

# **News Horizons**

# Rotary (\*\*)

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# Good Morning! Welcome to Chandler Horizon Rotary



# **Opening Exercises**

Pledge: Roger Bonngard
Prayer: Tiffany Jones
Songs: Larry Gardner
Sgt.-at-Arms: Brad Raymond

# **Program**

The Treblemakers from Chandler High School will make their annual visit today, bringing us songs of the season to help us get into the holiday spirit.

# Last Week

# **No Visiting Rotarians**

No visiting Rotarians made up with us.

#### **Missing in Action**

Nine members missed our hybrid meeting: Courtney Banach, Theresa Clemmons, Bruce Dransfeldt, Brian Fox, Edyie McCall, Brent Patmos, Bill Ryan, Greg Thornton and Cory Whyte.

## Make-Up

Marques Reischl made up at the Rev'd Up for Autism Project.

#### Songs, Fines & Such

President Terry Locke conducted the meeting, Larry Gardner led us in song and Brad Raymond conducted the fine session.

Brad Raymond paid \$10 for missing the previous week's meeting and for a happy time spent in Sedona with his family during Thanksgiving, noting it was the third year they had done this, but it may the last due to family health conditions.

Roger Bonngard paid \$3 for Nancy, Roger Morsch, Tim and Susan Gibson, Chuy Ortiz and his grandson Jeremiah ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 4. Chuy Ortiz paid \$2 for his grandson Jeremiah helping with the bell ringing and then scoring four goals in his hockey game later in the day.

Tim Gibson paid \$5 for ringing the bell, and for a friend of his who passed a kidney stone. Jim Hoenig paid \$1 in memory of a friend of his from church, Edna Minger, who passed away last week at the age of 106.

Kurt Rohrs paid \$2 for his youngest, a freshman at ASU, getting a job and for the Basha High Interact Club. Larry Gardner paid \$5 for Basha High's football team going undefeated in the regular season.

Marques Reischl paid \$5 for Coach McDonald and all he has done for Basha High. Doug Gardner paid \$5 for Marques Reischl, Coach McDonald and Kurt Rohrs for all the work they do with young people.

Soo-San Stevens-Clarke paid \$3 for Marques Reischl's and Coach Chris McDonald's presentation, for assistance from Roger Morsch, Edyie *Please continue reading on page 2* 

# **Program**

Basha High School football coach Chris McDonald told us about the Bears' recent season in which they went 10-0, the first time Basha has had an undefeated regular season. He was introduced by Basha High principal Marques Reischl.



Marques Reischl (right) thanks Coach Chris McDonald.

Marques told us that when he became athletic director at Basha, the team was coming off four losing seasons and morale was low. He searched out Coach McDonald who had coached previously at Hamilton. He noted Coach MacDonald had "crushed" his first meeting with staff and players. "He had a vision," Marques said.

"It's been quite a journey," Coach McDonald said. When I left Hamilton it seemed like Basha was "right there. I'm not sure what happened while I was away, but we had work to do."

Basha had only about 100 kids coming out for three levels of football. With Coach McDonald's efforts and those of other staff, they now have 150-160 players on their roster.

Coach McDonald praised the other top level schools in the Chandler Unified School District, Hamilton and Chandler. "We are the only school district in the country that has three schools ranked in the top 100," he said. "The players are representing not only the school, but also the district."

Basha was a young team with only 20 seniors on the roster, and only four or five of them played regularly. Among the younger players, their quarterback was only a sophomore. The Bears started slowly but came on as the season progressed to win the region and qualify for the playoffs.

"The kids care more and the coaches care more," Coach McDonald said. "It's all about love. You create a culture and respect for other kids." He told us how they award helmet stickers *Please continue reading on page 2* 

#### **Next Week**

We will not meet the next two weeks so we can spend more time with our families during the holidays.

# Next Meeting • January 5 Opening Exercises

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

# **Program**

Jim Patmos will introduce representatives of the Lucid Motor Car Company, who have started building all-electric cars in their new facility in Casa Grande.



Soo-San Stevens-Clarke (center) thanks Mary Kay and Jim Patmos for hosting the annual Holiday Party.

#### **Holiday Party**

The CHRC annual Holiday Party was renewed last Friday evening at High Tide Seafood Bar & Grill in Gilbert. Twenty-five members, spouses and guests were present for an evening of good food, conversation and friendship.

Special thanks to Jim and Mary Patmos for hosting the event. Special guests included PDG Lucinda General and her husband, Wayne, along with Roger Morsch's sister Theresa who was visiting.

Nancy Bonngard read a Christmas story about the Wright family. Each member held the gift he/she brought and when the word "right" was heard, everyone passed a gift to the right (conversely when the word left was heard.) Curiously, the rubber chicken did not make an appearance.

We missed the event last year because of COVID, but this year's get-together more than made up for it.



## **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

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- 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?

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#### **Board Meeting**

The Chandler Horizon Rotary Club Board of Directors held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

The board recognized Soo-San Stevens-Clarke for her excellent work as Club Secretary.

A committee was appointed to study club by-laws to include a new section on attendance requirements for club meetings.

The board approved several projects to pass along to the Foundation board for consideration and action: 1) a \$200 donation to the Treblemakers; 2) a \$200 addition to the \$1,000 earmarked for RYLA (\$400 each for three students from Basha High); 3) a \$500 donation to the Chandler Care Center; and 4) \$2,500 maximum amount to pursue global grants at the Mexico-USA Friendship Conference Exchange February 3-6 in Tucson.

## **COACH McDONALD**

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to members of the scout team each week, trying to boost morale.

He noted that kids who are involved in extra-curricular activities tend to have a higher GPA than those who are not. Plus they don't want to let down their peer groups.

He talked about the recruitment process that goes on among schools trying to "steal" players from other schools. "We have to recruit our own kids to stay," he said.

Coach McDonald noted that Rotary is a new experience for him. "I have seen the Rotary logo and signs about Rotary, but didn't know what Rotary really was. After this morning I have a better idea and I congratulate you on your service to the community. If there is any way we can help, let us know."



#### First Tee Program

President Terry Locke (left) presented a \$1,000 check to Nick Lacy of San Marcos for the First Tee program last week. Part of the donation came from funds raised at our annual No More Chili-Dippin Cookoff held at San Marcos October 29.

Nick is the tireless leader of the First Tee program at San Marcos. The First Tee program not only teaches youngsters how to play golf, but also teaches them how to become better citizens and future leaders of our country.

# SONGS, FINES & SUCH

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McCall, Tiffany and Emmett Jones, Teddi and Larry Gardner with the I-HELP project. Tiffany Jones paid \$2 for her "double bean crisis" at home that included an exploding crock pot among other issues.

Although exempt, Roger Morsch thanked Coach McDonald for his presentation, for Soo and Tiffany and the I-HELP project, and for a visit to AZCEND to view the results of the work CHRC members did there this past spring. And Roger won the 50-50 drawing once again, this time in the amount of \$24.



#### I-HELP Project

Edyie McCall plus (left to right in photo) Roger Morsch, Emmett Jones, Soo-San Stevens-Clarke, Tiffany Jones, Teddi and Larry Gardner worked on the I-HELP project December 7.

Brats and fixings, baked beans, onions and peppers, potato salad, fruit salad, and brownie bites were served for the hot meal. Thanks to all of those who participated. Let Soo know if you can help with the next serving January 4.

#### **Ring Them Bells**

Two weekends of ringing the bells for the Salvation Army have been completed with one more Saturday (12/18) to go. Soo-San Stevens Clarke (left in photo) plus Tiffany Jones and her granddaughter Charli were among those who rang the bells last Saturday at the Fry's at Ray and Dobson. There may be an opening this Saturday. Check with Roger Bonngard.

# Thought for the Day

Christmas is tenderness for the past, courage for the present and hope for the future. *Agnes M. Pahro* 



# **MEMBERSHIP**

		Name of Rotarian (Spouse)	Classification
	§	Courtney Banach	Engineer - Construction
•*	¶§# <b>�</b> �	Roger Bonngard (Nancy)	Printing
*	¶§	James Caskey	Mortgage Banker
*	¶§	Theresa Clemmons (Jeff)	Financial Advisor
*	¶§ *	Bruce Dransfeldt (Jean)	Tax Preparation Volunteer
	¶	Azita Dehkordi (Sam)	Honorary Member
		Brian Fox	Political Consultant
	¶§ <b>◆</b>	Doug Gardner (Sharlene)	Construction Management
*	¶§	Larry Gardner (Teddi)	Senior Active
*	¶§	Tim Gibson (Susan)	Landscape Maintenance
*	¶§ ‡	Marty Herder (Ann)	Court Reporter
*	¶§ *	Jim Hoenig	Editor
*	¶§	Tiffany Jones (Emmett)	Construction Accountant
	§	Terry Locke (Ellen)	Education – Youth Services
	§	Edyie McCall (Greg Weiner) Eco	nomic Development Manager
*	¶§ ‡	Roger Morsch (Mitsi)	. Property/Casualty Insurance
•*	¶§	Jesus Ortiz (Deirdre)	Senior Active
*	¶§ <b>◆❖</b> ❖	Brent Patmos (Trudy)	Business Consulting
*	¶§ <b>◆❖</b> � *	Jim Patmos (Mary Kay)	Education – Public
	§	Brad Raymond (Sandra)	Banking – Small Business
		Marques Reischl (Meredith)	Education - Secondary
*	$\P\S$	Kurt Rohrs	Financial Planning
•*	¶§	Bill Ryan	Real Estate – Broker
	$\P\S$	Ron Stevens (Chris)	Stocks & Bonds
	¶§ <b>◆</b>	Soo-San Stevens-Clarke (Jolyon)	Multicultural Education
*	¶§	Greg Thornton (Rachael)	Financial Advisor
	§	Cory Whyte (Lisa)	Real Estate – Residential