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[Mia Hansen - Tucson Meet Yourself 2011](#)

Posted by Bob Shaff on Sep 12, 2011

Mia Hansen was named Executive Director of Tucson Meet Yourself January 2010 and is passionate about carrying on the important mission of this wonderful local non-profit organization. Mia has been an independent director/producer /choreographer for 20 years. As the owner of Mia Hansen Entertainment she has worked on special events for Up with People, Ballet Tucson, Tucson Pima

Arts Council and other arts organizations including the Cultural Exchange Council of Tucson, Up with People International Alumni Association, Ballet Tucson, Sons of Orpheus Male Choir of Tucson, Arizona Balalaika Orchestra, and Danish Immigrant Museum. She is co-founder of the newly formed Festival and Events Association of Tucson and Southern Arizona.

Mia was the assistant Choreographer with the internationally acclaimed group Up with People (1981-1990).

As co-owner of Twilight Productions, a full service entertainment agency from 1990 to 1999, she directed, produced and choreographed hundreds of theme shows and special events for distinguished corporate clients such as Coca Cola, Chrysler, Price Waterhouse, Motorola, MCI, American Airlines and more.

From 1999 to present, she has choreographed and directed for a variety of companies including Ballet Tucson, Tucson Regional Ballet, The Gaslight Theater, University of Arizona Dance, and Tucson Ethnic Dance Ensemble.

Mia holds a B.A. in Dance/Recreation & Park Management (1981) from the University of Oregon. She serves on arts panels, community committees and is dedicated to cultural exchange between people around the world and around the corner. She contributes her expertise and skills to the development of cultural arts in Tucson and Southern Arizona. Mia is a charter member of the newest Rotary club in District 5500 - the Presidio Rotary Club, which is holding their Charter Night and reception September 21st - and you are all invited!



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Posted by Ed Mystery on Sep 12, 2011

Filling in for PRESIDENT JONI CONDIT was PRESIDENT ELECT JIM LUBINSKI. Calling the meeting to order in a rather squinty fashion President Elect Jim kept calling out for help from GARY SCHEER and the need for some glasses.

In his usual witty fashion JACK PARRIS inspired us with a prayer of Bi-Focals.

Our pledge (which he almost forgot) and song was led by DAN GUARE who was still shaken from his trip to the Jersey Shore. He blamed it on the earthquake and hurricane but I heard he was still recovering from a night on the boardwalk with SNOOKI. He was accompanied on the piano by PAST PRESIDENT GARY GETHMANN to the melodious verses of "AMERICA".

The introduction of our guests and visitors was handled by TOM ELLINWOOD who had to fill in for the missing KEN LIGHT. He started off slow but handled his duty with poise and courage.

Upcoming Events

Coach Sean Miller Doubletree Hotel Grand Ballroom Sep 21, 2011 at 12:00 PM
STAR Training Rincon Market Sep 22, 2011 at 5:30 PM
Hike September 24 w/ Lunch at Mike Andersons NE corner E. Tanque Verde & Catalina Hwy Sep 24, 2011 at 7:30 AM
Havasupai Canyon Hike Havasupai Canyon Oct 13, 2011 - Oct 16, 2011
2011 Tucson Meet Yourself Festival Downtown Tucson Oct 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM
Car Show Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction Oct 21, 2011 at 5:30 AM
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
Goodwill Clothes Closet Cleaning Nov 16, 2011
Norma Peale Library Book Drive Nov 16, 2011
STAR Training Rincon Market Nov 17, 2011 at 5:30 PM
EI Tour De Tucson - Mike Harris Memorial Ride Nov 19, 2011
San Carlos project San Carlos, Mexico Dec 02, 2011 at 7:00 AM - Dec 05, 2011 at 6:00 PM
Salvation Army Bell Ringing Dec 10, 2011
Red Cross Blood Drive Doubletree Hotel Dec 14, 2011

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The Birthday Boys were all assembled. Leading the way was ART ALLIS followed by STEVE CHRISTY with an impromptu story of his first trip to Hirsh's Shoes (sounded like a commercial to me) and long winded tale of revisiting his lost youth. After a befuddled crowd jeered, President Elect Lubinski returned to the land of the present and asked for a moment of silence to remember HERB CLARK and AUGGIE BARBER.

Quick updates from TOM ANDREWS on the first hike of the season on September 24th, to be followed by lunch hosted by MIKE and Susan ANDERSON. Next up was DAVE GALLAHER with a quick pitch for the ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE hike October 13-16th at Havasupai Canyon. GINGER LEAVITT started soliciting volunteers for the DISTRICT 5500 CONFERENCE and to mark your calendars for October 28-30 to attend as we are one of the host clubs. PAT LENNAN, SCOTT VAUGHAN, J.B. TOLAND and MARCIA KRUMWIEDE amused us with a quick skit on how to sell car show tickets but the real message was just ASK, ASK, ASK. Last but certainly not least President Elect Jim gave DAVID STERN a few minutes to say Thank you and goodbye after 29 years as a member of our illustrious club. He is off to New Orleans and said to stop by if you're in the area. Good Bye and Good Luck and Thanks for the memories!

President Elect Jim introduced our introducer SUSAN MOORE VAULT who presented our speaker Mike Varney the new president of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Mike's speech gave us a hope of the chamber working with government and business's to make Tucson a more attractive business friendly environment.

President Elect Jim Lubinski ended the meeting with the ceremonial toast.



Members and Guests - Reserve for Coach Sean Miller Today!

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Sep 12, 2011

U of A Athletic Director and Rotary Club of Tucson Honorary Member Greg Byrne will introduce Coach Sean Miller on Wednesday, September 21st.

Are you planning to attend and/or bring a Guest? Make your reservation now by signing up on the website, calling the office or emailing Rotary@TucsonRotary.org. RSVP by this Wednesday, September 14th. Rotary Club of Tucson members' dues cover lunch, yet everyone is asked to make reservations in order to assist in the meal planning. All guests are \$25.00.

Show the Registration Desk your appreciation by arranging in advance! Show Coach Miller your support by wearing Wildcat colors!

Proposed New Member

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Sep 12, 2011

The following application has been submitted for membership to Rotary Club of Tucson:

Proposed Member: Derrick Sinclair

Classification: Real Estate: Appraisers and Assessors

Sponsor: Sonny Solot

If no written objections are received within seven days of publication, the applicant will be accepted into membership.



October 1st Literacy Rally

Posted by Joni Condit on Sep 12, 2011

Rotarians are invited to a literacy rally on Saturday, October 1st, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Jacome Plaza in front of the Joel Valdez Main Library downtown. The rally will celebrate the recent merger of five powerful literacy organizations including our beloved Reading Seed. The five organizations included in the newly created organization are: the Literacy for Life Coalition, Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona, Stories That Soar, and Reading Seed. The hope is that the new, stronger organization will empower people to create a culture of literacy and creative expression throughout our community. Literacy is the foundation upon

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which the success of individuals, our economy, and our community is built. Improving literacy improves all of our lives. Our member, Cliff Bowman, is a board member of the new organization and was a former board member of Reading Seed. He is encouraging all RCoT members to come to celebrate with them as they unveil their new name and logo at the rally! As Cliff says, "our new literacy organization is an innovator and the go-to-resource that supports and connects the agencies and organizations promoting literacy in Southern Arizona". This rally is open to the whole community and will offer the opportunity for neighborhoods, groups, and organizations to participate in the rally by wearing a plain white t-shirt to demonstrate collective unity around literacy; to bring a poster to stating what literacy means to you; to bring a book to the rally to exchange; and to learn more about the five programs and how you can be a part of the new organization.



El Tour de Tucson

Posted by Joni Condit on Sep 12, 2011

We are getting lots of requests and inquiries from around the country from other Rotarians and cyclists who would either like to purchase a jersey or want to sign up to ride in this year's El Tour bike ride. With this ride we will be honoring the late Michael Harris, Assistant Governor Charlotte's husband, who was going to serve as President this year of the Tucson Casas Adobes Club but passed away before he could serve. Michael had led Rotarian's involvement in the El Tour for the past two years on behalf of District 5500. The proceeds will go to Rotary International to help to finish the fight to eradicate polio. Our member Gary Hirsch is leading Rotary's participation at the District level this year and is assisted by PDG Ernie Montagne, District Polio Plus Chair Tom Tilton, and a wonderful committee. If you are interested in riding in the El Tour please sign up now as the cost to do so will go up in November. The application can be downloaded and printed out from the District 5500 web site (www.rotaryd5500.org) or if you don't have access to a computer please contact Gary. If you are interested in ordering the related cycling clothing with the Rotary emblem, please let Gary know right away. You can email Gary at: gary.hirsch@vistage.com or call him on his cell (904-3762).



Why did YOU join the Rotary Club of Tucson?

Posted by Marianne Freitas on Sep 12, 2011

I hope you have not forgotten the answer to the title of this article. If you answered for "fellowship and to make a difference in and give back to my community", you are in the right place!

Now is the time that you can get the most of both fellowship and giving back, and that is by participating in our annual fundraiser, the Tucson Classics Car Show. This is a huge job every year and one that takes the help of EVERY ONE OF YOU! It doesn't matter your physical ability or your age. There are things that EVERYONE can do! This is the one time we ask ALL MEMBERS to help, and is our one and only fundraiser. Even if you are going to be out of town on October 22nd, you can still help BEFORE the show with ticket sales and show preparation (which is in many forms for all of your abilities).

Remember how proud you are every year when we hand over checks to Reading Seed and other charities? This is not one person's accomplishment, but one of your whole club. You should be proud!

So....please start by volunteering to help before, on the day of, and on the day after the show. Remember, we (at the very least) need the help of all members the whole day of the show. We would like to see 100% participation of every member this year! Invite your family members and friends to join you to help at the show. They are all welcome and encouraged. Working the Car Show is also a good opportunity to expose a prospective member to our club and all the fun we have running the show.

Contact Show Chair, JOE PENNINGTON if you would like to get involved right now. Contact DOT KRET to sign up to work the day before, the day of and the day after the show. Last, but not least, **SELL YOUR TICKETS!** If every member sells 90 tickets we will reach our goal of 20,000 tickets sold before the show. It's an easy sell - \$5.00 gives one person entry to the show on October 22nd, plus the chance to win their choice of a 2002 Corvette convertible -or- \$10,000 cash.



The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Sep 12, 2011

I'm back from Durango and am happy to report that my sister Ann's surgery went as



well as could be hoped for given her diagnosis. Mercy Hospital in Durango is only five years old and is a beautiful as well as technically current facility and the medical staff is excellent and caring. I am very hopeful that Ann's cancer is gone forever and hope that her pathology reports this week will bring good news. I appreciate the numerous good wishes and prayers sent by you all on her behalf and have to say that my family of Rotary is an amazing source of encouragement and hope. Thank you all.

For those of you who may not have heard, Joe Pennington's long time assistant, LeeAnna, passed away suddenly this past week. Although she has had many health challenges in recent years, Joe has relied upon her greatly and was not expecting this. With his added Car Show Chairman duties in addition to all that he normally does, her passing will be difficult for him on many levels. Joe, our condolences to you for her loss.

On a happier note, we are slowly but surely getting some new members! Your board just approved Derrick Sinclair to join our Club. He is sponsored by Sonny Solot and will be introduced soon at one of our upcoming meetings. Please keep working on helping us recruit your colleagues, friends, and family members so that we can rebuild our membership back to previous levels!



September 14 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Sep 12, 2011

Chef's Salad - Field Greens Topped with Smoked Turkey, Ham, Swiss and Cheddar Cheeses, Hard Boiled Eggs, Roma Tomatoes, Bacon Bits, Avocado and Croutons, with Assorted Dressings
Warm Rolls and Butter
Chocolate Chip Cookies Served Family Style

Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian option if reserved in advance: Vegetable Wrap or Fresh Fruit with Yogurt and Cottage Cheese

Membership and Attendance - September 7, 2011

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Sep 12, 2011

Membership

Active Members	185
Active Members AE	48
Total Active Members	233
Honorary	17

Scholarship Cups

Cash Contributions	\$ 45.00
Quarterly with Dues	\$ 230.00
Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 275.00

Attendance September 7, 2011 Meeting

Active Members	113
Active Members AE	9
Honorary Members	0

Raffle	\$ 207.00
Auction	\$ 110.00

Total Members Present 122

Guests	4
Guests of the Club	3
Visiting Rotarians	3
Total Meeting Attendance	132