



Good Morning!

Welcome to Chandler Horizon Rotary



Opening Exercises

Pledge: Joseph Caskey
 Prayer: Chuy Ortiz
 Songs: Larry Gardner
 Sgt.-at-Arms James Caskey

Program

Eugene Roberts will tell us about AZStRUT, an organization that collects unwanted electronics and either cleans them up for schools to use in classrooms or recycles them.

Last Week

Visiting Rotarians

No visiting Rotarians made up with us last week.

Missing in Action

Eight members were absent: Courtney Banach, Theresa Clemmons, Tim Gibson, Ken Gudewich, Roger Morsch, Precious Namazzi, Micah Ring and Kimberly Williams Branch.

Make-Up

Soo-San Stevens-Clarke made up at Wilmette Harbor, Illinois.

Songs, Fines & Such

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

Although exempt, Ron Stevens admitted to being late and he produced a zip tie that came from attaching a U.S. flag to a flagpole at the Healing Fields remembrance of those who died on 9/11 and urging all of us to attend our September 11 meeting that will be held at Healing Fields at Tempe Town Lake.

Sanjay Patel paid \$2 for being late and a trip to Sedona.

James Caskey paid \$5 for getting Allen back to college and for welcoming Sanjay Patel back when Sanjay had attended a club meeting more recently than James.

Joseph Caskey paid \$5 for getting Allen back to school and serving as best man at a friend's wedding.

Jim Hoenig paid \$4 for failing to sell the Exempt badge the previous week, for his hometown of Blissfield celebrating its bicentennial, for his brother's birthday that day and for getting his new computer set up and operating.

Candace Lansberry paid a buck for her expectant daughter.

Joel Moorhead paid \$2 for missing some meetings and for his birthday. We sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

Terry Locke paid \$4 for his birthday, his and Ellen's anniversary and for being glad to be back

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Next Week

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Pledge: Tim Gibson
 Prayer: Candace Lansberry
 Songs: Larry Gardner
 Sgt. at Arms James Caskey

Program

Carolyn Englehart, a 22-year Navy veteran who now works at Fry's and has been collaborating with Ron Stevens on our water project, will tell us about her life experiences.



Lana Berry Provides Information on Upcoming CUSD Bond Election

Lana Berry, Chief Financial Officer of the Chandler Unified School District, joined us last week to talk about the financial situation of CUSD with special emphasis on the upcoming bond election on November 5. The program was arranged by Terry Locke. Lana, who has appeared with us on previous occasions, thanked Terry for his support before his recent retirement.

Lana noted that prior to the 1980s funding of schools depended on the wealth of the district. Now it is commanded that every child receives the same amount. She said there are two options for raising funds: override, which Chandler has done for decades; and a bond election like the one that will take place in November. She had a handout that explained many of the issues.

The bond hopes to do three things: **Maintain**, including structural repairs, maintenance projects, cooling systems, playgrounds, fields and classroom furniture; **Modernize**, including updated technology, equipment, plus safety and security measures; and **Maximize**, support the CUSD's ability to be innovative and prepared for the future.

The CUSD has 43,000 students covering 1,000 acres, 80 square miles and 5.5 million square feet. It is the second largest employer in Chandler, behind only Intel; and the second largest district in Arizona, behind only Mesa.

She said the CUSD does not expect a tax rate increase compared to the current bond tax rate based on current and projected property values and their plan for issuance of bonds. The estimated average tax rate for the proposed bond is 41¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation.

If approved, the bond will be broken down in the following ways: \$310.8 million for construction; \$125.12 million for technology; \$39.5 million for equipment; and \$12 million for transportation. The bond will not impact teacher or staff salaries.

Lana said the CUSD serves 26 public schools plus 11 private schools in Chandler, Gilbert and Queen Creek. They send out 250 busses every day that cost \$250,000 each. There was talk about going electric, but that would create additional problems



President Chuck Ertl (left) thanks Lana Berry for her presentation.

not to mention the initial \$500,000 cost each. She said many schools are more than 25 years old and there is wear and tear on equipment throughout.

The goal is that every child eventually will have his/her own computer. She also noted that Chandler is built out and birth rates are down.

She noted several CUSD accomplishments: 91 percent four-year graduation rate (well above state average); 7,900 advance placement exams taken in 2023; 1,100 AP scholars; 208 National Merit finalists in the last five years; 224 athletic state championships in the last five years; \$199 million in scholarships awarded to seniors in 2024; and 22,500 hours of dual-enrollment college credits in 2024.

Lana was reminded that since Rotary is neutral, she could urge us to vote but not how to vote. She thanked us for the opportunity to present information about the bond issue.



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Water Project

Rene Lopez prepares to board a truck containing pallets of water ready to be delivered to Matthew's Crossing Food Bank earlier this month. Ron Stevens has been working with Carolyn Englehart at Fry's to purchase the water and have it delivered to various organizations throughout the East Valley. Carolyn will tell us about her life as a 22-year Navy veteran next week.

It's not too late to donate to the project. Please give a check to Ron made out to the Chandler Horizon Rotary Foundation with Water Project in the lower line and give it to Ron.

SONGS, FINES & SUCH

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with us after spending four nights in the hospital.

Brad Raymond paid \$2 for his and Sandra's 37th anniversary of their first date and for some stuff his brother left him.

Jim Patmos paid a buck reporting on Tim Gibson's recent shoulder surgery that went well and he is doing well although still recuperating. We wish him well, as well.

Lori Pierce paid \$5 for a family vacation at Big Lake.

Soo-San Stevens-Clarke took a step in support of her daughter who lives in Bermuda where they have had horrific storms.

President Chuck Ertl paid \$2 for his daughter turning 18.

And President Chuck won \$15 in the 50-50 drawing.

Thought for the Day

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

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ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR**

MEMBERSHIP

Name of Rotarian (Spouse)	Classification
¶§ Courtney Banach	Engineer - Construction
* ¶§ James Caskey	Mortgage Banker
¶§ Joseph Caskey	Mortgage Broker
* ¶§ Theresa Clemmons (Jeff)	Financial Advisor
Will Coakley (Wendy)	Banking - Underwriting
¶ Azita Dehkordi (Sam)	Honorary Member
§ James DeVary (Analaura)	Caregiving Services
§ Chuck Ertl (Paula)	Banking - Commercial
* ¶§ Larry Gardner (Teddi)	Senior Active
* ¶§ Tim Gibson (Susan)	Landscape Maintenance
§ Ken Gudewich (Mary)	Financial Investments
* ¶§ ‡ Marty Herder (Ann)	Court Reporter
* ¶§ † Jim Hoenig	Editor
¶ Candace Lansberry (Mark)	Clergy - Methodist
* § Terry Locke (Ellen)	Education - Youth Services
Joel Moorhead (Laura)	Repair Services
* ¶§ ‡ Roger Morsch (Mitsi)	Property/Casualty Insurance
Precious Proscovia Namazzi	Child Advocate
* ¶§ Jesus Ortiz (Deirdre)	Senior Active
SanJay Patel	Solar Energy - Residential
* ¶§ † ‡ † † † Jim Patmos (Mary Kay)	Education - Public
¶§ Lori Pierce (Travis)	Printing - Commercial
* § Brad Raymond (Sandra)	Banking - Small Business
¶§ Marques Reischl (Meredith)	Education - Secondary
¶§ Micah Ring	Auto Detailing
¶§ Ron Stevens (Chris)	Stocks & Bonds
¶§ † Soo-San Stevens-Clarke (Jolyon)	Multicultural Education
* ¶§ Kimberly Williams Branch (Eric)	Manufacturing - CPG

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* - Deceased.

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

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KYRENE CORRIDOR	Monday 12:10 p.m.	Olive Garden (Elliot)
SUN LAKES	Tuesday (1 & 3) 7:00 a.m.	Cottonwood Country Club
	Tuesday (2 & 4) 4:30 p.m.	Cottonwood Country Club
CHANDLER	Tuesday 12:00 noon	Serrano's
MESA BASELINE	Tuesday 12:10 p.m.	Mesa Country Club
SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN	Wednesday 12:00 noon	Gold Canyon Resort
MESA	Wednesday 12:10 p.m.	Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa
GILBERT	Thursday 7:00 a.m.	Superstition Springs G.C.
TEMPE RIO SALADO	Thursday 7:00 a.m.	Denny's
MESA WEST	Thursday 12:10 p.m.	Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa
TEMPE DOWNTOWN	Thursday 6:15 p.m.	Macayo's
TEMPE SOUTH	Friday 6:45 a.m.	Friendship Village
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