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Lt Gen Robin Rand, Commander of 12th Air Force/Air Forces Southern

Posted on Feb 13, 2012

Lieutenant General Robin Rand will present the Twelfth Air Force (Air Forces Southern) command brief covering the two distinct mission sets of this unique organization. As a Numbered Air Force Commander, he ensures ten Air Force Wings are trained and equipped for global deployment and employment in support of United States National Objectives. As Commander of the Air Component to United States Southern Command, he focuses on ensuring security, building partnerships and enhancing stability throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. General Rand will close by sharing inspirational stories of Airmen he has had the privilege of leading. In his words, these patriots are "why he serves."



Mystery Editor February 8

Posted by Ed Mystery on Feb 13, 2012

MARCIA KRUMWIEDE led us in invocation. ERNIE MINCHELLA and GARY HIRSCH led us in God Bless America. MATT BLAIR introduced our guests. After a special guest introduction by LARRY PETH, Matt fined him for not RSVP'ing the guest prior to lunch. Birthday greetings this week to ROBERT O'BRIEN and TIM PUNTENNEY.



Matt Blair was back up again to lead announcements. LISA FOGLE promoted home hospitality. JIM RONSTADT thanked several folks for helping with the International Water project. Jim also thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards for his grandson, Larry. STEVE CHRISTY told us about his new job with Fairway Mortgage. Matt Blair and TED KIRACOFFE handed out raffle prizes noting that \$313 was raised today!

"Volunteer" to Attend/Dine at a Home Hospitality

Feb 25, 2012 - Mar 04, 2012

Verona Restaurant Wine Dinner

Mar 01, 2012 - Mar 30, 2012

Festival of Books - Rotary Tent

Mar 10, 2012 - Mar 11, 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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DON SHROPSHIRE introduced our program – Judy Rich, President and CEO, Tucson Medical Center. Judy gave a fantastic presentation on things going on at TMC and in the medical field.

PRESIDENT JONI toasted the century mark of our great state.



Volunteers Still Needed For Love of Reading Week!

Posted by Judith Keagy on Feb 13, 2012

This coming week we still need four volunteers to read to classes at Lineweaver Elementary School, just a few blocks east of the Doubletree Hotel. Volunteers will help students celebrate Love of Reading Week by reading either a favorite book the volunteer brings or the school will pre-select a book for the volunteer to read.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, February 16th, at 9:00 a.m. for about an hour. If you are available, please email or call member Judy Keagy as soon as possible!



RCoT Members Donate to Jordan Water Catchment Systems

Posted by Joni Condit on Feb 13, 2012

Our RCoT club has worked with the Rotary Club of Amman Petra in Jordan in the past to create a very successful Science Lab Project. **Now, another important opportunity has been proposed by the Amman Petra Club to collaborate with our club to provide a number of independent water catchment systems for small rural communities in the Jordan desert.** Water catchment, or otherwise called rainwater harvesting, involves the construction of a system to accumulate and store rainwater for reuse before it reaches the aquifer. It can be used to provide drinking water, water for livestock, and irrigation. It can be a game changer in the lives of people who benefit from these systems and is badly needed in the rural areas of Jordan.

The Amman Petra club has thus far raised \$8,500 from its members, the largest single club contribution from one of our Rotary partners outside the US involving a project with our District 5500. With their District funds and the Rotary Foundation match, they have amassed a total of \$18,750. **We've had wonderful success in working with this club and district in the past and they very much want this project to be completed soon.**

Each water catchment system costs \$4,000. Member Sally Montagne helped to refine the grant application. Past RI Director, Phil Silvers, and Past President Hugh Thompson and their spouses have each donated \$2,000 towards this project. Past President Jim Ronstadt championed the project in our club and helped to get other members to agree to donate to the water catchment systems project. These donations created the opportunity to obtain critically



necessary District Designated Funds of \$10,625 from our own District 5500. (When Rotary members donate to Rotary International's Annual Fund, half of this goes to the World Fund and the other half is credited to the DDF, i.e. the District Designated Fund which are made available to the district to spend three years later. Districts can use their DDF to pay for the Foundation activities they choose to participate in.) Your Rotary Foundation board led by Past President Jon Wang discussed this project recently and enthusiastically endorsed this project.

Many of our members join Rotary because of the opportunity to participate in international projects that build goodwill across the world and will make a difference in the lives of people far less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to our wonderful RCoT members who are helping to make this project a success!



The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Feb 13, 2012

This is an important week for Arizona whose citizens are marking its 100th birthday on Valentines Day. The event was originally scheduled for Lincoln's Birthday on February 12th, 1912 but President Taft was not available to approve the proposed Arizona constitution. **Because of superstitious concerns about the 13th, on February 14th Arizona became the 48th state admitted to the Union, the last of the states in the Continental US to be a star on the American flag.**

Not everyone apparently thought Arizona should become a state. Many did not feel that Arizona had enough going to make it an economic success. President Taft originally vetoed the constitution because he objected to the progressive idea that judges could be recalled. (The recall provision was later restored after Arizona became a state.) The cattle ranchers, a powerful lobby in Arizona, also opposed Arizona becoming a state. In any case, Arizona's drive to become a state was long and complicated. **According to history, there were a total of 39 bills and 12 joint resolutions aimed in part or exclusively at making Arizona a state introduced in the two houses of Congress.** I guess things are so different today! Thankfully, Congress finally came to an agreement on one of these bills and the president approved it!"

Legend has it that Arizona Democrat Henry Ashurst, who was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1912 and served nearly 29 years, supposedly rose in Congress and said, "All that Arizona needs to flourish is good people and water." To which a senator from New England supposedly replied, "You could say the same about hell!" It was a good thing they never said this in front of those of us who live in beautiful Tucson, as we would have had a thing or two to say to him!

This past weekend there were many fun events around Tucson to celebrate our state's centennial. It was a typical gorgeous Tucson weekend and one to appreciate the wonderful state that we live in. **So, Happy 100th Birthday Arizona!**



February 15 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Feb 13, 2012

Seared Chicken ~ with Spinach Cream Sauce, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Warm Rolls and Butter, Doubletree 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 - February 15, 2012

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Feb 13, 2012

Membership

Active Members
bers AE
Total Active Members

Scholarship Cups
Cash Contributions \$ 77.18
Quarterly with Dues \$ 230.00
Total Scholarship Cups \$ 307.18

Meeting Attendance February 8, 2012

tive Members 124
Active Members AE 21
Honorary Members 1

Raffle \$ 313.00
Auction \$ None

Total Members Present 146
Guests 6
Guests of the Club 3
Visiting Rotarians 1
Total Meeting Attendance 156