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Editor Joni Condit

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Upcoming Events

"Volunteer" to Attend/Dine at a Home Hospitality

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Fletcher McCusker, Downtown Revitalization

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Feb 20, 2012

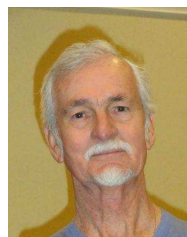
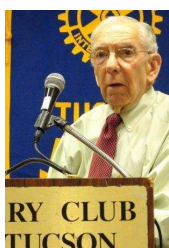
Fletcher McCusker is the CEO of The Providence Service Corporation, an international NASDAQ public company he founded in 1996, now headquartered at the corner of Broadway and Scott. He is also the Chairman of Second Saturday, an organization that has brought tens of thousands of people downtown for a monthly urban street festival and Chairman of the Fox Theatre Foundation.

He is a tireless champion of the revitalization of downtown, and the unofficial pied piper often convincing others to locate or celebrate downtown.

Mystery Editor February 15

Posted by Ed Mystery on Feb 20, 2012

PRESIDENT JONI CONDIT opened the meeting with a special gavel which is more than 100 years old. KEITH COBB gave a very inspiration invocation. SONNY SOLOT and GARY GETHMANN led us in "America."



After lunch, CAM MOORE introduced our guests. RICHARD BRATT was recognized for his 60th birthday (not quite as old as President Joni's gavel...).



MATT BLAIR singled out SUSAN MOORE VAULT for having an article in Inside Tucson Business magazine. CRISSY PERHAM gave a "Happy Jackson" recognizing her son for receiving an appointment to the Air Force Academy. Congratulations!

Matt auctioned a 1999-2000 U of A signed basketball, with a very unique auction technique. The basketball was auctioned off for \$275! Apparently, Matt's special technique worked! The money

Festival of Books - Rotary Tent
Mar 10, 2012 - Mar 11, 2012

STAR Training
Rincon Market
Mar 15, 2012 05:30 PM

Verona Restaurant Wine Dinner
Mar 20, 2012 05:30 PM

Blood Drive
Apr 04, 2012

Change of Administration Party
Jun 30, 2012

Tucson Classics Car Show 2012
Oct 13, 2012

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might have also been for KEVIN WONG's modeling efforts – I'm not really sure...

DARREL STEWART noted that we have a record sign up for home hospitality. JIM LUBINSKI assigned some homework to everyone. He asked that we complete the program survey when it arrives in our email box.

CLIFF BOWMAN introduced our speaker, Lt. Gen. Robin Rand, Commander 12th Air Force / Air Forces Southern. Lt. Gen. Rand gave a very moving and inspiration talk about the wonderful things the Air Force personnel do to protect us.



Gavel With Centennial History Opens Our Rotary Meeting

Posted by Joni Condit on Feb 20, 2012

Instead of our usual large gavel clanging on our Rotary bell to open our meeting last Wednesday, we had a very special "Centennial" gavel that President Joni was able to use to clang the bell to start our meeting. **The gavel belonged to RCoT member Tim Ellinwood's great-grandfather, E.E. Ellinwood, who helped to write Arizona's state constitution.** E.E. Ellinwood later ran for Governor of Arizona, losing to our first Governor of Arizona, George W. P. Hunt. The efforts to make Arizona a state took quite a bit of time as evidenced by the date inscribed on the side of the gavel: September 6, 1906. As we all know, Arizona became a state on February 14, 1912, one hundred years ago. **The rest of the inscription on the gavel reads, "Presented to E. E. Ellinwood, M.J. Cunningham, W.B. Kelley, Committee, Republican and Democratic Territorial Conventions, Bisbee, Arizona, September 6, 1906. It was quite an honor to be able to hold a real piece of Arizona's hundred year history to call our meeting to order!"**

How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Rotarians?

Posted by Joni Condit on Feb 20, 2012

As we join a table each time we come to a RCoT Meeting, we have about fifteen to twenty minutes of uninterrupted time to chat with fellow Rotarians and guests at our table while we break bread over lunch. Hopefully, each of you has the opportunity to sit with different members so that you get to know the rich and diverse group of people who call themselves Rotary Club of Tucson Rotarians. Next week, starting with February 26th through March 4th, various RCoT Rotarians will be hosting small groups of club members and their significant others at their homes during Home Hospitality. We try to do this twice a year so that members have the opportunity to relax and socialize with their fellow members without the structure of the club meeting nor the attention required for a program speaker.

I've been trying to interview different members this year through our Tucsoarian in hopes that our members will get to know one another a bit better than they might in the short time allotted for fellowship. Did you know, for instance that:



Our member **Ellen Wheeler**, is a graduate of the University of Arizona James E. Roger Law school, and is the **Executive Director of the Morris K. and Stewart Udall Foundation**. **This Foundation was established by Congress in 1992 to honor Morris K. Udall's 30 years of services in Congress and was later enhanced to include Stewart L. Udall's public service.** This Foundation is dedicated to educating a new generation of Americans with the intent to preserve and protect their national heritage through scholarships, fellowships, and internships that are focused on the environment and Native American issues. The Udall Foundation is also committed to promoting the principles and practices of environmental conflict resolution. Ellen joined our club in 2006.



Dennis Driscoll is a physical therapist who owns and operates multiple locations of Tucson Physical Therapy, offering a wide range of physical therapy services to individuals who may have been injured on the job at work, who may be recovering from a hip or knee replacement, or who may need therapy to recover from some type of debilitating illness. Dennis joined our club in 1990.

Ben Burnside is an attorney who specializes in elder law and trusts and estates, helping individuals and/or their families address a range of complex legal issues that can occur as individuals age. Ben joined our club in 2004.

Hal and Larry Adamson are brothers and each served as President of our club. Hal was President in 1961-62 and Larry served as President in 1985-86. Hal joined our club in 1955 and Larry joined in 1971 and both continue to be active members today.



The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Feb 20, 2012

I hope that each of you has taken the opportunity to complete the satisfaction survey sent out by email this week by President-Elect Jim Lubinski and a committee who are striving to improve our weekly meetings. This survey will also be available at the meeting in hard copy format if you'd prefer that. We request that you only complete one submission of this survey. Gary Hirsch sent out an earlier email listing all of the programs and speakers that we've hosted since July 2010 to help you rate your favorite and least favorite programs. We'd appreciate your prompt response so that this committee can collate the results and report back to our club members with the results.

One of the special perks about being president of the Rotary Club of Tucson, which is an immense honor all by itself, is that I have the privilege of sharing a brief lunch with each of this year's speakers. This year's speakers have been collectively outstanding due to the hard work of your Program Committee. This year's Program Committee is being led by co-chairs, Ken Light and Jim Lubinski, and is comprised of a dozen or so members who each bring suggested speakers and programs to the Program Committee to consider. One of the requirements of the committee is that someone should have heard the speaker present previously. The committee endeavors to provide timely and varied topics that will be relevant to the majority of members. You do not need to be on the committee to propose a speaker and program topic. You can pass it along to Ken or Jim, to Mary Laughbaum, to me, or any of the members on the committee.



February 22 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Feb 20, 2012

Baked Salmon ~ with Ancho Orange Glaze and Mango Salsa, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Doubletree 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

Membership and Attendance - February 22, 2012

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Feb 20, 2012

Membership

Active Members 179
Active Members Attendance Exempt 49
Total Active Members 228
Honorary Members 18

Scholarship Cups

Cash Contributions \$ 49.00
Quarterly with Dues \$ 230.00
Total Scholarship Cups \$ 379.00

Meeting Attendance February 15, 2012

Active Members 112
Active Members AE 16
Honorary Members 1

Raffle

Auction \$ None
\$ 275.00

Total Members Present

129
Guests 11
Guests of the Club 5
Visiting Rotarians 3
Total Meeting Attendance 148