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Posted by Cindy Godwin on Dec 05, 2011

The Catalina Sky Survey (CSS) is part of a NASA-supported program to inventory the largest asteroids that could be a threat to the Earth. With two telescopes in Arizona and one at Siding Spring, Australia, CSS has been operating since late 2004, and is the current discovery leader, finding about 70 percent of all new NEOs in each of the past five years.

Since 2002, Ed Beshore has been the operations manager for the Catalina Sky Survey, a leading NASA-funded program to inventory asteroids and comets that may represent a hazard to the Earth. Since April of 2009, he has been the principal investigator for the Catalina program. His interests include physical characterization of asteroids, scientific software development, robotic telescopes, survey techniques and technologies, large data set management, and high performance processing pipeline development. Before coming to the U of A, Beshore was a senior officer of a technical marketing company in Colorado Springs, and an R&D Project Manager for Hewlett-Packard. He has also worked as a software engineer at the MMT Observatory, the Boeing Company, and on the Pioneer 11 mission to Saturn. Beshore has his own observatory in Colorado. His other interests include travel photography and geology.

[Mystery Editor November 30](#)

Posted by Ed Mystery on Dec 05, 2011

President JONI CONDIT opened the meeting and introduced TED KIRACOFE for the invocation. The pledge and song were led by DON ROLLINGS, accompanied by GARY GETHMANN on the piano.

GERRY HALLOWELL introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Birthday honorees were TODD ACKERMAN, who thanked his sponsor DAN MCEVOY, and mentioned close friend RICHARD SCHWARTZ, and JESSE THORPE, noting his AARP eligibility and thanking JIM SUMWALT for introducing him to Rotary, as well as JIM RONSTADT and mentor CHUCK SAWYER.



TED FORSBERG introduced new member KEITH COBB, the owner of Cobb Realty, who retired from the Air Force after a long and highly decorated career, including the award of a Bronze Star.

GARY HIRSCH reported on Rotary's participation in El Tour de Tucson. With the contribution of \$400 by lunch attendees to purchase an El Tour jersey for PRESIDENT JONI, Rotarians reached the target of raising \$100,000 for Polio Plus and to honor longtime Tucson Rotarian MIKE HARRIS, who passed away earlier this year. A total of \$11,000 was raised by RCOT members who rode in El Tour.

PAT LENNAN and LEE AITKEN reported needing 11 volunteers as backups for Salvation Army bell-ringing on December 10; VIRGINIA LEAVITT gave reminders about the Blood Drive on December 14 and the Holiday Mixer on December 21; Past President

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change to JCC

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Upcoming Events

**Salvation Army Bellringing-
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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JON WANG announced on behalf of the "Cardiology and Orthopedic Committee" that our relay team for the Tucson Marathon is complete and includes JON, KENT LAUGHBAUM, DANIELLE BAILLIERE, and WAYNE PEATE.

Sergeant-at-arms MATT BLAIR suggested a fine for PAULINE HECHLER, whose photo appeared on the cover of the Writ, the publication of the Pima County Bar Association, in connection with a fundraising drive for the Food Bank by Lawyers Against Hunger. CAROLINE EMERINE explained the service of the Food Bank for MATT's benefit, noting that 1 in 4 children in Pima County goes to bed hungry each night. MATT also auctioned a spiffy NACAR jacket donated by CARMEN BERMUDEZ.

DOT KRET introduced our speaker, Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall. Barbara talked about a recent study of Arizona's prison population in order to dispel the "myth" that most of the inmates are non-violent first offenders. Barbara said the study shows that 94% of the prison population are violent or repeat offenders, and less than 6 percent can be characterized as non-violent first offenders. Even the 6 percent are not really first time offenders, because it is only after three arrests and convictions that drug possession offenders are incarcerated.



Many Thanks

Posted by Joni Condit on Dec 06, 2011



Thank you to all of you who donated more than \$450 last week to "purchase" an El Tour racing shirt for me in order to reach our goal of raising \$100,000 for this year's El Tour Ride To End Polio. Thank you especially to Gary Hirsch who helped to organize this wonderful event to honor the late Rotarian Mike Harris and to help in our fight to end polio in the world. Your generosity moved it over the goal that was met by the donations, fundraising, and riding from Rotarians from across the US and at least five other countries. Your contributions will help to further the fight against this most terrible disease that has been eradicated in all but three countries. I will cherish this jersey (and promise to wear it correctly!) and will always recall the generosity and enthusiasm of Rotarians who worked together to do something important. Thank you!



How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Rotarians?

Posted by Joni Condit on Dec 06, 2011

Ann Lancero grew up in a military family and attended college at ASU graduating with an RN. She later earned a masters in nursing. After college she worked as a nurse educator, a director of nurses, and an RN Case Manager working in South Carolina, Texas, Newport Beach, and eventually Phoenix where she met her husband, Lou, who was doing his residency in cardiology at the same hospital where Ann also worked. Ann and Lou moved to Tucson where Ann worked as a Case Manager in the cardiac ICU unit at Carondelet and Lou joined Pima Cardiology. They have two daughters: Marcy who is married and has two children and lives in South Lake Tahoe; and Katya who is in law school at Boston College.

After September 11, 2001, Ann left nursing to become a **realtor, working for Caldwell Banker at 2890 E. Skyline Rd, representing clients all over Tucson.** No doubt she found their own beautiful home in the foothills which some of us were able to appreciate when Ann hosted a recent home hospitaliy for a number of our club members. Ann joined the Rotary Club of Tucson in January of this year. Ann participated in the STAR training, has served as a greeter, and has already been a Mystery Editor. **Her sponsor was Alan Rogers.**





When they aren't working, the **Lanceros love to go sailing. They've sailed in the Carribean, the Adriatic Sea, and the Sea of Cortez**, to name a few. Lou, along with several friends, purchased a 30 foot sailboat last year that they moor in the San Carlos Marina. Lou and Ann, along with their engaging and knowledgeable skipper, Carlos, took **two groups of us sailing in San Carlos Bay this past Sunday**. Quite a memorable first for some of us who had never been sailing.



December Birthdays

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Dec 05, 2011

Happy Birthday to Members:

Char Ernstein, Mike DeVries, Chris Reaney, Bobby Larson, Tom Healy, Jim Davenport, Alan Schrope, Cam Moore, Jack Parris, Clarke Duncan, Chris Monson, Leslie Galloway, Hoot Gibson, Gary Scheer, George Larsen, Dave Lovitte, and Tom McQuillen.

Call or email Mary Laughbaum to schedule the date you would like to celebrate at a Rotary meeting in December. Available Wednesday meetings are December 7 and 14. If neither date suites your schedule, consider celebrating January 4, 11, 18 or 25.

We are offsite at the Windmill Suites Inn for the Holiday Mixer on December 21 and we will be Dark on December 28.



Thank a Tucsoarian Sponsor - Ken Light (Tucson Jewish Community Center)

Posted by Cameron Moore on Dec 02, 2011

Club member KEN LIGHT is President and CEO of the Jewish Community Center. Ken has been a member since September 1991.

The Tucson Jewish Community Center is a not-for-profit social service institution that has been meeting the needs of Tucsonans since 1949. While we are a Jewish institution, we are not a religious organization, seeking instead to meet the needs of both the Jewish and general community with social, cultural, educational, and recreational services.

We begin with 6 week old infants in a childcare/preschool serving approximately 350 children under the age of 5, and continue with after school care, summer camp, services for adults, media arts, and arts and culture. We have a full-day program for young adults with special needs and a fully inclusive special needs component for children in preschool, after school and summer camp programs as well. Completing our array of services is a comprehensive sports and wellness department with over 100 classes/week and an equal number of teams involved in league play for kids and adults. The facilities provide programming in fitness, basketball, tennis, racquetball/squash, and aquatic areas with swim teams, lessons, and a Masters program as well. Rounding out the facilities is a splash park for kids, ball fields, and a newly established sculpture garden. Membership is open to all with scholarships available for those unable to afford the full cost of services. (Over \$550,000 annually is given away in financial assistance).

Membership rates vary by category and range from \$37/mo for a teen to \$61/mo for adult individual to \$103/mo for a Family. These rates are generally all-inclusive with the exception of child care or summer day camp or league/lesson fee.



LOA Members - You are Missed!

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Dec 05, 2011

One Member is currently on Leave of Absence from Rotary Club of Tucson:

Robin Stoddard



The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Dec 06, 2011

I apologize for the late posting of our Tucotarian this week but I didn't want to leave Mary, your outstanding Executive Director, holding the bag on the whole issue. My excuse for lateness is that my husband, Bill, and I had **the wonderful privilege of traveling with 22 other Rotarians and their spouses to San Carlos, Mexico to host a Christmas party and distribute gifts to the school children of San Carlos.** It was our first time to participate in this very fun event but some of our group have been down multiple times. Roger and Jeri Harwell have been down seven times and Gary and Barbara Scheer can tell stories about their trips back to the early days when the late Herb Bloom went on the trip.



Alan and Lisa Schroepe organized this trip for the fourth year in a row. Their careful and thorough planning made for a delightful and easy trip. Unfortunately, Lisa was unable to attend due to illness but Alan chaparoned us with the organization and skill of an expert travel guide. When we arrived at the Doubletree at 6:30 a.m. on Friday morning it was dark, cold, and rainy. We expected the same weather in San Carlos but we were all happy to arrive in the afternoon to clear blue skies. The great weather held for us all weekend. On Friday evening, the San Carlos Rotary Club invited us all to a Rotarian's home for a fun cocktail party and heavy hors'doeuvres. **This Christmas trip is a long standing international collaboration between the San Carlos Rotary and RCoT. Our club collects cash donations and sends them to the San Carlos Club who adds their own donations and purchases a toy or game for each child in the school who are kindergarten to the sixth grade.** Preschool children were each given a toy truck or a stuffed animal. Our members also made packages of beans and rice which we gave to the parents when the party was over.

The children were dressed in holiday outfits and danced for us to Christmas songs. After the entertainment, Rotarians and their spouses from both clubs served all of the school children and their families lunch. Then the children lined up to give each one of the Tucson Rotarians and their spouses a brightly wrapped handmade Christmas gift. I received a beautiful hand-crocheted black beret and scarf from a beaming but shy young boy. **The spirit of Rotary and international friendship was radiating brilliantly in the smiles on all of our faces.**



In addition to the main purpose of our Rotary weekend, our group enjoyed a variety of fun lunches and dinners. We each pay our own way for our roundtrip bus trip, the hotel room at Marinaterra Hotel (which was very nice) and for our meals. Many enjoyed a Saturday sunset cruise on a boat while the rest of us sat next to the marina enjoying the view and a margarita. As we returned home on our tour bus, we watched the movie "Christmas Vacation" with Chevy Chase, laughing and remarking what a wonderful holiday weekend we all had. **Thank you to all who donated to the fund that allows the children in San Carlos to have a Christmas present and party and especially to Alan and Lisa Schroepe who worked so hard to coordinate and organize this effort.**



December 7 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Dec 05, 2011

Meat and Cheesy Lasagna with Garlic Bread
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
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

Resignations

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Dec 05, 2011

The following Rotary Club of Tucson members have resigned:

Derrick Sinclair and Scott Caddow.

Membership and Attendance - November 30, 2011

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Dec 05, 2011

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	177	Cash Contributions	\$ 75.00
Active Members AE	47	Quarterly with Dues	\$ 230.00
Total Active Members	224	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 305.00
Honorary	17		
Attendance November 30, 2011 Meeting		Raffle	\$ None
Active Members	114	Auction	\$ 275.00
Active Members AE	21		
Honorary Members	0		
Total Members Present	135		
Guests	12		
Guests of the Club	3		
Visiting Rotarians	2		
Total Meeting Attendance	152		