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Upcoming Events

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N.E. Corner, Sabino Canyon & Tanque Verde

Nov 26, 2011 at 8:30 AM - Nov 26,



Football in Italy - Playing for Pizza

Posted by Robert Logan on Nov 21, 2011

A few years ago, noted writer John Grisham wrote a wonderful book called "Playing for Pizza". The book was a fictional work, and it told the story of a broken down NFL player having to play one more year in the Italian football league. While the Grisham book is fiction, the true story is there are a number of stories like this being played out every year in Italy. In fact, believe it or not, for the past 25-30 years, there have been hundreds of Italian-American football teams playing our game with passion like no other all over the country of Italy.

While Grisham's book was based in Parma, and the name of the team was the Parma Panthers (a real Italian team), our own Rotarian friend Bob Logan also had his own Playing for Pizza experience as the Head Coach of the Bologna Doves in 1987. Bologna is just north of Florence and only 60 miles from Parma (the home of Parma prosciutto).

Bob Logan had just concluded a successful coaching stint at the University of Arizona under Larry Smith and this opportunity to coach in Italy arose. He and his wife Judy went on this excellent adventure and today he will tell tales of Italian-American football, the culture, the food, the friendships, the cities and the life of living as a football coach in the state of Emilia-Romagna in central Italy!

Mystery Editor November 16

Posted by Ed Mystery on Nov 21, 2011

Our meeting was brought to order by President JONI at 12:00 noon and then we all got down to the business of this remarkable ROTARY CLUB. An appropriate invocation was delivered by PAT ZUMBUSCH, who gave us all much to think about. CRISSY PERHAM led us in the Pledge to our flag and with a stirring presentation of "My Country Tis of Thee." GARY GETHMANN tickled the ivories and as always helped us with our song. KEN LIGHT stepped up and introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians with some clever remarks. Birthday Rotarians had a one minute opportunity to acknowledge their special days. These Rotarians with their comments were MARIANNE FREITAS, MARGARET HIGGINS, JONATHAN MARTIN and SONNY SOLOT. Jonathan stated that he will be leaving Tucson in early 2012; he will be missed. Marianne, next year's Chairperson of our Car Show, is in the early stages of laying the groundwork for the 2012 Car Show. As our Immediate Past President, Marianne continues with her activities on behalf of our Club. Margaret reflected on her deep appreciation as member of our Club. SONNY SOLOT delivered an amusing story about his collection of rent in one of the Barrios of Tucson's downtown. LARRY ADAMSON introduced GUY FERRO as our newest member with an unusual presentation. We all know how Guy spells his name. Welcome to GUY, a Tucson native.



TOM ANDREWS announced that there will be Rotary hike a week from Saturday in Sabino

2011 at 3:30 PM

2011 San Carlos Project

San Carlos, Mexico

Dec 02, 2011 at 7:00 AM - Dec 05, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Salvation Army Bellingring-Saturday, December 10th

Dec 10, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Red Cross Blood Drive

Doubletree Hotel

Dec 14, 2011

Holiday Mixer

Windmill Suites Inn

Dec 21, 2011 at 5:00 PM

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Canyon. We were reminded that the San Carlos project needs additional participants who always add a new dimension to Christmas for the children of San Carlos. Pie throwers BOB LOGAN, DARRELL STEWART and ALAN ROGERS were responsible for raising more than \$600. Their looks were much improved with delicious pies on their faces.

JIM LUBINSKI introduced the program by "Eegee's." Robert Jensen and Dominick Scala of "Eegee's" presented an interesting program regarding the history and plans for the future of this Tucson restaurant. There are 23 locations with 625 employees in this Tucson business that began in 1971 at Speedway near Craycroft Road. "Eegee's" community involvement is so wonderful. We existed the meeting with an "Eegee," compliments of our speakers.

President Joni helped Toast to our Veterans before we adjourned.

Rotary Impacts This Year's EL Tour

Posted by Joni Condit on Nov 21, 2011

Saturday was a beautiful day in Tucson and more than 9,000 cyclists rode in this year's El Tour de Tucson ride. Rotary members played an important role in this year's El Tour, riding in either the 111 mile, 85 mile, 60 mile, or 42 mile races this past Saturday to raise more than \$90,000 towards the End Polio crusade. For Rotarians, this ride was completed in honor of Rotarian Michael Harris, the beloved husband of our Assistant Governor and Past President Charlotte who passed away in March of this year. Charlotte and her family all took an active role in the race this year, either riding (Cliff and Nicholas Bowman and Chris and Tim Harris) or working the Aid station (daughter, Kathleen Bowman, and Charlotte). A number of Rotarians volunteered to work at the Tangerine Road near I-10 El Tour Aid station, holding bicycles, filling water bottles, and handing out snacks to riders who still had 28 miles to ride. Our Middle East GSE team members also participated in the El Tour. Members Ali and Sophia each rode in the race while the other members worked the Aid Station.



ROTARY RELAY TEAM RUNS TUCSON MARATHON

Posted by Jon Wang on Nov 21, 2011

Walk or job or run - if you can do 6 miles, you are invited to be a proud member of **The Best Rotary Relay Team in Tucson!**

Be a part of a 25-year tradition. Team Captain Sid Hirsch is retiring, so don't disappoint him! We need to register NOW!

Sunday, December 11th is the re-enactment of the run of Pheidippides carrying news of victory from Marathon to Athens 2501 years ago!

Contact **Jon Wang (interim Captain)** at **520-360-1050** or email specialopsdoc@comcast.net and.....Just Do It - TODAY!



RCot Holiday Party!

Posted by Virginia Leavitt on Nov 21, 2011

Our regular meeting on December 21st will be replaced with an **evening holiday party** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Windmill Suites next to Vivace's in St. Phillip's Plaza at 4250 N. Campbell Avenue, the same place we held our holiday party last year. This will be a great time to just relax and socialize with your fellow Rotarians! Dinner will be catered by Vivace's again this year, consisting of heavy appetizers and a no-host cash bar. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.

There is no charge to members, and only \$20 per guest. We will get it set up on our website and signups will be available starting this week at Wednesday's meeting. RSVP's will be needed by Friday, December 16th by a 5 p.m. cutoff.

When: Wednesday, December 21st, 5 - 7 p.m.



Where: Windmill Suites, 4250 N. Campbell Ave. at St Phillip's Plaza. Please park in the lot south of the hotel.

Cost: No charge to members; \$20 per guest; Cash Bar.



How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Rotarians?

Posted by Joni Condit on Nov 21, 2011

Member Pauline Hechler

Your fellow member Pauline Hechler is the **Chief Development Officer of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona** which serves Pima, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz counties. She and her husband, Gene, moved to Tucson from Phoenix in 2002. Pauline's first job was as the director of development at St. Gregory College Prep. She moved to Phoenix and spent fourteen years in development, first at the Arizona Community Foundation, then Ballet Arizona, and from 1994-2001 at Scottsdale Healthcare Foundation, as the Vice President of Major Gifts.

Pauline is responsible for raising \$8.6 million this year, plus capital and legacy gifts, as well as overseeing communications and marketing. Pauline points out that she is assisted in this goal by nine very capable staff, including **Jack Parris, who is the Food Bank's Public Relations Manager.**

Pauline has been married to Gene Hechler for ten years. Between them, they have five kids and three young grandsons. Pauline and Gene own Silverado Technologies, a computer networking and consulting business, which Gene runs. They enjoy hiking and fishing and have a new (to them) small travel trailer, which they plan to take all over Arizona. Pauline also enjoys yoga, gardening, and is addicted to Facebook. **She has been a member of our club for 6 years and served as Club Secretary during 2009-2011.**

The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Nov 21, 2011

This past weekend had lots of surprises and interesting encounters. My 22 year-old nephew, Jake Merry, signed up at the last minute and placed 106th in the race, just 14 minutes behind the winner and beating the time of the winning female. We were very proud of him. I volunteered to work our El Tour Aid Station at Tangerine near I-10 and had to drive 100 minutes each way just to get there from my far northeast home. It proved to be well worth the effort as I met so many wonderful people, both riders and volunteers at the Aid station. The first person I saw was **Charlotte Harris and her daughter, Kathleen**, busy mixing up jars of cranberry flavored electrolyte powder and water to give the riders who stopped at the Aid station. Twenty or so Rotarians and family members were working the 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift. We each quietly figured out what we could do to help as the riders began to come through in increasingly greater numbers. I missed the front runners by just a bit as learned that this group had a police escort to ensure that they could safely proceed down the street without being impeded by cars.



A second surprise I had upon arriving was that I quickly saw three of the Middle East GSE team members: Magued Anis, the leader and architect-turned-jeweler, Zaid Altheeb, Internal Medicine physician from Jordan, and Heba Abueinaser of Egypt. Two of their team members were riding in El Tour. I had the opportunity to talk with Zaid about their experiences thus far and learned that their team had recently spent time in Sierra Vista and spent three days on a beautiful ranch in Sonoita. They've driven to Yuma to visit clubs there. As he was sharing his experiences, an athletic well-built African American guy in a silver and black jersey rode up in a matching black and silver bike. I offered to hold his bike while he and the woman he was riding with got an Egees and some healthy snacks to eat. When he returned for his bike, I said to the cyclist, "how would you like to have your photo taken with this physician from Jordan? You could become famous when he shares it with his friends in Jordan" The cyclist thought that was pretty funny and said to his riding partner, "Did you hear that, I'd become famous! Ha! Ha!" I thought the reaction was a bit odd, but he obligingly had his photo taken with Zaid and me by our Rotarian photographer. They got on their bicycles and took off. Afterwards, Meg Weesner, GSE Leader and Past President of the Cienega (Vail) Rotary Club here in Tucson, said to me that she'd heard that Barry Bonds, former baseball great, and Bill Walton, famous basketball star, were supposed to be riding in the El Tour. She and I wondered if that could have been

Barry Bonds? We goggled him on her phone and decided "no, probably not." In Sunday morning's Arizona Daily Star, in the special section on the race, there was the photo of Barry Bonds and his cousin. Sure enough, we had our photo taken with Barry Bonds.

Other fun things happened as the day progressed. Jim Wright, Green Valley dentist and former Rotarian, rode up to take a break. I held his bike and then looked up to see a small black furry dog hanging over his shoulder. His dog had on goggles and a small bike helmet made from a red whiffle ball that was cut in half! His dog rides on Jim's shoulder every Saturday morning for 30 miles. During the El Tour, he would be riding for twice that distance! The dog was probably the most popular rider in the Tour! Magued, GSE Team leader, was so taken by the dog that he took a number of photos. When asked, Magued said that he has taken over 4,000 photos so far on their trip!

Best of all, during the day a number of Rotarians came riding up to take a break wearing their End Polio jerseys. Some of them came from great distances to participate in the ride. Rotarians who didn't stop were cheered from the sidelines by all of the volunteers. I talked with Darrell Stewart who rode in the race. On Sunday morning, I tried to go through the six pages of tiny print in the Star to underline every Rotarian I could find. To all who participated in the race, you have the thanks of all of us for riding to end polio and raising significant dollars in the process. Last week, at our meeting, the fun pie skit raised \$650 towards the End Polio Ride. To those who volunteered or donated to sponsor a rider, thanks to all of you as well for helping to close that gap to end a terrible disease. Thank you to all.



November 23 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Nov 21, 2011

Stuffed Turkey Breast with Cranberry Pinenut Yams, Whipped Mashed Potatoes,
Glazed Carrots, Cranberry Sauce
Warm Rolls and Butter
Chocolate Chip Cookies Served Family Style
Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

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

Membership and Attendance - November 16, 2011

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Nov 21, 2011

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	177	Cash Contributions	\$ 94.00
Active Members AE	47	Quarterly with Dues	\$ 230.00
Total Active Members	224	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 324.00
Honorary	17		
Attendance November 16, 2011 Meeting		Raffle	\$ None
Active Members	98	Auction	\$ None
Active Members AE	22		
Honorary Members	0		
Total Members Present	120		
Guests	5		
Guests of the Club	3		
Visiting Rotarians	2		
Total Meeting Attendance	130		