

# **News Horizons**

# The Voice of the Chandler Horizon Rotary Club

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Next Week

**Opening Exercises** 

Chandra Toy Theresa Clemmons

Larry Gardner

Will Coakley

Program

Assembly as we finalize plans for our annual

President Chuck Ertl will conduct a Club

We also may have a presentation from

Rotary



# Good Morning! Welcome to Chandler Horizon Rotary

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## **Opening Exercises**

Pledge: Jim Patmos
Prayer: James Caskey
Songs: Larry Gardner
Sgt.-at-Arms Will Coakley

## **Program**

Katie Dolmage, Director of the Chandler CARE Center, will bring us up-to-date about that organization. We also will have a Paul Harris Fellow presentation.

# Last Week

# **Visiting Rotarian**

Assistant Governor Jon Lyons from Sun Lakes was the only visiting Rotarian who made up with us last week.

## **Missing in Action**

Twelve members were absent: Courtney Banach, James Caskey, Joseph Caskey, Theresa Clemmons, Will Coakley, James De Vary, Marty Herder, Joel Moorhead, Precious Namazzi, Sanjay Patel, Marques Reischl and Kimberly Williams-Branch.

## Make-Ups

Theresa Clemmons made up at the board meeting and Jim Patmos on a Rotary International podcast of the new Rotary Peace Center in India.

### **Song Fines & Such**

President Chuck Ertl conducted the meeting, Larry Gardner led us in song and Roger Morsch conducted the fine session.

Ron Stevens paid a buck for acquired golf sponsorships.

Larry Gardner paid \$5 but he wasn't sure why.
President Chuck Ertl paid \$10 for Chandra
Toy's presentation and a trip to the cabin.

Brad Raymond paid \$5 for the program.

Terry Locke paid \$4 for the program and for *Please continue reading on page 2* 

## **Golf Classic**

Golf Committee Chair Ron Stevens brought us up-to-date on our annual Golf Classic last week. He told us about some additional raffle prices we have obtained.

They include a bicycle, an offer friom Earnhardt to put money toward a Genesis, certain privileges available at the PGA Super Store and a stay at a resort.

However, we still can use some additional prizes. Please try to find more raffle prizes and encourage your friends to participate in the golf tournament. The deadline to entry a foursome in the Golf Classic is this Friday, March 21.

And, don't forget to sell tickets for rhe Helicopter Ball Drop. See Larry Gardner if you need more tickets to sell.

# **Chandra Toy Presents Program on Connect Our Kids**

Pledge:

Prayer:

Songs:

Sgt. at Arms

Golf Classic April 5.

another organization.

Chandra Toy told us about Connect Our Kids, a 501(c)(3) organization with whom she has been working since she retired as a U.S. Army colonel.

She is Develpment Director for the organization that was founded in Falls Church, Virginia, in 2017. She is ex-



CHANDRA TOY

cited about the work they have been able to do.

Chandra told us about Jennifer Jacobs, PhD. who formerly worked for the Department of Homeland Security, and Jessica Stern, co-founders of Connect our Kids, a non-profit technology company that scales up what works in foster care. Their tools connect kids with their people, such as extended family and community supporters, so that they are a permanent part of a family and have the support system they need to survive and thrive.

They have 12 core team members, five fulltime and seven part-time, along with a developmental team. Members of the team are located across the country and work remotely. Chandra has been a member of the team since November.

There are 650,000 kids in foster care, including 17,000 in Arizona. Some 20,000 age-out of foster care annually with nowhere to go.

These kids are diagnosed with PTSD at twice the rate of returning war veterans. By age 26, two-thirds have been homeless, incarcerated or are dead. Seventy-one percent of the young women are pregnant by age 21. The youth struggle with identity that can lead to a lifetime of depression, anxiety and poor physical health. Suicide attempts are four times that of peers.

Connect Our Kids uses a chuld-focused approach across the country that builds an extensive family tree for each kid, but also includes neighbors, coaches and others who already have a supportive connection with youth. If the tree is big enough, someome will step up and become a

permanent parent. Success rate tripled with this approach. Building the large trees manually is time consuming.

Through their flagship tool, Family Connections, that is a cloud-based platform helping socila workers find permanent families for hard-to-place kids, older youth, sibling groups and those with special needs. The time-consuming process is reduced to minutes.

These tools are licensed to states, Medicaid plan providers and large child welfare agencies. Donors help provide pro bono licenses to those who have not yet been able to purchase a license.

Chandra cited examples of kids and their experiences.

Connect our Kids has scheduled a Brown Bag Luncheon Thursday, April 3, from 12-1 p.m. at Chandler United Methodist Church. Jennifer Jacobs will attend. The event also will be on LiveStream.

#### **District Update**

Assistant District Governor Jon Lyons gave us an update on District 5495 events last week.

He thanked Candace Lansberry for representing Chandler Horizon at the Leadership Academy March 8, attended by 135.

He also urged us to attend the District Conference May 1-4 at We-Ko-Pa at Ft. McDowell.

He also mentioned the Rotary Week of Service April 16-22. Chandler Horizon will be participating with the Chandler, Gilbert and Sun Lakes clubs in two projects.

The first is the Welcome to America Project April 16-18. There will be sorting, packing and distribution of items for newly arrived refugee families. Donations of items will be accepted,

The second happens after the acutal Week of Service. Minor repair and enhancement of play space will take place at AZCEND April 24-26.

More details will be coming on both events. Lori Pierce has been working with AG Jon on these projects. Let her know if you can help.



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Michelle Holcomb, Governor **Rotary District 5495** Fountain Hills

Jon Lyons **Assistant District Governor** Sun Lakes

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



## OFFICERS & AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS

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Chuck Ertl

## **Immediate Past President Brad Raymond**

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Roger Morsch

#### Secretary

Soo-San Stevens-Clarke

#### **Treasurer**

**Brad Raymond** 

## **At-Large Board Members**

Terry Locke

Joseph Caskey

Larry Gardner

Theresa Clemmons

## For Our City Project

Chandler Horizon Rotary will be participating in the annual Chandler For Our City project the next two Saturdays. We wll be preparing and painting a home at 757 East Buffalo Street in Chandler.

Sanding and other preparations will take place March 22 with the actual painting process scheduled for March 29. Four members have already signed up. Let Roger Morsch know today if you can help.

# **RYLA Support**

The Chandler Horizon Foundation Board has voted to support a student proposed by the Chandler Rotary Club to attend RYLA this year. Since no one from our Basha Interact Club will be able to attend, other than the three District Governors who attended an earlier confernce, CHRC has agreed to sponsor the cost of a student proposed by the Chandler club.

## Thought for the Day

Don't be surprised to learn that luck favors those who are prepared.

> When was the last time you told a friend about Rotary?

## **SONGS, FINES & SUCH**

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former member David Lautzenheiser being named superintendent of the Higley School District.

Jim Patmos paid \$5 for the program, for his virtual visit to the Rotary Peace Cener in India and for having a neice visiting.

Chandra Roy paid \$5 for Jim Patmos who invited her to be a Rotarian and for how much she has enjoyed being a member of Chandler Horizon.

Visiting Rotarian AG Jon Lyons paid \$5 for Chandra's presentation.

Roger Morsch paid \$10 for having family in town. And Roger won \$17 in the 50-50 drawing.

## **Program Ideas**

Everyone meets someone during their daily life that has an interesting story to tell. Talk to them and see if they would be willing to tell us about it and then contact Lori Pierce for a presentation date.



## **MEMBERSHIP**

MEMBERSHIP				
			Name of Rotarian (Spouse)	Classification
	$\P\S$		Courtney Banach	Engineer - Construction
*	$\P\S$		James Caskey	Mortgage Banker
	$\P\S$		Joseph Caskey	Mortgage Broker
*	$\P\S$		Theresa Clemmons (Jeff)	Wealth Management
			Will Coakley (Wendy)	Banking - Underwriting
	1		Azita Dehkordi (Sam)	Honorary Member
	§		James DeVary (Analaura)	Caregiving Services
	§		Chuck Ertl (Paula)	Banking - Commercial
*	¶§		Larry Gardner (Teddi)	Senior Active
*	$\P\S$		Tim Gibson (Susan)	Landscape Maintenance
*	$\P\S$	‡	Marty Herder (Ann)	Court Reporter
*	¶§ *	•	Jim Hoenig	Editor
	<b>¶</b>		Candace Lansberry (Mark)	
*	§		Terry Locke (Ellen)	Education – Youth Services
			Joel Moorhead (Laura)	Repair Services
*	¶§	‡	Roger Morsch (Mitsi)	. Property/Casualty Insurance
			Precious Proscovia Namazzi	Child Advocate
•*	$\P$ §		Jesus Ortiz (Deirdre)	Senior Active
			SanJay Patel	Solar Energy - Residential
*	¶§••	<b>*</b>	Jim Patmos (Mary Kay)	Education – Public
	$\P\S$		Lori Pierce (Travis)	Printing – Commercial
*	§		Brad Raymond (Sandra)	Banking – Small Business
			Marques Reischl (Meredith)	Education – Secondary
	$\P\S$		Ron Stevens (Chris)	Stocks & Bonds
	¶§◆		Soo-San Stevens-Clarke (Jolyon)	Multicultural Education
			Chandra Toy	
*	¶§		Kimberly Williams Branch (Eric)	Manufacturing - CPG
• = Charter Member				
¶ = Paul Harris Fellow § = Paul Harris Sustaining Member 🏶 = Major Donor				
◆ = Paul Harris Society				
<b>*</b> = Arch Klumph Society				

Additional Paul Harris Fellows: Sanders Achen, Judith Anick, Lee Barnes\*, Christine Bonngard, Collin Bonngard, Doug Bonngard, Jordyn Bonngard, Nancy Bonngard, Patti Bonngard, Roger Bonngard\*, Jensen Brent, Barb Cadle, Stephanie Caskey, Jeff Clemmons, Marti Jo Clouse, Bob Coombs\*, Dede Coombs\*, Gail Coombs, John Coombs, Rob Coombs, Leah Cottingham\*, William Cottingham\*, Anbar Dorothy Cotton, Zaynab Martha Cotton, Todd DeGain\*, Don Eklund, Joy Fitzpatrick, Patrick Foley, Donald Forsythe\*, Vera Forsythe, Carl Gardner\*, Florence Gardner\*, Kaye Gardner\*, Teddi Gardner, Edward Gerrow\*, Susan Gerrow, Susan Gibson, Stephanie Hagstrom, Kylene Hathaway, Jennifer Hazelwood, Ann Herder, Amy Lynne Hinchman, Timothy Hinchman, Janis Hoenig\*, Hannah Holbert, Julie Howard, Agnes Hyde\*, Emory James Hyde\*, Tiffany Jones, Randy Kiesel, Richard Lackie\*, Cindy Lewis, Phil Lewis, Kristin Lindsey, Richard Malcolm\*, Jaslyn McGraw, John McVey\*, Leanne Miller, Kathy Morenc, Nick Morenc, Ana Ortiz, Cristina Ortiz, Dede Ortiz, Alyssa Patmos, Dr. Bernard Patmos\*, Frances Hyde Patmos\*, Joseph Patmos\*, Kristine Patmos, Lucy Patmos\*, Mary Kay Patmos, Trudy Patmos, Kristel Patton, Betsy Powell, Kristen Powell, Juliet Adelaide Rice, Pam Rienke and Hope, Kenny Rogers, Bill Ryan, Jared Ryan, Sharon Ryan\*, Teresa Schyberg, John Simonson, Elizabeth Jane Smith\*, Chris Stevens, Patsy Thomas\*, Bridget Valenciano, Donna Weaver, Ken Weaver\*, Lisa Ryan Whyte, Jack Williams, Teri Williams, Krystal Wilkinson, David Willigrod, Pat Willigrod, Jack Williams, Amber Wills.

\* - Deceased.

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Additional Sustaining Members: Allen Caskey, Gaby Herder, Jeff Hoenig.

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#### NEARBY CLUBS

Rotary Meeting Information • 602-604-8221

KYRENE CORRIDOR Monday 12:10 p.m. SUN LAKES CHANDLER Tuesday 12:00 noon MESA BASELINE Tuesday 12:10 p.m. SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN Wednesday 12:00 noon **MESA** Wednesday 12:10 p.m. **GILBERT** Thursday 7:00 a.m. TEMPE RIO SALADO Thursday 7:00 a.m. MESA WEST Thursday 12:10 p.m. TEMPE DOWNTOWN Thursday 6:15 p.m. TEMPE SOUTH Friday 6:45 a.m.

Olive Garden (Elliot) Tuesday (1 & 3) 7:00 a.m. Cottonwood Country Club Tuesday (2 & 4) 4:30 p.m. Cottonwood Country Club San Marcos Golf Course Mesa Country Club Gold Canyon Resort Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa The Nook Denny's Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa

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