

# FOCUS ON FOUR PEAKS ROTARY MARCH 2019

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Club meetings are the second  
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Fountain Hills, Arizona Rotary District 5495 <http://fourpeaksrotary.org/> March 2019

## *March 14 Club Meeting to Spotlight Annual Four Peaks Charity Golf Event*



**President-elect Jeff Poynter and his golf committee** continue to look for Club volunteers to work the event and to contribute donated raffle prizes to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Four Peaks Rotary Charity Golf Classic, March 18 at Ancala Country Club. For volunteer activities, contact Jack Reynolds at [jhrtheoswork@aol.com](mailto:jhrtheoswork@aol.com).

Back in 1998 when a small group of Fountain Hills business people got together to play golf and raise a few dollars for local organizations, few would have thought from such humble origins such a successful event would grow.

Through the years though, the diminutive gathering of Four Peaks Rotarians has blossomed into a major charity golf event that has raised over \$300,000 for local charitable groups and causes.

Now called the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Four Peaks Rotary Charity Golf Classic, the event is scheduled for March 18 at Ancala Country Club in Scottsdale. The outing is annually a top-tier fundraiser for neighboring

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Featured Four Peaks Rotarian **PAM STIVERS**

## Why Did I Join Rotary?



*Each month a featured Four Peaks Rotary Club member answers the question: **Why Did I Join Rotary?***

*For March please welcome **Pam Stivers**. An active Club volunteer and past Board Secretary, Pam is a retired pharmacist. She and her husband Rick have been Four Peaks Rotary members since 2014.*

When District 5495 Governor-Elect David Simmer spoke at our recent meeting, he said the main reasons for joining Rotary were to meet people and offer service to the community. That described me perfectly.

When my husband Rick (also a Four Peaks Rotarian) and I retired to Fountain Hills in 2014, we didn't know anyone and were not connected in any way to the community. Believe it or not, we chose Fountain Hills simply from driving through a few times on the way to Scottsdale from Northern New Mexico, where we were living at the time.

Once here, joining Rotary seemed like a good way to meet people and get involved. Since Rick had been a Rotarian a number of years ago, we looked at both clubs here in town and picked Four Peaks. We liked the mix of age groups; occupations, both current and former; and different backgrounds. Like us, most people were originally from somewhere else and had chosen to make Fountain Hills their home.

I especially enjoy the hands-on approach of our club, as opposed to the "check-writing" approach of Rick's former club in Indiana. They met for lunch once a week and made contributions, and that's about it. My career as a hospital pharmacist involved helping people from behind the scenes, communicating mostly with nurses and doctors to provide medications for patients. I rarely got to see how my efforts had helped people. In Rotary, I enjoy seeing the results of what we've worked together to accomplish, for example, landscaping cleanup at the high school on Community Service day, kids playing at the Rotary Musical Park, and even cleaner streets after trash pickup at the Great Fair!

A highlight for me of being a Four Peaks Rotarian was serving for two years as Secretary of the Board of Directors. It helped me get to know all the members and better understand the organization. Another highlight was having Pete Donzelli as a mentor when I first joined; he was so friendly and helpful.

Although I didn't really know what I was getting into when I joined Rotary, it's been a great experience. I've met so many nice people and learned so much about Fountain Hills and the impact of Rotary both here and worldwide.

***Cold and Snowy  
Weather  
Doesn't Deter  
Four Peaks  
Rotary Trash  
Collectors  
During  
'Great Fair'***



**Neither snow (yes...snow!), nor icy cold, nor anything else kept intrepid Four Peaks volunteers from once again keeping the fairways neat and clean during the annual February Great Fair in Fountain Hills.**

*Pictured above (clockwise) on a bitterly cold Friday, February 22 are Club members Grady Miller, Bill Pape, Sam Coffee, and Jay Schlum.*

*Saturday and Sunday drew large crowds and sunny yet still cold weather. Trying to beat the freeze with a frosty brew during a trash break are Rob Clausen, Rachel and Doug Lawyer, Steve Fox, Jeff Poynter, Roger Riggert, Rick Halsten, and Jack Reynolds.*



## Annual Charity Golf Event is Club's Largest Fundraiser

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organizations and charities. "Last year alone we raised over \$30,000 on our golf outing and we're looking forward to beating that record this year," said event chair Jeff Poynter. "This is a premier golf experience and all of Fountain Hills wins by continuing to support it."

Through the Four Peaks Rotary Foundation, all funds raised by the event are contributed to a number of local causes including scholarships to Fountain Hills High School, the Boys and Girls Club, Rotary Youth Exchange, the Maricopa Sheriff's Posse, Extended Hands Food Bank, Make a Difference Day, military veterans and senior support services, and student mentoring. Additional funds are targeted for international work at Casa Esperanza Orphanage in Hermosillo, MX, and the Haiti Free the Kids Project Hope organization.

The entry fee includes lunch, dinner, prizes, raffles, a live auction, golfer gift bag, and a \$25 gift card to Phil's Filling Station Restaurant.

The golf format is a standard scramble tourney, mixed men's and women's, and includes a longest drive and closest to the pin challenge, along with team and individual prizes.

"We're really excited to introduce the \$25 Phil's Filling Station gift card to all golfers this year for the first time," Poynter said. "This is a

great example of a local business stepping up and providing a truly worthwhile gift to the people who support our event."

A live auction will take place during dinner at the Ancala Country Club that will include valuable prizes and vacation opportunities donated to the event from dozens of Fountain Hills businesses.



{ *For all event information visit*  
[www.fourpeaksgolf.com](http://www.fourpeaksgolf.com) }

The event is a 501c3 non-profit charity dedicated to providing support to worthwhile local charities. "Our club works year-round to provide a first-class experience for all golfers and for those who just want to have a great time at a great venue," Poynter said. "We're anticipating over 100 golfers this year that will enjoy a great lunch, dinner and fellowship during the day-long outing."

Other prominent sponsors include Shea Connelly Development, Steelcrest Architectural Accents, and Dr. Kevin Rauter, DDS. Additionally, Coulter Cadillac is the hole-in-one sponsor, while Desert Canyon Golf pro Kurt Vogel is hosting the "Beat the Pro" competition.

## ***Three Club Members Nominated for Chamber of Commerce Community Leader Awards***

Is there any doubt that Four Peaks Rotary is the club of choice for community leaders and volunteers?

Three Club members have been nominated by the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce for community leader awards for 2019.

Club President Scott Schlossberg and Board member Larry Webster are vying for *Business Person of the Year* while Foundation President Bill Beamish is in the running for *Community Volunteer of the Year*.

According to *The Fountain Hills Times*, the deadline to vote for the *Community Volunteer Award* is Monday, March 25. The winner will be announced at the Chamber gala Friday, April 26, in the Community Center. The other categories are open to vote only for Chamber members.

So let's rally for the incredible Bill Beamish and cast votes in his support. For voting information, contact the Chamber website at <http://www.fountainhillschamber.com/>.



***Scott Schlossberg***



***Larry Webster***



***Bill Beamish***

## **Honor Flight Board Member Set as March 28 Club Speaker**

Karen Friddle, an Honor Flight Board member will be the guest speaker at the Club's March 28 meeting. The mission of Honor Flight Arizona is to pay homage to our WWII and Korean veterans by providing the support needed for them to complete a three-day journey of honor and remembrance to their memorials in Washington, D.C. at no cost to them. Honor Flight's secondary mission is to educate our youth about the impact of WWII and the Korean War and the freedoms our nation enjoys because of the service of the WWII and Korean Veterans.



**Amy Ashley was inducted into Four Peaks Rotary Club on February 14.**  
*Shown here is Rotary District 5495 Governor-Elect David Simmer, Amy, and her proud mother, longtime Four Peaks member Pam Carlson.*

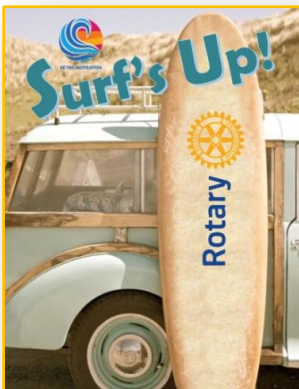
## *Newest Four Peaks Rotarian Takes Over Duties of Club Webmaster Beginning this Spring*

Why just sit around and wait for something to do when you can dive right into the mix and quickly become an integral part of Four Peaks Rotary?

That's exactly the mindset of newest Club member Amy Ashley as she assumes the role of Club webmaster this spring. Amy will go through the process of learning the intricacies and nuances of web design during the next several months and begin to assume full responsibility of the Four Peaks website by or before early summer.

## *Rotary District 5495 Conference Set for June 21, 22*

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



Need to 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.

*Desert Belle  
Cruise Heads  
List of  
Upcoming  
Spring Social  
Events*



Behind-the-scenes, Social Chair Nicola Bird has been in lining up a busy spring and early summer schedule of stellar Four Peaks Rotary events.

Below is a listing of activities Nicole is working on with tentative dates. Watch for further announcements at the March 14 Club meeting and as dates get closer:

*March 30 -- Lake Saguaro Desert Belle Cruise  
April - Four Peaks Rotary Family Picnic, Fountain Park  
May 18 – In and Out Banquet, Fire Rock Country Club  
June – Musical Instrument Museum Tour, Scottsdale*



***Fountain Hills High  
School Special Education  
Instructor Named  
February 'Teacher of the  
Month'***

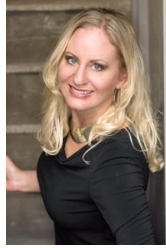
**Sierra Anway, special education instructor** at Fountain Hills High School earned the Four Peaks Rotary “Teacher of the Month” award in February for her work in guiding her students in achieving maximum results. FHHS principal Dr. Cain Jagodzinski (left) stands with Club program chair Paul Perreault, along with Sierra and Club member Linda Dasher at the February 28 meeting.



## MARCH Four Peaks Happy Birthdays!



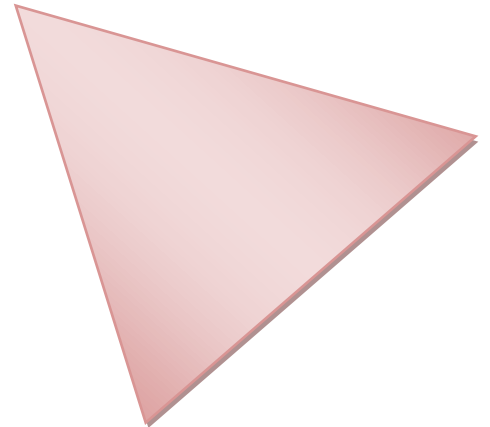
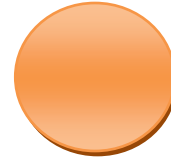
**Jay Schlum**  
March 5



**Amy Ashley**  
March 13



**Jerry Berna**  
March 26



## MARCH/APRIL Rotary Anniversaries!



**Bill Beamish**  
April 1997



**Dave DeLucia**  
April 2015



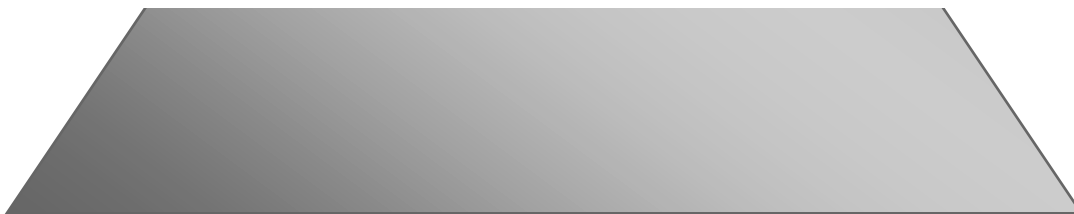
**Paul Perreault**  
April 1997



**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



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

### Administration Committee Chair

Bill Pape

### Interim Website Administrator

John Colucci

### Public Relations

Buzz Ponce

## MARCH FOUR PEAKS ROTARY QUIZ

CONGRATULATIONS to February winner **SANDY DAVIS!**

Win a **FREE BREAKFAST** at the next Four Peaks Rotary Club meeting! **Be the first to answer:**  
**Who does the Club support as the Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year?**

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

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

