

# TUCSON ROTARIAN

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*We meet WEDNESDAYS, 12:00 NOON - 1:20 PM*  
*DoubleTree Hotel*  
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*United States*

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## Tucson - A Science City

Posted by Robert Logan on Nov 30, 2012

"Due to its scientific expertise and attractions, Tucson has been dubbed the "Science City." As a trailblazer in the fields of astronomy, ecology, evolutionary biology, geology, hydrology and tree-ring research, the College of Science has established an international reputation for excellence. Tucson is nestled between four mountain ranges and located one hour north of the Mexican border. The lush

Sonoran Desert supports a wide variety of plants and animals, the majestic Santa Catalina Mountains contain a pine forest and a small ski resort, and the diverse population and elegant tourist resorts enable a rich cultural life. Facilities managed by the College of Science such as Biosphere 2, Tumamoc, Flandrau, Mt. Lemmon SkyCenter, the Mirror Lab, and Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research provide a strong foundation for the collaborative promotion of all Tucson-area Geotourism attractions. Beyond that, each provide great entertainment for adults and children alike. It's the astounding biodiversity of the spectacular Sonoran Desert that makes Tucson a truly unique place."

## Joaquin Ruiz, Executive Dean of U of A Colleges of Letters, Arts & Science and Dean College of Science

Joaquin Ruiz is the executive dean of the University of Arizona Colleges of Letters, Arts and Science and the dean of the UA College of Science. One of the largest colleges at the UA, the College of Science has nearly 7,500 undergraduate and graduate students. Its 21 academic departments and schools encompass the range of physical, mathematical, environmental, cognitive and life sciences. Ruiz was honored in 2010 by Mexico's president as an outstanding Mexican researcher, one of the first Mexican scholars living abroad to be so recognized. He is also a member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences. Ruiz was president of the Geological Society of America for 2010-11. Ruiz joined the geosciences department in 1983, was named department head in 1995, dean of the College of Science in 2000 and executive dean in 2008. Ruiz's lab discovered in 2002 that more than 40 percent of the world's gold is 3 billion years old.

## Weekly Program

Dec 12, 2012

[Myles Stone & Mike Mallozzi](#)  
The Science and Business of  
Brewing Downtown

Dec 19, 2012

[Holiday Mixer-5:30-8:00PM -](#)  
[Javelina Cantina](#)  
@ DoubleTree Reid Park

Dec 26, 2012

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## Upcoming Events

### Box Camp Trail Hike(s) Dec 1 and Dec 8

Sabino Canyon Visitor's ctr.  
Dec 01, 2012 07:00 AM - Dec 08, 2012 04:00 PM

### 2012 San Carlos Project

San Carlos, Mexico  
Dec 07, 2012 07:00 AM - Dec 10, 2012 06:00 PM

### Salvation Army Bellringing-Saturday, December 15th

Dec 15, 2012 09:00 AM

### Contract Committee Tasting Lunch

Dec 19, 2012 01:30 PM - 03:00 PM

### Holiday Mixer- Javelina Cantina @ DoubleTree

Dec 19, 2012 05:30 PM - 08:00 PM

### Change of Leadership Party

Jul 06, 2013 05:00 PM - 10:00 PM



### Mystery Editor November 28

Posted by Ed Mystery on Nov 30, 2012

The meeting began promptly with President Jim introducing KEITH COBB to lead us in the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by DREW VACTOR (member since 1966). Then we all joined in an extended version of "This Land is Your Land" headed up with the vocal styling of LESLIE GALLOWAY.... One more time everyone, "This land is my land..."

We all then enjoyed our fellow Rotarians in eating a "homemade" chicken pot pie, mmm mmm.

MR. JERRY "THE TICKET MAN" HARRIS introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. We were lucky to have an entourage representing the Reading Seed and Literacy Connects join us.

Fines were abundant today and being doled out liberally by Sgt. at Arms KEVIN WONG. First it was EMERY BARKER recognized as Arbitration Lawyer of the Year. Then LISA FOGLE was in the premier issue of Tucson Women's Magazine. Our very own DR. ALLEN ROGERS was recognized as one of the best Docs in America. And finally, SID HIRSH had publicity in two publications.

Now on to the live auction of 2 U of A B-ball tickets, MIKE ORCUTT did a fine job in getting CAMERON MOORE to take the tickets with his bid.

It is about that time to start our bells a-ringing so PAT LENNAN gave us the details of the RCoT Bell Ringing Day on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>, sign up if you can. I just hope whatever critter was stuck in PAT's Santa hat got away without incident...

JON WANG and JENNIFER HOFFMAN are still recruiting for the Tucson Marathon on Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>... VIRGINA LEAVITT touted the Holiday Mixer Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Javelina Cantina.

Finally, GEORGE DARLING introduced our speaker Shawn Batsch, A special agent who enlightened us on "Fraud and Embezzlement"

As always, it was a tremendous presentation.



### 2012 Rotary Ride to End Polio

Posted by Gary Hirsch on Nov 30, 2012

It's a Wrap!

The 2012 Rotary Ride to End Polio is complete. And although we will continue to count additional fund raising as the final reporting trickles in, as Rotarians we have a great deal to be proud of.

This year's ride is one of firsts. It's the first year we broke the 90 cyclist barrier. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Tucson Sunset it's the first year that we had a fully functioning booth at the EI Tour finish line. Most importantly we blew past the \$200,000 fund raising goal set by District Governor Randy Brooks and our current total stands at more than \$385,000. We are told by Rotary General Secretary John Hewko, who, with his wife Marga joined us in our ride, that this amount of money will vaccinate close to one million children, who will never again need fear the crippling effects of polio.

This year too is the first year that we had participation by and the support of Rotary International. RI launched a social media blitz that included Twitter, Facebook and a dedicated Blog on the Rotary International Site. RI Staff photographer Monika Lozinska photographed our pre-ride dinner, the EI Tour Dedication dinner and many points of the EI Tour route. RI purchased mile 99 in the Dedicate a Mile program to highlight our "this close" campaign. At the EI Tour Dedication Dinner, three beneficiaries, including Rotary were asked to speak. John Hewko, who spoke on behalf of Rotary was the only speaker presented with an award, recognizing our exceptional progress in the four years that Rotary has participated in EI Tour.

This year again featured several fund raising champions. Bob McKenzie of Tulsa led with about \$70,000 followed by Former RI Director Eric Adamson and Past District Governor Ernie Montagne. John and Marga Hewko, working with RI staff together raised more than \$200,000.

## Board of Directors

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Although a couple of our riders were injured in crashes, the ride itself was blissful for most. The weather was perfect with little wind, a nice overcast and moderate temperatures. The Rotary Aid Station at Tangerine and I-10, a 25 year tradition founded by the Marana Rotary was an oasis for every cyclist on the ride. Once again Eegees, ever generous met cyclists with their frozen desserts and volunteers held bikes, filled water bottles and distributed food. The signage was terrific. Everyone knew that Rotary was at their service.

At the finish line fiesta we were met at our very own finish line booth staffed by Rotarians serving sandwiches, drinks, snacks and fellowship. From start to finish it was a great event.

Let's not forget that first and foremost what was a combination of fun and hard work for more than 100 Rotarians will help bring about the eradication of a terrible disease.



### President's Letter

Posted by Jim Lubinski on Dec 03, 2012

The holiday season is upon us as we wind to the end of 2012. This month we only have 2 regular meetings on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Our holiday party will be the evening of 12/19 and then we will be dark the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already signed up for the party, please do so. We have 126 signed up so far and it promises to be a great evening of fun, fellowship and entertainment. We are trying to put together an outstanding raffle so if you have something to donate, please contact Kevin Wong.

This week we will hear from Joaquin Ruiz from the University Of Arizona College Of Science. He will be talking about "Tucson - A Science City". We are fortunate to have such an outstanding research university right here in Tucson. I am sure this will be a fascinating presentation.

More exciting news will be shared with all of us on 12/12 as your president elect, Dave Gallaher will be introducing our president elect-elect (will serve as club president 2014-15). Always an exciting moment for our club.

Have you brought a prospective member as a guest recently? New members are essential for the vitality and growth of our club. So far this year we have held flat but, we need to continue to make a concerted effort to bring new and fresh ideas into the club via new members. I had set a goal at the beginning of the year to grow membership by a net 10. We have a ways to go so let's get on it!

Have a great week and see you Wednesday!



### Menu for December 5

Posted by Dorinna York on Nov 30, 2012

Plated Salad ~~ Mixed Greens and assortment of Fresh Garnishes with Ranch and Italian dressing

Braised Boneless Beef Ribs ~~ Beef Ribs slow cooked and braised with house made Spice Rub and Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Chef's Roasted Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Chocolate Chip Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced tea

Vegetarian option if reserved in advance: Portobella Mushroom Napoleon with a Roasted Corn Spicy Salsa and topped with Fresh Herbs, Mashed Potatoes

Fresh Fruit Plate and Gluten Free meals are also available by advance reservation.

### Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Nov 30, 2012

Membership	Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	177	Cash Contributions \$ 82.00



Active Members Attendance Exempt	49	Quarterly with Dues	\$	240.00
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>226</b>	Total Scholarship Cups	\$	322.00
<b>Honorary Members</b>	<b>16</b>			
<b>Meeting Attendance November 28, 2012</b>		<b>Raffle</b>	\$	0.00
Active Members	109	<b>Auction</b>	\$	0.00
Active Members AE	11			
Honorary Members	1			
<b>Total Members Present</b>	<b>121</b>			
Guests	7			
Guests of the Club	3			
Visiting Rotarians	0			
<b>Total Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>131</b>			