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GSE Team Members Report on Middle East trip

Posted by Hugh Thompson on Mar 05, 2012



The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Join us this week at Rotary Club of Tucson as the District 5500 Group Study Exchange team gives a brief presentation on their amazing experiences traveling through five of the eleven countries of Rotary District 2450. The team members will share their pre-departure goals and whether their expectations were met by this journey through the Middle East. Rotary Club of Tucson's own member, Hugh Thompson, was the team leader for the exchange. He will give important highlights from this extraordinary Rotary International program.



Mystery Editor February 22

Posted by Ed Mystery on Mar 05, 2012

This was one of those meetings that make you feel lucky to be in "the big club," with the likes of downtown mover and shaker Fletcher McCusker on the program!

But first was a welcome by our charming President JONI CONDIT, who asked PAT ZUMBUSCH to give the invocation. It was preceded by a plethora of appropriate aphorisms, as only Pat can quote them. Handsome GORDON SHAW then led us in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" (Don't you love the word "spangled"?), accompanied by multi-talented CPA, GARY GETHMANN on the piano.

Always dapper KEVIN WONG introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians, and then Birthday Boys DON CLARK and KEN LIGHT, as tradition dictates, thanked their sponsors and mentors and handed over birthday checks for their favorite Rotary causes.

Next up was Man About Town STU GOLDMAN, who introduced new member YVONNE ERVIN. Yvonne is the Director of Development for the UA's Confluentcenter for Creative Inquiry, which "convenes intellectual and artistic talents from humanities, social sciences and the arts to identify, address, and work toward solutions to the grand challenges facing humanity" – quite the lofty and worthwhile goal, and a past executive director of the

Verona Restaurant Wine Dinner

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Mar 25, 2012

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Mar 31, 2012

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Grand Canyon Hike

Mar 21, 2013 - Mar 22, 2013

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Tucson Jazz Society. This writer has a feeling Yvonne would make an awesome Program Chair!

PRESIDENT JONI then introduced Jean Maldonado, George Mairs, Mary Hillmon and Dr. Clarence Conner, who reported on the Club's Pima Council on Aging grant to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.

Stalwart Home Hospitality Chair DARRELL STEWART and wine connoisseur BRUCE TUNZE announced upcoming events each has put together, the latter being a wine tasting on March 20.

PRESIDENT JONI then drew special attention to new (and much respected) member SALLY MONTAGNE, who has been selected Governor Designate for District 5500. The group gave Sally a huge ovation, and was obviously very proud and honored that she has chosen to be part of the Rotary Club of Tucson.

Real estate investor TOM WARNE introduced our guest speaker, Fletcher McCusker, who gave a very interesting and encouraging program on recent developments in downtown Tucson. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and his name is Fletcher!

PRESIDENT JONI led us in a toast, and we adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

**Welcome New Members**

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Mar 05, 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.

Returning Member: Mark Irvin

Classification: Real Estate: Commercial Property

Sponsor: David Lovitt

New Member: Mark Bahti

Classification: Retailing: Indian Arts

Sponsor: Larry Peth

New Member: Lindsay Ganin

Classification: Banking: Retail Relations

Sponsor: Jesse Thorpe

New Member: Stacia Decker

Classification: Retailing: Optical Goods

Sponsors: Gary Scheer and Irene Decker

**March 31 Work Project for Amphi Clothing Bank**

Posted by Gary Hirsch on Mar 05, 2012

It's been awhile since the Car Show and our "helping genes" need some exercise! On March 31st, Dave Gallagher, our President-Elect-Elect, will be working on a project with the Amphi Schools Clothing Bank and is requesting Rotarian volunteers to help.

The Amphi Schools Clothing Bank is supported by the Amphi Foundation and is located just immediately south of the high school on Stone (between Yavapai and Ft. Lowell Rd.) Dave has some history with the clothing bank and has shared that they serve a great need in the community providing clothing for students. The Amphi District provides a rent-free building but provides very little if any monies for repair or upgrading.

The building that houses the Amphi Schools Clothing Bank is badly in need of painting. According to Dave, it looks more like a prison than anything else. Dave rounded up donations of paint and some painting supplies but is looking for Rotarians and their family members to wield brushes and rollers. Unskilled labor - - that sounds like right up our alley!

Once the painting is done, Dave hopes he has a local artist lined up to paint a mural on one side of the building to make it look like a much happier place. **We are looking for 6-10 Rotarians to work, likely the full day. It's spring and the weather should be delightful. Please let Gary**

Our Sponsors



Hirsch, Works Projects Chair, know if you can help us for the day (or most of it) on March 31st. Thanks!



Sally Montagne Selected As Governor Nominee 2014-15

Posted by Joni Condit on Mar 05, 2012

Our member Sally Montagne was recently announced as the selection for the Governor Nominee for the Rotary year 2014-15. Sally is a criminal defense attorney who practiced law in Washington DC for many years and is a graduate of Vassar College and Georgetown Law School. **She has been an Assistant Governor, a Club President, a graduate of the Arizona Tri-District Leadership Academy, and has been a facilitator of the Rotary Leadership Institute, PETs and District Assemblies.** Sally just this past year transferred to RCoT from her Sierra Vista Sunrise Club when she and her husband, Past District Governor, Ernie relocated their primary home to Tucson.

Sally has been very active in recent years in facilitating international service projects and is the District Foundation Grants Committee Chair. Sally and Ernie have traveled extensively on behalf of Rotary and have helped to develop a number of large matching grants for West Africa that include projects for water and other humanitarian aid in over 50 communities in Niger and Togo. **Sally received the Service Above Self Award in 2009, is a Major Donor, a Bequest Society member, multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and a Paul Harris Society member.** It has been a very long time since we've had a District 5500 Governor from our Club and we are most proud that Sally has chosen to become a part of the Rotary Club of Tucson. **Congratulations Sally! We are so proud of you!**



Clubrunner Becomes an Official RI Licensee!

Posted by Joni Condit on Mar 05, 2012

Our Club uses a software for club administration, tracking policies and procedures, for communicating with members, and for publishing our Tucotarian newsletter. **RCoT was one of the early adopters of the software through the leadership of Past President Scott Vaughan.** Additionally, because RCoT is one of the early large clubs to incorporate ClubRunner, our Executive Director, Mary Laughbaum, has become a pioneer in new uses of the software and has a close working relationship with the ClubRunner team to resolve problems. This software also allows board members and committee chairs to research information and to access reports and summaries more readily online without calling Mary or visiting our Rotary office.

ClubRunner is a leading provider of online Rotary software and has just announced that it is an official Rotary International Licensee. It has been working closely with Rotary International to improve productivity and communications for Rotary club and Districts globally over the past two years and this association further cements the partnership between the two entities. Benefits of being an official licensee include more flexibility in incorporating Rotary branding into the software, to further promote the organization and its clubs' public relations.

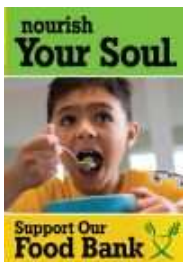
The age of technology is clearly here to stay and more than 95% of our members appear to access the Tucotarian online. We will continue to produce hard copies to mail out to those members who desire it and will have one on the tables for those who may have not had the opportunity to read it prior to a meeting.



How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Rotarians?

Posted by Joni Condit on Mar 05, 2012

Ted Forsberg is the "Rainmaker" and Senior Relationship Manager for Fastpark Tucson Airport Offsite Parking "business class" facility which has a current membership of well over 15,000 Tucson travelers registered. Over the past 4 years Ted has developed business relationships with Raytheon Corporation, the University of Arizona, Ventana Medical, and numerous Tucson companies. With a 35 year career as a senior sales executive and vice president of business development, Ted worked for a variety of companies including AT&T, Siemens, Sony, and Bekins Van Lines. In his spare time Ted and his wife travel extensively with their 5th wheel travel trailer so he doesn't have to fly every week around the country anymore! Ted is originally from Iowa and joined our club in 2011.



The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Mar 05, 2012

Your Board of Directors meets monthly to review financials, vote on membership changes, make or revise policy, and to vote on other key club issues for which the Board is responsible. This past month the Board met for its monthly meeting on February 21st. **A key agenda item this month included a review of and vote on the recommendations of the Community Charity Grants Committee.**

Co-Chairs of that committee, Cindy Godwin and Mike DeVries, were invited guests of the Board meeting so that they could provide first hand explanation of the Community Charity Grants Committee's recommendations.

The Community Charity Grants Committee is responsible for evaluating and recommending where the undesignated proceeds from the annual Car Show should be donated. The Committee reviewed RCoT's long range Strategic Plan focusing on key areas relating to serving children, seniors, and other areas that may be appropriate to serve community needs. The recent recommendation of the Community Charities Grants Committee was to continue our last year's focus but to add a new area that will address the extreme jobs/workforce issues, in particular the military personnel who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who are not prepared for available jobs. The Board had considerable discussion about community needs as well as our ability to consider grant proposals in multiple areas. The Board voted to continue to support children and youth needs through our club's support of Reading Seed, which is now a part of Literacy Connects but to focus the grants proposal process for this year into one single new area.

To this end, the Board voted to have the Community Charity Grants Committee solicit grants from four or five selected organizations that currently provide Work Force Development for Veterans. The Community Charities Committee will review those grant proposals and select 2-3 finalists who will then present to our full RCoT membership. The members will then vote on the finalist to receive the funding allotted from the 2011 Car Show proceeds. The Grants Committee plan to get started on organizing and putting out the request for proposals soon.



March 7 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Mar 05, 2012

Stuffed Turkey Breast ~ Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Traditional Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Butter, Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian option if reserved in advance: Vegetarian Wrap or Fresh Fruit with Yogurt and Cottage Cheese

Membership and Attendance - March 7, 2012

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Mar 05, 2012

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	179	Cash Contributions	\$ 166.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	49	Quarterly with Dues	\$ 230.00
Total Active Members	228	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 396.00
Honorary Members	18		
Meeting Attendance February 22, 2012		Raffle	\$ None
Active Members	113	Auction	\$ None
Active Members AE	17		
Honorary Members	0		
Total Members Present	130		
Guests	10		
Guests of the Club	10		
Visiting Rotarians	22		
Total Meeting Attendance	172		

