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American Artist and the Allure of the Seas

Posted by David Pashkow on Oct 31, 2011

"I make paintings to transcend daily life and the six o'clock news, to evoke the sublime, to reaffirm the existence of beauty and the critical importance of cherishing the earth. I paint because the act of painting is direct; it is another truth—you make a mark and there it is, just you and this act of creation."

Barbara Rogers has been a faculty member or visiting artist at many major universities in the US and internationally. In 2007, after receiving numerous mentoring and teaching awards, Rogers retired as Professor Emeritus of Painting and Drawing in The School of Art at The University of Arizona. Rogers has exhibited widely, both nationally and internationally, including solo exhibitions at major galleries and museums in San Francisco, Seattle, New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Scottsdale, Germany, South Korea and the United Arab Emirates. Her work is in major public and private collections including The Frick Art Museum, University of Pittsburgh, The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, The Crocker Museum (Sacramento), The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, The Tucson Museum of Art, Arizona State University Museum of Art, The Oakland Museum of Art, and The San Jose Museum of Art.

Barbara's work has been reviewed in such major publications as The New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Oakland Tribune, Seattle Times, Los Angeles Times, Art News, Art Forum and Art in America. She studied with Richard Diebenkorn and Elmer Bischoff at the San Francisco Art Institute. She graduated with a B.Sc. degree in Art Education from Ohio State University; she received the Eisner Prize and her MA in Painting from the University of California at Berkeley.

At Rotary, she will share her experience of creating the murals on the world's largest cruise ship, Allure of the Seas.

District Conference Celebrates Internationality of Rotary!

Posted by Joni Condit on Oct 31, 2011



For those of you who missed it, this past weekend (Friday through Sunday) more than 200 of your fellow Rotarians in District 5500 met to listen to several world class speakers while sharing a lunch on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Jeff Nordensson commented from the podium, the District Conference is like being thirsty and being handed a firehose! We heard

from and met both the Inbound GSE team from the Middle East and the Outbound GSE team members, learned first hand of the varied and impressive accomplishments of our District

Norma Peale Library Book Drive
Nov 16, 2011

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

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

2011 San Carlos Project
San Carlos, Mexico
Dec 02, 2011 at 7:00 AM - Dec 05, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Salvation Army Bellinging-Saturday, December 10th
Dec 10, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Red Cross Blood Drive
Doubletree Hotel
Dec 14, 2011

Holiday Mixer at Vivace's
Dec 21, 2011 at 4:00 PM

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Ambassadorial scholars, and got to meet the vibrant group of high school exchange students. On Friday night we gathered to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the many district club hospitality suites representing different countries and cultures. Some rose early on Sunday to hike around Reid Park led by our member Tom Andrews. Our own **Bob Ernstein was this year's Chair of the District Conference** and as you might imagine it was first class in every way! He and his committee made sure that attendees enjoyed perhaps the best District Conference ever held in the District. Ginger Leavitt, your Club Secretary, helped to coordinate the contract with the Doubletree and to assure that the facilities, meals, and service met all of our needs. **If you haven't attended a District Conference, you are missing a great opportunity to ignite or refuel your passion for what you as a Rotarian can do and the difference we all make together.**

We heard from each of the **six Inbound GSE members and they were an impressive, personable, and educated group from the countries of Bahrain, Lebanon, Egypt, Palestine, and Jordan.** Their team leader, Magued Anis, is also from Egypt, and last year's club President of the Rotary Club of Alexandria. The five team members are all in their twenties and have professions ranging from global marketing, public relations and marketing, delivery planner for Europe and Africa for Exxon Mobil, a landscape designer for the development and reconstruction of Beirut, and a physician from the King Hussein Cancer Center in Amman, Jordan. On Sunday morning, they all showed up in hot pink golf shirts so we couldn't miss them, and they each sat with a different table. They told us that they are having the time of their lives and thanked us all for making them feel so welcome and at home. We all realized that if more people could share this type of GSE experience, the world would be more peaceful.



Our Outbound GSE team, led by Hugh Thompson, is equally impressive and they will be leaving November 10th. They each have engaging personalities and a great desire to make a difference in the world. Angie Casarez put herself through school as a single parent, has a construction background, owned her own commercial cleaning business, and is now working to help other small businesses to obtain credit. Phoebe Milles, who declared herself a salsa dancing Eskimo, works for the Tucson Indian Center as their Wellness Director and wants to study other designs of health services in other countries. Andrea Gardner is the Adjustment Case Manager for a refugee resettlement organization here in Tucson. She is multi-lingual and a former Peace Corp volunteer and ultimately would like to work in the Middle East. Finally, Rome Hamner is an educator and musician. She teaches 8,000 kids a year to do Japanese drumming. She helped to found her performing group, the Odaiko Sonora Group, and also plays the Japanese flute and teaches tyco-team training. We anticipate that they will each have much to share when they return from their trip.



The Inspiration of Matt Jones, Cancer Conqueror

Posted by Joni Condit on Oct 31, 2011

On Saturday morning while many of us were still bumbling around at the Conference trying to wake up and sip our coffee, we were jarred into action by a most remarkable 33 year-old three-time cancer survivor who exudes vitality and love of life. Matt Jones shared with us that while still in college on 9/11/2002 he received a call from his doctor telling him that he had cancer. **Surviving that first, then second, and then third diagnoses of cancer taught him lessons that have been life changing.** Matt shared that one quote from the book "Think and Grow Rich" inspired him in his fight with cancer. The quote **"Every adversity, failure, and setback carries with it a seed of equal or greater benefit."** became his mantra of hope and inspiration. **With every setback, Matt managed to tell himself that this was a seed of greater benefit.**

Matt challenged us to consider **the power of one person's vision to achieve a goal.** He reminded us that Paul Harris, one man, had a vision to create Rotary and it is now a century later, the most powerful humanitarian organization in the world. He suggested that we take **manageable steps and keep moving towards our vision, our dream.** Most importantly, he told us to **check our attitude because it is our single biggest choice in life and can be the single biggest limitation in reaching our dream.** Matt reminded us to have a sense of humor because stuff happens. Use your story, including your setbacks and failures, to give back to others through service. He said that someone else's limited view of you doesn't have to become your vision.

Matt reminded us of the following: **1) that successful people do things that others only think about doing; 2) there is life and death in the power of the tongue and so we**



should be people who give compliments; and 3) our smile is a powerful gift, so use it. This marvelous young man quoted shared a poignant quote that is his personal favorite: **"When asked 'what thing about humanity surprises you the most?' the Dalai Lama answered: 'Man...because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.'"**



Stuart Heal, RI Director from New Zealand Attends Our Conference

Posted by Joni Condit on Oct 31, 2011

Stuart Heal and his wife Adrienne were the official representatives for RI President Kalyan Banerjee at this year's District 5500 Conference. Stuart spoke at Friday's luncheon, again as the keynote speaker at Saturday night's dinner, and made some closing comments at Sunday's breakfast. He acknowledged that he had about 17 seconds to get his audience's attention and he did so with a wonderful wit, sense of humor, and that warm New Zealand accent. **His District 9980 is easy to find in the RI Directory because it is the last one in the book!** Stuart comments that we often forget while attending our own individual clubs that our Rotary surname is the word "International". He told us that **joining Rotary was a life changing decision**. RI has taken him out of his comfort zone and put him in a number of growth opportunities. He also reflected on how it has helped him to appreciate how lucky and privileged he and his family's lives are.

Stuart commented that this is an exciting time to be a Rotarian because there is such a great need in the world for our participation, values, and leadership. He requested on behalf of President Kalyan that we challenge ourselves to become more engaged and committed to Rotary. On Saturday night he talked at length about the **elephants in the room, the long term traditions of Rotary and the generational divide that is preventing the recruitment of younger members**. In our own District, our membership overall has declined about 200 members over the past five years. He suggested that we continue to focus on our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.



Keynote Speaker Cheryl Scott, COO of the Gates Foundation

Posted by Joni Condit on Oct 31, 2011

One of the terrific speakers we had the opportunity to hear at the District Conference was Cheryl Scott, the Chief Operating Officer of the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. She has a very impressive background in global health programs and was previously the CEO of Group Health, an integrated health organization.

Bill and Melinda Gates formed their Foundation in 1999 when they heard that 500,000 children were dying annually from rotavirus. They didn't believe it at first but once they learned this was true, they donated \$126 million to start the Foundation. In 2006 Warren Buffett pledged his Berkshire stock then worth \$31 Billion. This created a corpus that generates an income of \$3.5 to \$4 Billion annually with a goal that by 2025, 90% of the world's children will be immunized against diseases including pneumonia, measles, mumps, encephalitis, and polio. In 2000 Ted Turner asked Bill Gates to support Rotary's polio effort. **Bill's dad, Bill Sr., is a long time Rotarian and in 2007, polio became an explicit strategy for the Gates Foundation. In 2008 the formal partnership with Rotary was created. The Gates Foundation initially pledged a \$10 Million match to spur on and energize the eradication efforts and has just pledged \$40 million in new funding.**

Cheryl talked about **Rotary and the Gates Foundation combined efforts to eradicate polio**. She shared that there has been dramatic progress since 1988 in this regard. At that time about 25 countries were still recording new cases of polio. This year we are down to four remaining countries, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. She thrilled the crowd when she shared that we are about three months away from declaring India free of polio! Much of recent success has come about due to the introduction in 2009 of the bivalent OPV vaccine. However, she reminded everyone that this last 1% will be the hardest 1% to achieve. Although only there were only 440 new cases recorded internationally in 2010, without vigilance and revaccination against the various types of polio, it can return. She shared one of her favorite and most applicable quotes by **Nelson Mandela, "It always seems impossible until it gets done."**



Raffle Ticket Return Policy

Posted by Joni Condit on Oct 31, 2011

The Rotary Club of Tucson Foundation Board of Directors adopted the following policy: All outstanding raffle tickets for the Car Show can be returned and the Rotarian in possession of the tickets will not be billed for the face value of the tickets (as was communicated earlier). However, a

\$25 fee will be assessed for failure to return the tickets on or before October 22, 2011.

All money for tickets sold should be turned in as soon as possible (no charge will be assessed for turning in the money in a timely fashion. Any tickets not returned will be billed to the Rotarian assigned the ticket(s) at \$5.00 per ticket.

The Rotary Club of Tucson, Inc. Board of Directors set a **deadline of November 9, 2011 for the return of all money and/or tickets**. After that date, the Rotarian assigned the tickets will be billed. No one wants to bill you for the tickets. However, the tickets are the same as money and must be properly accounted for.

Joe Pennington, CFP, 2011 Tucson Classics Car Show Chairman



November Birthdays

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Oct 31, 2011

Happy Birthday to Members:

Todd Ackerman, Danielle Bailliere, Greg Byrne, Janis Cotten, Marianne Freitas, John Gimmler, Jason Grabosch, Dan Guare, Dick Guthrie, Margaret Higgins, Jonathan Martin, Jim Mather, Joan McNamara, Tony Penn, Greg Rice, Mike Schmidt, Derrick Sinclair, Sonny Solot, Jesse Thorpe, Bruce

Tunze, and Sue Varney.

Call or email Mary Laughbaum to schedule the date you would like to celebrate at a Rotary meeting in November. Available Wednesday meetings are November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Resignations

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Oct 31, 2011

The following Rotary Club of Tucson members have resigned:

Ed Parker, Rick Rupkey, Mark Hanshaw, Steve Canatsey, and Jim Arnold.



November 2 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Oct 31, 2011

Slow Cooked Beef Round with Mashed Potatoes and Brown Gravy
Green Beans with Onions
Warm Rolls and Butter

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

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Oct 31, 2011

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	185	Cash Contributions	\$ None
Active Members AE	47	Quarterly with Dues	\$230.00
Total Active Members	227	Total Scholarship Cups	\$230.00
Honorary	17		
		Raffle	\$ None
		Auction	\$ None

