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Weekly Program

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[George Hanson and Friends - Tucson Symphony](#)
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 Car Show Prep

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Upcoming Events



District Governor Michael Drake Makes Official Club Visit!

Posted by Charlotte Harris on Aug 22, 2011

Three years ago, Michael Drake was selected to serve as our District 5500 Governor for 2011-2012. Since that time he has been preparing for his year through various trainings, conferences, seminars and meeting with Rotarians throughout our district. On Wednesday, August 24th, he will share with us his personal favorite aspect of Rotary which is the value Rotary is as an international organization. That aspect reflects in many activities this year, including the October 28-30 District Conference theme "Celebrate the Internationality of Rotary." (You may recall that it will be held at the Doubletree Inn and is being chaired by our own Bob Ernstein.) Michael will also share how he has benefited, so much, from his 28 years of Rotary membership: friendships, international travel, business networking, opportunities for service, and personal development.

A charter member of the Rotary Club of Tucson Sunset in 1983, Michael served as president of his club in 1992-1993 as well as in many Rotary district leadership positions since that time. He was also a member of the all Rotarian Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to the Russian Far East in 1998 and was Team Leader for the GSE team to Japan in 2007.

A graduate of Stanford University and the University of Arizona College of Law, he is the past-president of the Pima County Bar Association. He currently practices personal injury law and civil litigation in Tucson.

You will enjoy hearing DG Michael and he looks forward to visiting with you, the Tucson Club members, as well.



Mystery Editor August 17

Posted by Ed Mystery on Aug 22, 2011

President JONI CONDIT welcomed everyone and JACK PARRIS gave the invocation. MAGGIE KOSINSKI led pledge and song, accompanied by GARY GETHMANN.

Guests were recognized by CLIFF BOWMAN and we said Happy Birthday to SID HIRSH, who proved to us that life begins at 80! Congrats to Sid and his lovely wife, Marcia, who celebrate their 59th anniversary this week. We send birthday greetings and best wishes to GEORGE HAWKE, who turned 92.

LARRY ADAMSON introduced our newest member, super woman CARMEN BERMUDEZ who, in addition to growing up in Costa Rica, moving to the US and starting several successful businesses, has been a professional bullfighter and competed in the Escape from Alcatraz race, for which she trained by taking ice baths!

CHARLOTTE HARRIS honored our newest Paul Harris Fellows: DAVE DIAMOND, BOB PLACZEK, IMAN HAKIM, CRISSY PERHAM, and Charlotte's son Christopher Harris. Congratulations to all.

Home Hospitality Filling Up Fast....Aug 27 - Sep 4
Various HOSTS' Venues
Aug 27, 2011 - Sep 04, 2011

STAR Training
Rincon Market
Sep 15, 2011 at 5:30 PM

Hike September 24
Sep 24, 2011

Tucson Classics Car Show
the lawn of St. Gregory's Preparatory School
Oct 22, 2011

District 5500 Conference
Doubletree Hotel
Oct 28, 2011 - Oct 30, 2011

STAR Training
Rincon Market
Nov 17, 2011 at 5:30 PM

El Tour De Tucson - Mike Harris Memorial Ride
Nov 19, 2011

San Carlos trip
San Carlos
Dec 02, 2011 - Dec 05, 2011

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Dec 10, 2011

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BOB SHAFF updated us on the status of car show ticket sales (our best week yet!), gave us the great news that a mail-out feature has been added to the website for folks who buy tickets on line and want them sent via USPS and introduced ticket seller par excellence, Anita Dire, a truly powerful woman (and further proof of the Good Life after 80!) MATT BLAIR caught a Marlin and invited us to participate in the fishing tournament which raises money to support our San Carlos project, and ALAN SCHROPE wants us to sign up for this year's trip, December 2, 3 and 4.

The Friday night car show Bar-B-Q dinner was described by PAT LENNAN, GARY SCHEER solicited Goodie Bag contributions and LEE AITKEN requested donations for the Silent Auction. DARRELL STEWART reminded us to sign up for Home Hospitality.

President Joni told us that our Board has decided to waive the \$300 initiation fee for former members who have left our club within the last four years and rejoin this year.

Executive Director of The Haven, MARGARET HIGGINS presented our speaker, Kiran Easwarachandran, who described and demonstrated Bollywood Dance Fusion. She was then joined on the stage by our own Rotary Hello Bolly dancers: Margaret Higgins, LARRY PETH, STU GOLDMAN, SEAN FURRIER, MAGGIE KOSINSKI, CRISSY PERHAM, NINA TRASOFF, DOT KRET and MIKE SAGARA.

The meeting ended with a toast, 'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...It's about learning to dance in the rain.'



Youth Exchange Student Arrives in Two Weeks

Posted by Thomas Andrews on Aug 22, 2011

In the next 2 weeks Ernst Martin Maron, from Berlingen, Switzerland will be arriving in Tucson to be hosted by our Club. Martin (which he likes to be called) 16 years old, is a drummer and plays the saxophone. He plays in an adult rock band, a jazz band, in a wind band and in a youth orchestra (which he says is the best in

Switzerland). He will attend Tucson High School and live with Vickie and Jake Jacobs. He has follow-on families arranged until next February or March so we are looking for a prospective host family from March to June. We encourage all members to introduce Martin to your family, and to take him on a family outing, movie or for dinner. He loves to travel, but knows very little of the U.S.

Every year, our club hosts an Exchange Student. We also sponsor up to 3 Tucson area high school students, aged 16-18 1/2, to study abroad for a year (and are now recruiting for that program) or for 6 weeks in the summer. Tom Andrews is the District Chair for the one-year program, and Dave Gallagher for the 6-week program. Please contact any of us for information on either seeing Martin or on any of the other Student Exchange Programs. These programs can change a life, and perhaps, change the world.

The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona

TRVFA Grant Recipient to pursue CNA

Posted by Jan Green on Aug 22, 2011

Thank you to all Rotary Club of Tucson members who have contributed on a yearly basis to The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona (TRVFA).

The RCoT is proud to sponsor Eric Wilson for a TRVFA grant of \$3,000 which will enable Eric to pursue his Certified Nursing Assistant Degree from the Arizona Caregiver Training Institute. Eric is a four-year veteran of Gulf War I, lives independently and is financially responsible for his 2 sons. Eric will complete his required courses in early September.

TRVFA has a new and impressive website, www.trvfa.org, for your perusal.

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RCoT to Host Hospitality Room for District Conference

Posted by Joni Condit on Aug 22, 2011

Board Director Drew Vactor and Club Secretary Virginia Leavitt have been working on setting up a hospitality suite that our Club will host for the upcoming District 5500 Conference October 28-30. Since our Club is the host this is a customary practice to provide a casual venue for club members throughout the District to get together and socialize on Saturday evening October 29th. Please sign up for this fun weekend event. It promises to have some great speakers, delicious food, and time to meet and spend time with other Rotarians. Bob Ernstein is in charge of organizing this event and we don't want to let Bob down, so plan to get signed up soon to attend!



The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Aug 22, 2011

Your Board of Directors met this past week and reviewed and voted on a number of important items. The first item of business was to review a proposal from Past President Roger Harwell who suggested that we consider waiving the \$300 initiation fee for any past member of our Club who left in the past four years. We have unfortunately lost a number of wonderful members because of the economic challenges of recent years. We are hoping that by waiving this fee, that some of our past members will hopefully rejoin us. If you know of former members that you'd like to have return to our Club, please use this limited incentive to encourage them to reengage with RCoT!

Your Board also reviewed our need to enforce our policies on payment of quarterly dues. Any member who is 60 days behind will receive a note requesting payment as well as a call from our Treasurer Patrick Zumbusch. Anyone who has not brought their dues current within 180 days, will be terminated from our Club. Remember, we have to pay \$20 to the Doubletree for all members attending our lunch meetings and we also are required to pay our District and RI dues in advance based on our membership. It is only fair to require that all members pay their dues in a timely manner. If you have a special circumstance and need a brief payment plan to get caught up please call Patrick.

On a good note, last year's final financial report ended better than budget which helped to allow us to keep dues flat for this year. This is due to the good fiscal management of your Past President Marianne and the frugal excellence of our wonderful Executive Director, Mary, and to the oversight and control of your Treasurer, Patrick. The Board voted to have an outside financial review this year to add to the additional controls that we have put in place over the past two years. As you may recall, we have an outside firm who prepares our federal and state payroll taxes, our 990 IRS report, and our bank reconciliations.



August 17 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Aug 22, 2011

Cobb Salad - Grilled Chicken, Bacon, Tomato, Hard Boiled Eggs, Croutons and Shredded Cheddar Tossed with Iceberg Lettuce and Ranch Dressing
Chocolate Chip Cookies Served Family Style Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian option if reserved in advance: Portobella Mushroom Napoleon or Fresh Fruit with Yogurt and Cottage Cheese



Membership and Attendance - August 17, 2011

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Aug 22, 2011

Membership

Active Members	187
Active Members AE	49
Total Active Members	236
Honorary	17

Scholarship Cups

Cash Contributions	\$	142.47
Quarterly with Dues	\$	230.00
Total Scholarship Cups	\$	372.47

Attendance August 24, 2011 Meeting

Active Members	116
Active Members AE	10
Honorary Members	0

Raffle	\$	None
Auction	\$	None

Total Members Present

126

Guests	14
Guests of the Club	2
Visiting Rotarians	1
Total Meeting Attendance	143