

# TUCSON ROTARIAN

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### [How Well Do You Know Your New President?!](#)

Posted by Joni Condit on Jul 09, 2012



On July 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Lubinski became the 92<sup>nd</sup> President of the Rotary Club of Tucson and was enthusiastically cheered by 160 people at our June 30 Change of Leadership party held at Skyline Country Club. He joined our club on December 3, 2003 sponsored by Ron Oxman. Jim is the CFO for Intergalactic Inc. known to all of us as "Bookmans."

Jim attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, graduating with a B.S. in Accounting. He worked for major firms as a public accountant and then gained retailing experience working at the then largest shoe retail store in the world, Chernin's, in Chicago. In between accounting and finance jobs, he dabbled in the real estate market while looking for the perfect job, until his wife finally said that it was time to make a decision on real estate or accounting!

**So, he applied for a job online at Bookmans and then quickly decided to take his resume off the internet. But within ten minutes of submitting his resume, Bookmans' owner, Bob Oldfather called and quickly convinced Jim to fly to Tucson for an interview. Jim flew out, was offered the job, and proceeded to purchase a home for his wife and children with Karen having never seen the house! Jim is not your typical CFO, and he is a major source of the creativity and constantly evolving vision of Bookmans.**

After moving to Tucson, Jim quickly integrated into our community and Rotary. His heart and soul are in the Tucson Classics Car Show as he has always had an interest in old cars. Jim has served on a number of RCoT committees and this year, even as President-Elect, co-led the Program Committee with Ken Light. He served as the International Chair during his two year term on our Board of Directors during years 2008-2010. Notably, Jim worked with Duke Burris, MD to help to bring the Nogales Wheelchair project to fruition. The project was finally completed in June of this year, resulting in more than 140 individuals getting new rough rider wheelchairs.

**Jim is married to the lovely and smart Karen Lubinski who has been a freelance creative director for the same Chicago ad agency for twenty-one years, telecommuting since moving to Tucson. They met at a health club and their first date was a tennis game during which Jim told her "Gee, I'm tired." She said that they ended up talking all night and she knew then that they would be married. You probably could tell that they've taken private dance lessons as they danced beautifully at the COL party!**

**Karen and Jim have two children, son, Jeffrey James (they call him "JJ"), and daughter, Nicole. Jim and Karen returned from their recent Rotary International meeting in Thailand to attend JJ's graduation from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Karen says that Jim was so excited to finally get to see the Alamo! JJ recently started his career at the Spectrum Group in Irvine, California. Nicole is attending college at the University of Colorado in Boulder so Jim and Karen are now empty nesters living in a large five-bedroom home! Karen jokingly says that she gave Jim the "worst birthday present" ever, an English setter puppy named "Tango" who regularly chews on Jim's arms!**

Jim has always been a jock, playing football in high school, and league softball and football in college. He cycles regularly as a member of Bookmans' "Re"-cycling team, often riding 30-70 miles in a day. He is planning to ride in this year's El Tour with one of the Rotary riding groups. **Jim has seemingly tireless energy and is efficient, effective, and always forward-thinking. He polled our club members this past year to find out what they liked and disliked about**

President Elect <b>David Gallaher</b>
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Director <b>Drew Vactor</b>
Executive Director <b>Mary Laughbaum</b>

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our meetings and organized our new board to be ready to make some positive changes to enhance our meetings this year. One of his goals is to make the club more attractive to younger members while still appealing and fun for long term members. We are all looking forward to Jim's leadership this year and wish him all the best!



### Welcome New Member

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jul 09, 2012

Please welcome the following member into the Rotary Club of Tucson. He will be introduced to the club at a meeting in the near future.

**New Member:** Gary Stoe

**Classification:** Retailing: Business Solutions

**Company/Organization:** Kachina Business Solutions

**Sponsor:** Phil Gutt

### The Rowdy Club

Posted by Phillip G.(Jerry) Harris on Jul 09, 2012

When I first started in Rotary, a Red Badge guy, one of the things I looked forward to was coming to the meetings and waiting for the weekly eruption from the northwest table. The Rowdy Table. While I certainly have never been considered shy, I never have mustered the courage to ask if I could sit there. My curiosity got the best of me recently and I am still puzzling over the resulting experience. I asked to meet with three members of the Rowdy Club. Maggie Kosinski, Dan Guare, and Charlie Meaker.

The purpose of the meeting was to write a feature article on the Rowdy Club. I knew its members included a prominent dentist, a financial manager, a wine aficionado and several other distinguished Rotarians. We sat at a table at the back of the west banquet room after a meeting. Maggie was serene, as usual. Dan was animated and helpful, and Charlie was quiet and gave me a tough stare. I asked if there was a purpose to the Rowdy Club. A goal or focus.



Maggie said camaraderie was the primary driving force behind the Club. Dan stood up, laughed, and said, "Yeah, that's right, Maggie. Fun and Camaraderie." He then pounded the table. Charlie did not relax his stare. He looked at the three of us and said, emphatically, "We have no purpose." Maggie and Dan looked sheepish and were quiet. I then asked if there were any rules. Maggie and Dan said nothing but looked to Charlie. After an awkward silence, he said, with a gentle snarl, "We got no rules. No rules." I asked if there were any officers or if some one was in charge of orchestrating the weekly eruptions. Once again, silence from Maggie and Dan. From Charlie, furrowed eyebrows and a classic Bill Bellichek stare. "We got no officers." I then began to see the obvious. Charlie is the leader. Perhaps without an official title. But still the leader of this fluid and often volatile group. Charlie told me he did not know when the Rowdy Club and the Rowdy Table came into existence. Charlie joined the Rotary Club of Tucson in 1982 and he thinks the Rowdy Table was going strong then. Before joining our club in 1982, Charlie was a member of the Nogales, Arizona Rotary Club. He and his wife have lived in Tubac since 1976. He was in Equipment Leasing until his first retirement and now he sells real estate because he thinks it is fun. Charlie was born in Auburn, New York. He has a daughter and two grandchildren. I tried to get Charlie to tell me more about himself and he gave me the Bellichek stare again and left the building.

I later interviewed Ginger Leavitt and she promptly ratted Charlie out. She said Charlie bought the kazoos you hear when there is an eruption or musical presentation from the Rowdy Table. Ginger



is in charge of the Blood Drive. She says Charlie is her go to guy. The person who gets things done, refuses any credit for his work, and is very professional in his efforts to support the Blood Drive. Ginger calls Charlie the unofficial Mayor of the Rowdy Club. She says over the years Charlie has been the guiding force behind most of the pranks such as the recent 'Paul Harris' call to President Joni Condit a few weeks ago. Ginger also said that Charlie won the Red Rose award from the Rotary Club of Tucson a few years ago in recognition of his many successful volunteer efforts.

Past President Joni Condit is a fan of the Rowdy Table and of Charlie. She said her favorite two memories of the Rowdy Table were the Paul Harris call and the playing of "Happy Birthday" on several occasions on the kazoos and other noise makers. Joni and Ginger both say Charlie was the force behind the Paul Harris call. A trick he learned from Roger Harwell. Joni says the Rowdy Table adds notes of humor and camaraderie to the meetings and she considers their contributions a key to the success and tradition of our meetings and our club. Joni also agrees that Charlie is the unofficial leader of the Rowdy Club. No rules, No officers, No purpose? How about at least a thirty year tradition of bringing humor and camaraderie to our meetings? Thank you, Charlie, for your stellar efforts in sustaining this unique and vital tradition of the Rotary Club of Tucson.

**New GSE Applications open for Brazil 2013**

Posted on Jul 09, 2012



Our Rotary District 5500 Group Study Exchange committee is seeking applications from Rotarians to lead this year's GSE team on a 30-day visit to District 4540 in Brazil April 28 to May 28, 2013. Applications are also available for young professionals between ages 25 and 40 who would like to participate as a Group Study Exchange team member. The application forms and additional information can be found at: [Rotary International's](#) or [District 5500's](#) website and are due to GSE Chair [Meg Weesner](#) by August 8 and August 29 for GSE Team Leader and Team Members respectively.

**TCCS Ticket Sales Kickoff!**

Posted by Bob Shaff on Jul 09, 2012

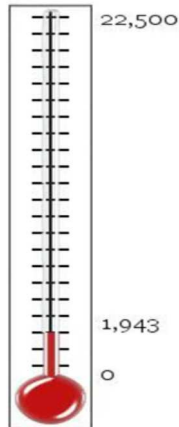
You could feel the competitive spirit in the air when Car Show Ticket Team Captains chose their teams in a sports-styled "draft" held at Skyline Country Club on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments were abundant and Bob Shaff shared information to equip our captains with everything they need to lead our members to a new record of ticket sales.

At our July 18<sup>th</sup> Rotary meeting we will kick off membership ticket sales for the 2012 Car Show. By then you should have been contacted by your Team Captain and received your initial supply of tickets. If you have not been contacted by July 18<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mike Orcutt who is in charge of Membership Ticket Sales

**Club members do not have a ticket sales quota.** We ask EVERY member to sell as many tickets as he/she can, whether that is 10 tickets or 500 tickets.

The 4 best ways to sell tickets are these:

- Sell to your friends, family, and business associates.
- Forward the Club-supplied email to everyone on your email system, asking them to buy tickets online. You and your team will get ticket selling credit for all online purchases if they put your name in the "referred by" box on the order form.
- Participate in the many local events at which our Club will be selling tickets. You and your team will get ticket selling credit for a pro-rata share of tickets sold at the event. We have already sold 1,943 tickets (8% of our goal) at several events over the past two months, including 256 tickets at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Tucson Padres game.
- Ask local non-profits to sell tickets for us. They buy the tickets for \$3, sell them for \$5, and keep the proceeds.



Please treat these tickets like "cash". **Each member must sell, buy, or return all tickets issued to him/her.** Lost or unreturned tickets will be billed to the member if not accounted for by October 10, 2012. Turn in your cash/checks to Lisa Moore each week. Additional tickets are available each



week from Art Allis.

The success of our Car Show depends upon every member selling Car Show tickets. Let's make the 2012 Tucson Classics Car Show "The Best One Yet!!".

### President's Letter

Posted by Jim Lubinski on Jul 09, 2012



Welcome to our Rotary year 2012-2013 themed by International President Sakuji Tanaka as "Peace Through Service." Your Board of Directors, office staff and I look forward to a great year ahead and are honored to serve as your club's leadership team for the coming year. Know that we all take our roles seriously and will do our best to ensure proper stewardship of the club. You should know that the entire team will not act simply as place holders of the offices and positions we hold, but rather as agents for constant improvement.

At the first meeting you will hear about some of our plans for the year ahead. One of our main objectives is to improve your meeting experience and make certain our meetings are relevant, productive and interesting. We will be introducing a number of changes throughout the year and ask for everyone to be patient and open minded. Most of the changes we will try are coming as a result of the membership survey we conducted earlier this year. Some may work, some may not, but as Benjamin Franklin once said, "When you are finished changing, you are finished." I encourage you to offer your comments and constructive criticism to me or anyone on the leadership team.

Rotary International is the world's largest volunteer service organization. Within our club you have over 50 committees, multiple service projects including some that are international in scope and one of the best and most fun fundraisers, "The Tucson Classics Car Show." As with any organization, the more you are involved, the more you get out of it. I encourage all of you to get involved and do not be afraid to say yes when asked to serve. Working together we can truly change our community and the world.

Membership is the lifeblood of our club. Please spread the good word about our club and bring prospective members as guests to our meetings and service projects. You are the best ambassadors for Rotary and The Rotary Club of Tucson, truly the finest Rotary Club on the planet!



### July 11 Menu

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jul 09, 2012

**Menu: Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad** ~ Romaine Hearts, Croutons and Shaved Parmesan finished with Grilled Chicken, Rolls and Butter, Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

**Vegetarian if reserved in Advance: Vegetable Wrap** ~ with Avocado Ranch, Fresh Vegetables, Jack and Cheddar Cheeses in a Whole Wheat Flour Tortilla, potato chip. **Fresh Fruit Plate** ~ Fresh Fruit with Yogurt and Cottage Cheese

### Membership

Posted by Mary Laughbaum on Jul 09, 2012

<b>Membership</b>		<b>Scholarship Cups</b>	
Active Members	188	Cash Contributions	\$ None
Active Members AE	49	Quarterly with Dues	\$230.00
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>Total Scholarship Cups</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>
Honorary	17		
		<b>Raffle</b>	<b>\$ None</b>
		<b>Auction</b>	<b>\$ None</b>

