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### Harry George - Tucson Economy / Start Ups

Posted by Vickie Jacobs on Jun 18, 2012



Harry George has more than 40 years experience in founding, operating and investing in successful rapid growth technology-related companies. He co-founded Solstice Capital in 1995. Solstice is a venture capital fund investing in early-stage life science, information technology and clean tech companies. Solstice is currently managing its second fund (\$57 Million) and has invested in a total of 44 companies since inception.

Previously, from 1981 to 1989, Mr. George was co-founder, Director, and Vice-President of Finance for Interleaf Inc. During this time, Interleaf, a pioneer in electronic publishing, grew to be a publicly traded company with \$100 million in annual revenue. In January 2000, Interleaf was acquired by Broadvision in a stock merger that valued Interleaf at approximately \$1 billion. Prior to this, Harry was a co-founder, Director and Vice President of Finance of Kurzweil Computer Products, subsequently purchased by Xerox Imaging Systems in 1980.

Harry has been a Director of 26 private and public companies and is currently a Director of Calimmune, High Throughput Genomics (where he serves as Chairman), Lumidigm, Medipacs, Post.Bid.Ship, Rehnu, Syncardia, and Tempronics. He has been active with the Arizona Venture Capital Conference, and its successor, Invest SW, and served on their conference screening panels since 1997. Harry was one of the founders of Tucson's Desert Angels. He is a member of the Arizona Technology Council Board, the BIO5 Advisory Board, and the board of the Rocky Mountain Venture Capital Association, Southern Arizona Leadership Council, and the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee. At the University of Arizona, he serves on the board of Arizona Center for Innovation and was a member of the advisory committee of the MBA program at the Eller School of Business for six years. Harry is Chair of a TREO task force developing an entrepreneurial economic blueprint for Tucson.

From 1992 to 1999, he was a Trustee of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and served as its Treasurer. From 2000-2005, Harry was Co-Chair of the Museum's Treasure of the Desert Capital Campaign. Since 2004, he has been a Trustee of the Tucson Museum of Art and serves as its Treasurer. He received an AB from Bowdoin College.

### Mystery Editor June 13

Posted by Ed Mystery on Jun 18, 2012



President JONI CONDIT called the meeting to order right on time.

PAT ZUMBUSCH gave the invocation. DON ROLLINGS led us in a stirring rendition of "America the Beautiful" accompanied by GARY GETHMANN on the piano. DARRELL STEWART introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians (with help from Arla).

Happy Birthday to PAT ZUMBUSCH; DENNIS DRISCOLL who claimed he hadn't eaten a Doubletree cookie in 14

### Change of Administration Party

Skyline Country Club  
Jun 30, 2012 05:30 PM

### Contract Committee Meeting

Jul 11, 2012 01:30 PM

### Tucson Classics Car Show 2012

Oct 13, 2012

## Board of Directors

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years; GORDON GRAHAM who, despite popular opinion, did not help PAT LENNON get through 3rd grade; and DARRELL STEWART, who showed us the 'Rotary Tea Shirt' given to him by JON WANG.

JIM MURPHY, KATHY KITIGAWA, and DOT KRET came up to honor all of the 2011 Car Show student volunteers. Special thanks to Alpha Phi Omega, Assisteens Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Tucson, the University of Arizona Rotaract Club, and Reading Seed.



Despite the incessant ringing of an anonymous cell phone and the calls for fines, President JONI introduced MIKE DEVRIES to start the grant presentations. LEW RIGGS introduced Janet Marcotte from the YWCA; Joy Tucker and Chef Jon Wirtis from Caridad Community Kitchen Training Program to explain their Worker Retraining Proposals. CARMEN BERMUDEZ introduced Jane Bakos and Cindy Quinn from St. Elizabeth's Health Center, and Debby Adams from PCOA and Richard Barrios from Catholic Social Services to explain the Senior proposals.

All the grant proposals were excellent. Many questions were asked and answered. We were left to make the tough decision of voting on the most worthy grant proposals.

President JONI concluded the meeting with a toast to the all of the volunteers for the 2011 Car Show.

### 100 Wheelchairs Distributed In Nogales!

Posted by Joni Condit on Jun 18, 2012



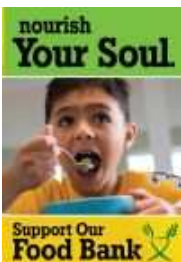
This past weekend, in Nogales, Sonora, 100 people of all ages received "rough rider" wheelchairs through our international collaboration between the Rotary Club of Tucson and the Nogales Sur Rotary Club. Four RCoT members, Bob Logan, Jim Lubinski, Sally Montagne, and Joni were met at the border by a lovely young woman, Viridiana Aguilar, a 28 year-old computer engineer who joined the Nogales Sur club this past year. She escorted us through the border and we soon realized that we were fortunate to have her with us since none of us spoke fluent Spanish and we were bringing in four wheelchairs that were brought to Tucson to show our club what these

chairs were all about. Viri explained that we were Rotarians and the customs official shared that he was a former Rotarian and finally just waved us through.

Viri's husband, Emanuel (a psychiatrist and former Rotarian) met us on the other side of the border with their large SUV and their two beautiful young children. Bob and Emanuel strapped the wheelchairs to the bike rack on the back of the SUV and off we went. The Nogales Sur Club had arranged the wheelchair distribution ceremony at an art gallery and the majority of their club's 20 members were patiently waiting for us to arrive along with wheelchair recipients and their family members. Omar Montiel, the Nogales Sur Club President greeted us enthusiastically with kisses on both cheeks. We made instant friends with all of the club members.

This project has had many bumps and turns over the past three plus years and some of us came to appreciate the differences in culture along the way. Hugh Thompson initially approached President Charlotte with the idea for the grant proposed by a long time U of A pediatrician, Dr. Duke Duncan, who helped us to write the matching grant. Our initial efforts and some grant dollars were focused on developing a wheelchair shop in Nogales where disabled people would be employed to build and fit custom wheelchairs to needy recipients. Our former member, Jeff Abbott, contributed many hours of his time visiting Nogales trying to help to facilitate this project. The shop came to fruition and the disabled staff are assembling and fitting chairs for recipients. This past year, in an effort to meet the needs and serve more people in Nogales who desperately needed these sturdy "rough rider" chairs, the Nogales Sur Club and RCoT sought an additional avenue. In the past few months, before the expiration of the grant, we were able to use the





balance of our grant dollars have 100 wheelchairs build by the Bertha O. Foundation in Mexico.

The Nogales Sur Club donated some funds toward the project as well as helping to coordinate the order to produce the chairs and to screen and select the 100 needy recipients for the chairs. It made the challenges of the past few years all worthwhile to see the faces of those who were expectantly waiting and to get the hugs and thanks as they were helped into their new wheelchairs. The first recipient, a sweet elderly woman, just glowed and repeatedly thanked us as she sat in her chair. Bob Logan, our International Chair for the past two years, remarked, "it was all worth it!" We only regretted that Jeff could not be there to help us celebrate the day and to witness the good that his efforts had generated.

Along the way, we truly did experience the Four Way "Test" trying very hard to find the truth when there were differences between constituents in Nogales. We worked very hard to find a resolution that was fair to all. We certainly experienced the building of friendships with the warm and caring Nogales Sur Club, and most of all, we were touched that our mutual efforts were able to benefit so many people.

#### Proposed New Member

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jun 18, 2012

**The following application has been submitted for membership in Rotary Club of Tucson:**

**Proposed Member:** Judy Clinco

**Classification:** Elderly Service: In Home

**Company:** Catalina In-Home Services

**Sponsor:** Joan McNamara

**If no written objections are received within 7 days of publication, the applicant will be accepted into membership.**



#### The President's Corner

Posted by Joni Condit on Jun 18, 2012

While the season is heating up considerably, my term is chilling out and winding down! I'm taking this column as the opportunity to remind you all of the many tremendous things that our club accomplished together this year. **I want to tell you all how appreciative and grateful I am for your support, trust, and kindnesses this past year. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be asked and trusted to serve as your President.**

**I had many mentors this year to keep me from tripping up too badly but I'd like to especially recognize several who put a lot of time into helping me stay on the straight and narrow!** These include Charlotte Harris, who is an amazing organizer and a wealth of knowledge. She is such an asset to our club and to our District. Scott Vaughan was my counsel through some special challenges and always a cheerleader at all times. Roger Harwell and Jon Wang always gave me encouragement and wise advice. I thank Bill Harlow for his measured counsel, Hugh Thompson for setting such an example and helping through our Nogales project difficulties, and to our past Presidents who all gave me suggestions along the way. I also want to especially thank Don Shropshire for giving me the opportunity to serve in my career and at Rotary.

**I'd also like to recognize our Board of Directors who worked very hard this past year to provide leadership so that we could accomplish so much:** Alan Schrope (Public Relations), Bob Logan (International), Cheryl House (Vocational Services), Drew Vactor (Administrative), Irene Decker (Membership), Marcia Krumwiede (Community Service), Marianne Freitas (Past President), Jim Lubinski (President-Elect), Patrick Zumbusch (Treasurer), Matt Blair (Sergeant at Arms) and Virginia Leavitt (Secretary).

**There were so many special moments in the year but I'd like to recap a few that were especially memorable for me:**

Hugh Thompson told me when I was announced as President-Elect that this would be a year that I'd remember forever and that by the end of the year, I would know everyone in the club. He is right. I have come to know all of you and **consider each of you a special friend.** There are no better friends in the world than a Rotarian friend.

**The programs this year were some of the best we've ever had** and the best thing about them from my vantage point was that I was able to get to know them a bit and talk with each and every one.



**Our meetings were made more fun because Matt Blair** stepped up when Rick Rupkey relocated to Las Vegas. Matt jumped in and is quick-witted, smart, and has a wicked sense of humor. He did a lot of work to help make our meetings fun.

**The 2011 Car Show was our best year to date.** Many thanks to Joe Pennington and our Car Show Team Leaders along with Patrick Zumbusch (who served as Treasurer of both the Car Show and our Club), and to our members who should be very proud to have netted more than \$115,000. This amazing result reflected the collective work of everyone in our club. The proceeds are going to Reading Seed and two member-selected community not-for-profits in the areas of serving seniors and work retraining.

**The leadership and participation from our club in the El Tour to End Polio was impressive.** Together the District raised \$100K in donations towards ending polio and we had 84 Rotarian riders. Gary Hirsch did an amazing job on behalf of the District and deserved much more than a Red Rose recognition for his efforts!

**Getting to work closely with our Executive Director, Mary Laughbaum,** has been a special privilege and an opportunity to recognize and appreciate her talents and skills. Trying to serve as President and work without her would have been very difficult.

**Our club completed three significant International Projects** this year as well as again having excellent participation in more than twenty years of support for our San Carlos annual Christmas project. We finally completed the Nogales Wheelchair project as stated in this Tucsoarian. With Larry Peth's leadership and financial support, in addition to a District Matching Grant, a Tanzania school now has solar lighting allowing the school to be used in the evenings for adult education. The Amman-Petra Jordan Rotary Club requested our club's participation in a water catchment systems project. With Jim Ronstadt's leadership and the generous support of a number of our members, we were able to do more systems than initially proposed in the grant. Additionally, we provided club funds to help purchase furniture for a school in Ghana, using some of my president's funds.

**Our club participated actively in many projects to benefit those in our community** including repainting the Primavera Foundation Men's shelter, painting an Amphi School building, the Norma Peale/Goodwill clothing and book drive, several Red Cross blood drives, \$2,000 donated to the District-wide Dictionary project, and our annual Salvation Army bell ringing. We have Robison volunteers, Reading Seed volunteers, and Build the Future volunteers. We helped with RYLA to develop our future Rotarians and supported our Boy Scouts.

**Our members found time to enjoy one another outside of our regular meetings** when not doing community service. Our Wine Fellowship group is active and fun combining dining and wine-tasting. Our hiking group took a number of fun and beautiful hikes and is planning a Grand Canyon hike next year.

**Last, but not least, the generosity of this club is overwhelming.** Our members donated to many new Paul Harris Fellowships, donated to RI's Annual Fund and to Polio Plus. Our members funded thirteen scholarships at the U of A and Pima (\$24,800). Your Club Foundation was in excellent hands under the leadership of Jon Wang and the hands on participation of its members.

**There are many more highlights from this past year, but too numerous to write in this President's Corner. I thank you all for nearly 22 years of affection and good times in our Club and encourage you each to consider how much you get back by giving of your time and energy. Hugs to you all.**



#### June 20 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jun 18, 2012

*Menu: Hamburger Buffet ~ 1/2 lb Hamburgers with Sesame Seed Buns, Assorted Cheeses and Appropriate Condiments, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea*

*Vegetarian option, if requested in advance: Portobella Mushroom Napoleon ~ Layers of Grilled Portobella Mushrooms with a Roasted Corn Spicy Salsa and Topped with Fresh Herbs ~ Rolled and Baked Layers of Filo Dough with Ricotta Cheese, Grilled Vegetables and Roasted Tomato Basil, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables*

#### Membership and Attendance

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jun 18, 2012

Membership

Scholarship Cups

Active Members	178	Cash Contributions	\$ 20.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	49	Quarterly with Dues	\$ 230.00
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>227</b>	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 250.00
<b>Honorary Members</b>	<b>17</b>		
<b>Meeting Attendance June 13, 2012</b>		<b>Raffle</b>	\$ None
Active Members	103	<b>Auction</b>	\$ None
Active Members AE	13		
Honorary Members	1		
<b>Total Members Present</b>	<b>117</b>		
Guests	<b>12</b>		
Guests of the Club	1		
Visiting Rotarians	2		
<b>Total Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>132</b>		