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[Dr. Eugene Sander - Excellence During Transition](#)

Posted by Nina Trasoff on Jan 23, 2012

The University of Arizona is in a period of transition as it prepares for the arrival of its 21st president.

The new president will lead an institution that is setting records in enrollment, diversity, research performance and access to alternative degree pathways. In spite of some historic challenges, interest in and access to a UA education is at an all-time high.

UA President Eugene G. Sander will address how the University is moving forward in advancing its mission during a time of transition. Sander also will discuss new heights the UA is reaching in teaching, research, economic development and public service.



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Posted by Ed Mystery on Jan 23, 2012

Our resplendent, charming, and honorable President JONI opened the meeting with her usual style and grace. Are we lucky to have her, or what? KEN LIGHT's humorous prelude-to-invocation was a test of our collective ability to simply assess a situation, remember what actions we've taken, and learn from our mistakes -- something about giraffes and elephants in refrigerators which I did not understand nor do I remember and which I mistakenly did not write down. Past Presidents DON ROLLINGS and GARY GETHMANN lead us in Pledge and Song. Members were reminded to place the usual \$3 into the scholarship cups to support our continuing UA and Pima scholarships, which hopefully resulted in full cups on every table. BRUCE TUNZE added class to the day with his skillful and smooth introduction of guests and visiting Rotarians from as far away as Colorado, Illinois, Virginia, and Minnesota. LARRY PETH made a special introduction of his guest Rotarians (Bill and Sarah Bishop) from the tiny town of Paonia, Colorado, both of whom are past presidents of the Paonia Rotary Club. Bill was handed the mic to say a few words....and he may still be speaking at this writing. GARY GETHMANN took his rightful place at the head table in honor of his birthday and was so recognized, but our wonderfully talented and graceful Executive Director Mary Laughbaum attempted to "fly stealthily under the radar" in hopes that her 50th birthday would go unrecognized. President JONI was not fooled nor was she undeterred in duly recognizing the big day and our Club's deep appreciation for Mary with a mega flower/balloon bouquet provided by IRENE DECKER. TOM ANDREWS announced a planned Rotary hike into (and hopefully back out as well) the Grand Canyon in March to allow members to check this adventure off of their bucket lists, which will include a considerable conditioning regimen for our members to ensure the adventure is not the *last* thing they check off their bucket lists. PAT LENNAN let us know that MONTE CLAUSEN came thru his unexpected major heart surgery very well and is on the mend. Get well soon, MONTE! CHARLOTTE HARRIS and BOB LOGAN awarded Paul Harris Fellows to LEE AITKEN, JOHN GIMMLER, ALAN ROGERS, JACK PARRIS, and Jack's son Chris -- a remarkably accomplished group in whom we are all most proud and appreciative of their generosity. BOB LOGAN gave the club an IOU for \$20 to announce that the UA College of Science and Engineering is offering a series of lectures entitled "Living Beyond 100" which will address the latest research in human longevity -- hopefully it is not too late for some of us to learn some new tricks. CARMEN BERMUDEZ eloquently introduced our speaker, Guadalupe Ramirez, in her beautiful Costa Rican accent. Nogales Port Director Guadalupe (*A Boy Named Sue*) enlightened us on many aspects of Customs and Border Protection and emphasized the delicate balance his people must find between interdicting bad people and bad stuff flowing both ways

Wine Fellowship - Total Wine

Total Wine
Feb 02, 2012 at 5:30 PM

STAR Training

TBD Rincon Market
Feb 16, 2012 at 5:30 AM

Home Hospitality Week! Feb 25 - Mar 3

Feb 25, 2012 - Mar 04, 2012

Blood Drive

Apr 04, 2012

Change of Administration Party

Jun 30, 2012

Tucson Classics Car Show 2012

Oct 13, 2012

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across the border and facilitating the flow of trade from which both countries, and Arizona especially (\$2.6B per year), benefit tremendously. Did you know that 60% of the produce we import from Mexico comes thru the Nogales port -- 2500 trucks per day? Did you know that Guadalupe's team seized \$10,000,000 of the drug money heading from the US into Mexico last year? We owe the fine men and women staffing our key Port of Entry a debt of gratitude as JONI well conveyed in her closing toast.



Welcome New Members

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jan 23, 2012

Please welcome the following members into the Rotary Club of Tucson. They will be introduced to the club at a meeting in the near future.

New Member: Margaret Dawson

Classification: Service Industries: Hotel Management

Sponsor: Schuy Lininger

New Member: John C. Harlow

Classification: Retailing: Landscaping

Sponsor: Bill Harlow

New Member: Jill Madden

Classification: Publishing: Magazines

Sponsor: Leslie Galloway

New Member: Yvonne Ervin

Classification: Education: University Development

Sponsor: Stu Goldman



Area Presidents' Meeting Update

Posted by Joni Condit on Jan 23, 2012

Each month the Rotary club Presidents in the Pima County area all meet along with one or more of the Assistant District Governors for breakfast to share what each Club is doing and to learn about upcoming District-wide events and programs. At the meeting on January 23, we were reminded that on January 28th there is a Rotary Leadership Institute scheduled for January 28 in Casa Grande. **The next one after that is April 27 in Tucson. This is an excellent training program for those who aspire to leadership positions within the club or beyond.** If you are interested, please contact Sharyn Chesser at svchesser@cox.net.

Of note, the Gates challenge to Rotary to raise \$2 million to eradicate polio from the earth was surpassed! At the time of the deadline, \$202.6 MM had been raised. The Gates Foundation donated an additional \$50MM to the cause in recognition of the tremendous effort without any matching challenge requirements. Great progress is being made!

On March 10th, Rotary will be sponsoring a booth at the Festival of Books on the U of A campus mall. If you are interested in spending an hour to help man the booth, please contact Ray Naylor at rwnaylor@comcast.net.

The Rincon Rotary Club is hosting its annual fundraiser, "The Taste of Chocolate" on April 15th. If we help sell tickets to it, we can get the 50% split on it just as we've done with other Rotary clubs on our Car Show. Please let me know if you are interested and I can put you in touch with the right person.



Results of The El Tour/Ride To End Polio!

Posted by Joni Condit on Jan 23, 2012

This past weekend Past District Governor Ernie Montagne provided a summary of our club's accomplishments related to District 5500's Ride to End Polio as part of the El Tour de Tucson this past November 19, 2011. The goals of D5500 included:



- 100 riders
- \$100,000 for polio
- 100% participation

There were a total of 85 riders who raised \$104,000 to end polio. **The Rotary Club of Tucson provided excellent leadership in this endeavor through the efforts of Gary Hirsch. We had a team of fourteen riders who together raised a total of \$13,387 to help end polio and to honor Michael Harris, Rotarian and husband of our Past President, and current Assistant District Governor Charlotte Harris. All told, our club donated over \$24,000 towards the End Polio effort from July 1-Dec 31, 2011 from online donations and by funds raised by riders and non-riders. We had several friends and family members of Rotarians riding as well. Charlotte was instrumental in keeping an accurate tally and forwarding these funds to The Rotary Foundation to ensure that members received proper Paul Harris credit and the club received credit towards its Polio Plus goal.**

Next year's El Tour de Tucson is November 17, 2012 and the District is already planning for our fourth D5500 Ride to End Polio so it is not too early to start training on your bike!



A Little Bit of Club History....

Posted by Joni Condit on Jan 23, 2012

Over the holidays, I received a very nice note from Past District Governor Phil Silvers who was a former member and President of RCoT. Along with his note was a very interesting sheet from February 18th, 1992 regarding the 7th Annual Rotary Club of Tucson Auction, Raffle and Dinner Dance Fundraiser. On it was listed two pages of donors and the items donated to our club's annual fundraiser for that year.

While it made me smile, it also made me aware of the passage of time and to recall many who were members in my first year in Rotary. I thought you might be interested in some of the entries:

Donor/ Items

Jerry Shull- weekend package at Smuggler's Inn; **Earl Upham** - Jewelry items; **Don Laidlaw**, two season tickets to U of A football/50 yardline; **Cedric Dempsey** U of A - 2 sidelines tickets to the USC or UCLA/U of A football game; **Alan Hanshaw**: residential real estate closing review; **Dewey Barich**: handmade silver spoon; **Katie Dusenberry**: Piano moved + \$100 cash; **Jim Officer**: gold cufflinks by Tiffany; **Maurice Speer**: \$100 cash; **Senator Douglas Holsclaw**: Cash; **Ray Manley**: 6 "World Travel" books; **Ace Bushnell**: lapis lazuli necklace; **Ron Janoff**: set of Rotary Sweatshirts for whole family; **Ed Butterbaugh**: painting; and **Billy Joe Varney**: Hand carved and painted quail by Bill Woods (and other items).

These are just a few of the donors and items donated that year to our annual fundraiser. It is interesting to see that while we have lost members and thankfully gained those who have come behind, the generosity of our members has been consistent over the years.

Hopefully, it will inspire each of us to continue to contribute to our annual fundraiser in any way we can and to consider that in twenty years, perhaps someone will remember that we have done so!



Feb 1st - Meeting Location - JCC

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jan 23, 2012

Please note the change in meeting location for Wednesday, February 1st at noon: the Jewish Community Center on River Road will host the Rotary Club of Tucson and our speaker Dr. John Pedicone, TUSD Superintendent.

The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Jan 23, 2012

Your Board met for their monthly board meeting this past Tuesday, January 17th. As always, it was a full agenda! **One of the key items of discussion your Board is focused on is the importance of the engagement and enthusiasm of the members for their club. The Board**



is sensitive to the economic challenges that many of our members have faced over the past several years and how that affects the ability of members to maintain their 50% attendance. One thing that I've noted is that sometimes our members do not take advantage of taking credit for the many Rotary endorsed events that may be substituted for a meeting. I'm not suggesting that we want to discourage meeting attendance but we want you to get credit for all that you do!

Many any of our members are active in club committees or other Rotary activities like bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, a Car Show meeting, working the Car Show, or being a reading mentor. **If you do something related to Rotary within two weeks either side of a missed meeting, you may use this as a make-up. There are make-up forms at the registration table as you walk into our meetings.** (There is a wire basket that holds the forms which you just fill out and leave in the basket). **Alternately, you can always make-up by attending another Rotary club's meeting or by jumping on-line to www.rotaryclubone.org.** You simply need to spend 30 minutes on the website, read several of the make-up programs and complete the form to request this as a substitute meeting. Print the form out and submit to the Rotary eClub One site, which will also email a copy to our [Rotary office](#), and you will have credit for the meeting for which you need a make-up. You can leave the form in the wire basket as well.

Most importantly, your Board appreciates the opportunity to serve our members and hopes that it is working to meet your goals and interests in Rotary. Your President-Elect, Jim Lubinski, is convening a group of fellow Rotarians who are looking at what our club could do differently to improve our meetings. We will be sending out a survey soon. Please help us to better serve you and make Rotary an even better experience by completing the survey. Thank you!



January 25 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jan 23, 2012

Grilled Top Sirloin with Mushroom & Chipotle Sauce, Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced

Tea

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

Membership and Attendance - January 25, 2012

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jan 23, 2012

Membership

Active Members	175
Active Members AE	50
Total Active Members	225
Honorary	17

Scholarship Cups

Cash Contributions	\$	78.00
Quarterly with Dues	\$	230.00
Total Scholarship Cups	\$	308.00

Meeting Attendance January 18, 2012

tive Members	108
Active Members AE	14
Honorary Members	0

Raffle	\$	None
Auction	\$	None

Total Members Present

Total Members Present	122
Guests	6
Guests of the Club	3
Visiting Rotarians	5
Total Meeting Attendance	136