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*Editor Joni Condit*

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## Weekly Program

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[John Pedicone - TUSD](#)  
please note meeting location  
change to JCC

Feb 08, 2012

[Judy Rich](#)  
TMC

Feb 15, 2012

[Lt Gen Rand](#)  
12th Air Force

Feb 22, 2012

[Fletcher McCusker](#)  
Downtown Tucson

Feb 29, 2012

[Replaced with Home Hospitality Week](#)  
No Lunch Meeting this  
Wednesday

Mar 07, 2012

[Hugh Thompson](#)  
Rotary Group Study Exchange

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[Larry Peth](#)  
Tanzania Project

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## Upcoming Events

[Wine Fellowship, California Dreamin at Total Wine](#)  
Total Wine



### Feb 1st - Meeting Location - JCC

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jan 30, 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.**



### TUSD Update - One Year Later - Dr. Pedicone

Posted on Jan 30, 2012

John J. Pedicone is the Superintendent of Tucson Unified School District. Prior to this appointment, he was a Senior Faculty Fellow in the Educational Leadership Program at the University Of Arizona College Of Education, and the Vice-president of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. Dr. Pedicone retired from Flowing Wells School District, where he served as an administrator for 22 years. His administrative leadership in the district included serving as junior high school assistant principal, high school principal (during which time the high school was selected as the #1 school in the State of Arizona A+ program and received the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School award), assistant superintendent and superintendent.

Dr. Pedicone earned a B.A. with honors in English (pre-law) from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota, an M.E.D. with Distinction in Curriculum and Instruction from DePaul University in Chicago, and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Dr. Pedicone has received numerous awards and recognitions including Arizona Superintendent of the Year in 2002 and the Arizona Representative to the AASA National Superintendent of the Year Program in 2003. He received the University Council for Educational Administration Excellence in Educational Leadership Award in 2011, the University of Arizona College of Education Outstanding Faculty Service Outreach Award in 2009, the University of Wisconsin Alumni Achievement Award in 2005, the University of Arizona Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award in 2004, the College of Education Outstanding Achievement Award in 2002, and the University of Arizona Distinguished Service Award in 2001. He was honored by Flowing Wells School District for his dedication to student achievement and the Arts by the Governing Board naming the fine arts center in his honor.

Dr. Pedicone served as a member of several state-level boards including the Arizona State Board of Education, the Arizona State School Readiness Board, and the Governor's Education Advisory Board. He currently serves on the University of Arizona Professional Preparation Board, past co-chair of the Tucson Business/Education Roundtable, Arizona Business Education Coalition Executive Board, Rodel Foundation All A's Executive Board, and is Past-President of the Southern Arizona Susan Komen For the Cure Affiliate, which he continues to

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**Milagrosa-Agua Caliente Loop  
Hike Sat, Feb 4**

Corner Horsehead Rd & Suzenu  
(NE Tucson)  
Feb 04, 2012 09:00 AM - 02:00  
PM

**STAR Training**

TBD Rincon Market  
Feb 16, 2012 05:30 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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He is married to Francine for 35 years and has three sons: John, Michael and James.

### Mystery Editor January 25

Posted by Ed Mystery on Jan 30, 2012



The meeting began with a moving invocation by TONY PENN of the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. GORDON SHAW as usual did not disappoint with his pledge and song,

reminding us of the anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner (even though he stuck to his old standby America the Beautiful and to his "Fellows and Fellas" salutation to the Club; we never tire of that, right?). CLIFF BOWMAN made the introductions and celebrated his birthday. Also celebrating her birthday a bit late (Christmas Eve was the actual day to be exact) was LESLIE GALLOWAY. She invited all Rotary Club members to sit down with her and STEVE CHRISTY for half an hour some time to hear what sounded like some sort of Brady Bunch explanation of the relationships in her family. Representatives of St. Elizabeth's Health Center, grant recipients from our Club, thanked us profusely and then explained that they had spent the money in record time. KANDIE VACTOR was awarded as a well-deserving Honorary Member for her many years of service to the Club. JOE PENNINGTON was also honored for his exceptional contribution to the Car Show. NINA TRASOFF introduced the new President of the University of Arizona, Dr. Eugene Sander. His presentation was a combination of an inspiring vision for the University, worrying facts about the cost of an education and the growing size of student loans, and technical jargon that dazed the audience. Some audience members were stunned to learn that ASU apparently does not "bar code" its students and push them through with a degree, though. PRESIDENT JONI CONDIT continued the tradition of her latter term by running well over the time limit but doing so in a winning way.



### How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Rotarians?

Posted by Joni Condit on Jan 30, 2012

**"BEING WHO WE ARE IS A GIVEN; BECOMING WHO WE ARE IS THE STRUGGLE," RCOT member Jan Green.**

Your member Jan Green has described his avocational activities as a "sad golfer, weak skier, and an unproductive gardener." For those of us who know Jan, this hardly describes what he has done beyond his long and successful career as a urological surgeon. **We would describe him as a dedicated caring Rotarian who has involved himself in a variety of activities since joining our club in July 2006.** Jan has represented our club in helping to promote The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to partner with Rotary clubs to provide assistance to the working poor to obtain education, training, and skill development so that they are prepared to enter, re-enter, or advance in the workplace. Jan and his wife, Wendy, participated in the recent San Carlos trip helping to distribute gifts to needy children there.

Jan is very thankful for his maternal grandmother and his own parents for supporting fourteen years of Adventist education. He attended and graduated from the Adelphian Academy in Holly, Michigan. He then attended La Sierra College in Arlington, California graduating with a BA in 1961. He graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1966, followed by a year long surgical internship at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Upon completing his MD, **he served in Vietnam as a Lieutenant**





**Commander in the US Navy.** After he returned from Vietnam he completed a four-year urological residency in Los Angeles County at the University of Southern California Medical Center.

**As a specialist in urological surgery, Jan had a long and impressive career.** He spent most of it in South Bend, Indiana in private practice and served on three hospitals' medical staff in many leadership roles including as Chief of Surgery at St. Joseph's Medical. Jan has always felt that giving back to his community was important. He served as a past trustee of the South Bend Art Center board, on the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Commission, a trustee of the South Bend Medical Foundation Board, and as a Director of the board of St. Clair Darden Health Systems.

**Jan has written that the spiritual decisions of our ancestors determine who we are. But it is the challenges of our lives that we face, both losses and successes, and the lessons we've learned as the result, that defines who we become. Jan appreciates both the blessings and the lessons he has learned along the way and says that life in Tucson is good!**



#### The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Jan 30, 2012

**It would be interesting to know why our each of our members chose to join our club and why each of us continues as a member of the greatest Rotary club in the universe!** Did you join because you wanted to be able to be involved in international charitable project like eradicating polio in the world? Or did you join because you wanted to become involved in our local community charities efforts? Or perhaps you knew that our members are a wonderfully congenial group or you joined so that you could enjoy the fellowship of our club and have the opportunity to hear a diverse and high level guest speakers every week? Perhaps you are committed to furthering the education of children in our community through our Reading Seed program, our college scholarships, or our Rotary exchange programs. **No doubt our Members join for all of these reasons!**

**Over the 91 years since our club was created, our members have shaped the direction and involvement of RCoT in our community and beyond.** In 2000 our club was challenged to bring forward a millenium project. Members proposed a variety of projects and our club voted and settled on moving forward on the Reading Seed program, a fledgling program that needed leadership and financial support. Reading Seed grew to more than 1,000 volunteers helping children throughout Pima County to read. In 2011, the Reading Seed Board voted, under the leadership of board chair and RCoT past president Jim Murphy, to merge with four other literacy organizations in Pima County to create a new organization called "Literacy Connects." Each of the literacy programs has retains its own identify and our club continues to provide annual support to Reading Seed through half of the proceeds from our annual Tucson Classics Car Show. We will find some time soon for Elizabeth Campbell, of Reading Seed, to update us soon at a club meeting.

**Our annual Car Show has developed into a recognized signature community event that requires a lot of work starting with ticket sales, lining up car show entrants, organization and effort requiring virtually every club member, many of their family members, and numerous volunteers.** The proceeds of our Car Show is split between Reading Seed and community charities screened by our Communities Charities Committee and voted on by our members. Last week two representatives from St. Elizabeth's Dental Clinic program, one of last year's Car Show recipients, reported at our meeting how many people were served as the result of our gift. **Our members should each feel good about helping children learn to read at grade level before they enter the fourth grade. You should feel good about helping children get health-saving dental work that their families couldn't afford otherwise. You should feel proud that your efforts have helped seniors have programs that make them feel cared for in their final years.** In the next few months you will hear about several of our international projects and you will have the chance to hear from our member and past President Hugh Thompson and our outbound GSE team about their trip to the Middle East.

**There is no other single organization, in my opinion, that does so much to build better relationships throughout the world. I hope you feel as proud as I do about being a member or Rotary and, in particular, being a member of the Rotary Club of Tucson!**



#### February 1 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jan 30, 2012

**Provided by L'Chaim Catering ~~ Rosemary Roasted Chicken served with Field Green Salad with tri-colored bells and cucumbers, basil dressing and orange vinaigrette, Orzo, Carrots simmered with**



*honey and cinnamon, rolls and butter, desert served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea*

#### Membership and Attendance - February 1, 2012

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jan 30, 2012

##### Membership

Active Members	178
Active Members AE	50
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>228</b>
Honorary	18

##### Scholarship Cups

Cash Contributions	\$	131.00
Quarterly with Dues	\$	230.00
<b>Total Scholarship Cups</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>331.00</b>

##### Meeting Attendance January 25, 2012

tive Members	118
Active Members AE	27
Honorary Members	0

Raffle	\$	None
Auction	\$	None

##### Total Members Present

<b>Total Members Present</b>	<b>145</b>
Guests	6
Guests of the Club	6
Visiting Rotarians	2
<b>Total Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>159</b>