poynter is waiting in the wings and has amazing things planned for his presidency.

The really great news for our club is that the pipeline is full of willing and energetic members who want to take their turn leading us into the future.

Four Peaks Rotary is in great shape moving forward and I am thrilled to leave us in this position.

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Annual In and Out Banquet Slated for May 18 at Fire Rock Country Club

No, it’s not a fast food drive-thru burger joint. It’s much better – it’s the annual Four Peaks Rotary ***In and Out*** banquet. In the hallowed tradition of Rotary, the Club celebrates incoming and outgoing officers as well as recognizing outstanding Club contributions near the end of each fiscal year.

Held at the luxurious Fire Rock Country Club, the **May 18** event promises to be a highlight of the past year as the spotlight will shine bright on individual members receiving a bevy of awards handed out for exceptional Club service. Outgoing and new Club officers will be announced as well.



From left, Fountain Hills Middle School principal James Carrick, Club Teacher of the Month coordinator Paul Perreault, and Club Vice President Scott Sommer congratulate math teacher Sarah Erickson (center).

Fountain Hills Middle School Instructor Wins March 'Teacher of the Month' Award

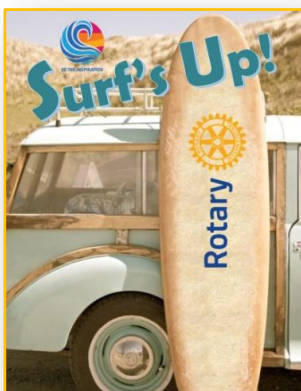
Sarah Erickson, math teacher at Fountain Hills Middle School, won the Club's March "Teacher of the Month" honor at the March 28 meeting.

She was nominated for the award by school principal James Carrick who praised the sixth grade teacher for embracing the "Beyond Textbooks" program and implementing "reteach" for students who struggle to learn math standards the first time.

Four Peaks Rotary presented Erickson with a check for \$250 for winning the honor.

Rotary District 5495 Conference Set for June 21, 22

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN: [CLICK HERE](#)



Wanna get fired-up about Rotary? Look no further than to the District 5495 Conference scheduled for June 21, 22 in Scottsdale. Convention highlights include key speakers on timely topics that concern all Rotarians in Arizona including a "Why am I a Rotarian" roundtable discussion, the Friday evening 'Surf's Up' party featuring the *Southwest Surfers*, and Saturday's toga party finale.

For complete Convention information including registration, daily activities, and hotel costs, click the link above.

A new feature for **Focus on Four Peaks** will be 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.com.

A Look Back at Rotary's Roots



We've come a long way, baby. Vintage photo of a 1954 Scottsdale Rotary meeting shows 25 charter members. Arizona could count 38 other Rotary Clubs scattered throughout the state 65 years ago. Do you see anything in this picture that would be considered "unusual" in today's Rotary?

APRIL Four Peaks Happy Birthdays!



Alex Ross
April 3



Roger Riggert
April 4



Patrick Benkowski
April 18



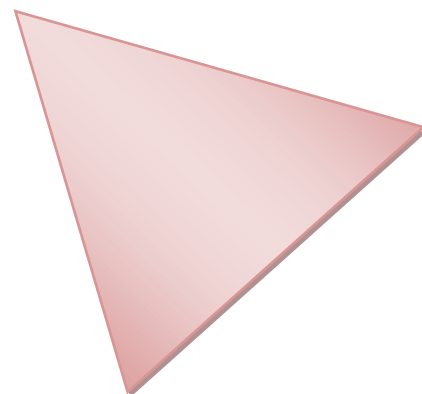
Pat Tuttle
April 19



Steve Fox
April 23



Art Tolis
April 25



APRIL Rotary Anniversaries!



Bill Beamish
April 1997



Dave DeLucia
April 2015



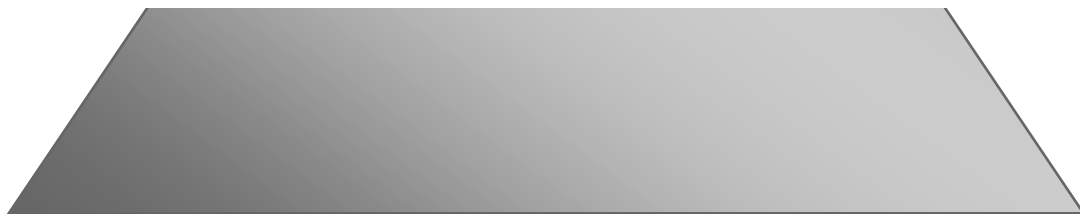
Paul Perreault
April 1997



Mike Plati
April 1997



Roger Riggert
April 1997



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

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John Colucci
 Buzz Ponce
 Larry Webster

Four Peaks Rotary Foundation

President Bill Beamish
Vice President Sandy Davis
Secretary Gil Miller
Treasurer Tony Finocchio
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 Doug Lawyer
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Foundation Committee Chair Jack Reynolds

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APRIL FOUR PEAKS ROTARY QUIZ

CONGRATULATIONS to MARCH winner **BILL PAPE**

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

What pledge does Patrick Benkowski use as a guide for his home remodeling business?

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 April. Sorry 'bout that!

