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#### EVENING MIXER - March 27th

Posted by Dorinna York on Mar 01, 2013



#### RCOT EVENING MIXER!

**March 27, 2013 (Replaces Lunch Meeting)**

#### MEMBERS ONLY

**Place:** Barrio Brewery, 800 E. 16th Street

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**MENU:** Chicken and Steak Fajitas - Cash Bar

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#### "Changing Your Brain"

Posted by Dorothy Kret on Mar 01, 2013



What does Rap music have to do with Parkinson's disease? It could be part of the process of changing the very structure of the brain when the brain has been damaged from trauma or disease. One doctor refers to Parkinson's as "the poster child for mind over matter" because it seems so responsive to the exercise of will power. Ms. Kha describes her battle with Parkinson's Disease and a surprising outcome.

#### **Biography of Sharon Kha**

Sharon (Heinrichs) Kha was born in Vancouver, British Columbia on Feb. 24, 1944, the daughter of a Mennonite minister. She graduated from Bethel College with a Bachelor's degree in English Literature and earned a MA from University of Texas El Paso, also in English Literature. She moved to Tucson in 1971.

Ms. Kha worked for KGUN TV as a news reporter and was the spokesperson for the University of Arizona for 22 years for Presidents Henry Koffler, Manuel Pacheco and Pete Likins. She was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2003.

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**Change of Leadership Party**  
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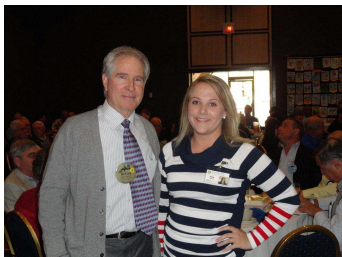
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The Rotary Club of Tucson had a rousing meeting (2/27/13) on many facets of information capture and sharing. JACK PARRIS began the sharing with a history of the 4 way test and then launched into the invocation. LESLIE GALLOWAY led us in the pledge of allegiance and a rendition of Yankee Doodle. It is rumored that Yankee Doodle was a British song to make fun of the colonist but because of the catchy tune, it stuck in American history.



The head table was hosted by JIM LUBINSKI and had Capt. David Azuelo with two of his staff members, along with Richard Nassi, PAT ZUMBUSCH, EMERY BARKER and PETER AKMAJIAN. JILL MADDEN and RICK WELCH were recognized for their trips around the sun. IRENE DECKER is in our thoughts and prayers and we wish her a speedy recovery. Notes were collected to pass her way. KEVIN WONG stepped in to introduce guests and visiting Rotarians. We thank each guest for sharing their lunch hour with us. Hirsch Shoes was in the local rag again and fined accordingly. \$100 was collected for charity and posterity.

ROGER HARWELL introduced Dana Dobbins, who is a Rotary scholarship recipient for the last three years. The program gives \$2,000 a year to 12 students at the U of A and \$800 to a student at PCC. The cups on the table make a big difference in many young people's lives.

JIM visited the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club. There seems to be some sibling rivalry within our esteemed clubs. JIM is formulating plans for a contest between our clubs. It will be based on attendance, member growth and giving to Rotary International and possibly the proximity to Mexico. GARY HIRSCH reminded folks of the speed dating session (R date) on 3/7/13 at the Viscount Hotel for business networking. Register before 3/1/13 to get in free. The purpose is to let Rotary members do business with Rotary members. BOB SHAFF has a great deal on tickets to the Dback game on 3/17 starting at 1:05 (St. Patrick's Day).



EMERY BARKER did a wonderful job of introducing his long time friend and colleague, PETER AKMAJIAN, who among other things is the newest member of our club. He has an outstanding set of credentials and career successes in the law arena. The official rowdy table has lost a member to the Tubac Club, but will strive to keep their reputation in tack, regardless of who's who.

PAT ZUMBUSCH introduced Captain David Azuelo of the Tucson Police Department. His topic was on 'Information sharing and Interoperability'. In less than a year, a 12 year project will be complete. Essentially all the emergency responders will be able to communicate with each other. COPLINK was conceived in an artificial intelligence lab at the U of A and has grown to become a commercially viable product purchased by IBM. The essence is the ability to link many scraps and pieces of information together to form a composite which can be used to track down the bad guys. Linking the Tucson data warehouse to the western half of the US has proved to provide a much enhanced view of the criminal element moving through and around Tucson. Actionable information is paramount in good police work and it looks like the Tucson Police Department is playing a leading role in this endeavor. Captain Azuelo did an outstanding job of conveying the scope of the projects and gave excellent real world examples. Thank you for your service and commitment.

With a lifted glass of ice tea, these words were contemplated- "Success does not consist in never making blunders, but in never making the same one a second time." JIM LUBINSKI credited Josh Billings for the quote.

#### **SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: KEN FLOWER** Posted by Jan Green on Mar 01, 2013



#### **KEN FLOWER ~ ARIZONA PARTY RENTAL**

I wish every Rotarian had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Ken Flower, President of Arizona Party Rental. Following a short tour of the impressive showroom and facilities on E. Speedway Blvd, Ken treated me to stories of his teen-age years while growing up in Scarsdale, New York. As the son of Ken Flower, an All-American basketball player from USC and later NFL executive, Ken (Kenny) spent summers "shagging punts" and working as a public relations aide for the LA Rams at their training camp in Fullerton. Ken speaks of head coach Chuck Knox, legendary Ram owner Carroll Rosenbloom, and driving around special guests like Warren Beatty to football practices. Ken even had the job of lighting Jonathan Winters' cigars. In his late teen years, Ken also worked on Broadway Musicals where he assisted Milton Berle and Florence Henderson. It was a natural for Ken to identify with the "performing" arts. Early in his career he was in Sales and Marketing in the SF Bay area. Ken's corporate world was in radio broadcasting and station management, which brought Ken to Tucson in 2002 with Clear Channel Broadcasting. Ken

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desired more business challenge and closer contact with his community.

Past Rotary President Bob Shaff is effusive in praise: "Ken and Carrie Flower and their company, Arizona Party Rental, are one of Tucson's great small-business success stories. With absolutely no experience in the rental business (their background was in the radio and marketing businesses), Ken and Carrie purchased Arizona Party Rental in 2003. Their creativity, hard work, and emphasis on remarkable customer service have grown their company into the premier party rental and special events company in Southern Arizona—and, in all of Arizona, in my opinion.... So, in summary, Ken Flower is a great person to party with"!!

Past President Marianne Freitas volunteers: "Ken and his staff have provided excellent service and made a significant contribution to the success of the Tucson Classics Car Show from the very start. It helps when a fellow Rotarian is able to bring the experience that Arizona Party Rental has developed over the many years to a relatively new venture like the TCCS. We have created a special relationship which has been beneficial to all of us."

Ken Flower joined the Rotary Club of Tucson in 2004, sponsored by Bob Webb. He is passionate about Rotary's involvement with literacy in Southern Arizona. He mentioned Jim Murphy, Joe Nevin and Suzanne Lawder when I asked him about his Rotary Moment—when he knew for a fact he was in the right organization. It was the Reading Seed Open House in 2005 when "the light went on."

Joe: "The dedication of Reading Seed at the Goodwill Industries facilities was a memorable day. Ken and his capable team arrived early in the morning. Large tents were erected plus tables and chairs were set. Many Rotarians, guests and friends enjoyed the dedication plus tours and food. As evening darkness approached, Ken and staff were back on duty. With great teamwork the trucks were loaded and the Goodwill parking lot was back to normal. YES!. It was another memorable day of what it means to be a member of the RCoT."

Ken, when asked whom he considered a "mentor" in life, did not hesitate in answering: "My brother Jeffery, who died of a brain tumor in 1991." Jeffrey may be the reason for Ken's strong family and community commitment.

Ken is a Director on the Board of The Centurions—the group of Tucson leaders dedicated to the mission of Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital. Ken and Carrie speak proudly of their children, Lauren and Billy. Lauren, 17, presently lives in Houston while training and performing with the Houston Ballet Company; Billy, 21, the 2009 Arizona state high school golf champion from Catalina Foothills, is now a junior on the Grand Canyon University golf team.

Ken Flower is a "behind the scenes" type of contributor who wants to use his organizational and communication skills to make a positive difference in his community. His advice to fellow Rotarians: "Excel at something you are passionate about and never underestimate the importance of casual conversation."

#### **The Rotarian - March 2013 - Insider Digest**

Posted by Dorinna York on Mar 01, 2013



#### **End Polio Now**

##### **Thousands of cyclists ride for campaign**

NINETY Rotarian cyclists from clubs throughout the United States took part in El Tour de Tucson on 17 November in Arizona, raising more than \$375,000 for polio eradication.

RI General Secretary John Hewko and his wife, Marga, were among 9,000 riders from around the world who hit the pavement for a charity bike ride sponsored by the University Medical Center in Tucson, completing 42, 60, 85, or 111 miles. The Hewkos exceeded their goal of \$111,000 in pledges, raising more than \$200,000 for the ride.

Rotarians have been taking part in the event since 2009, when End Polio Now was designated an official beneficiary of the race, allowing Rotary to enroll cyclists to gather pledges for the campaign. In that first year, 27 cyclists raised \$35,000. The number has grown steadily ever since.

The festivities included a dinner the night before the ride. Rotarians also staffed a water station along the route, and a booth at the finish line where cyclists could gather and learn more about Rotary and polio eradication.



#### **President's Letter**

Posted by Jim Lubinski on Mar 01, 2013

Some good news to report, our efforts to recruit new members appear to be bearing fruit. We have 10 new member prospects in various stages of the approval process. This is more than we have added for the first 7 months of our



Rotary year. The hard work being done by all of you to bring new prospective members in is paying off. If we do not lose any members this month, we may be at a net gain from where we started the year. Kudos to all and keep up the good work! Gary Hirsch and his team are making progress on our entire membership process and hope to have a revised process to present to the club in the next couple of months.

As I write this, our future leaders, Dave Gallaher – PE and Mary Martin – PEE, are attending PETs training in Phoenix. For those of you not familiar with PETs, it is the required training for club presidents, secretaries, treasurers and district officers. In Arizona, it is a combined effort put on by our state's three districts. The 2 day conclave provides great training and also gives the incoming officers a chance to meet their cohorts at the other clubs in Arizona. At this point, I know Dave is getting into the super planning mode and Mary is just getting an idea of what will be in store for her next year. On behalf of the club, know that you have our full support and we look forward to your leadership over the next 2 years.

This week we will hear from Sharon Kha about Parkinson's disease with a program entitled "Changing Your Brain". Truly a devastating disease. We look forward to hearing about the prospects for medical advances in the fight to defeat Parkinson's.

Have a great week and see you Wednesday!



#### Menu for March 6

Posted by Dorinna York on Mar 01, 2013

Plated Salad ~ Crisp Garden Salad with Ranch and Balsamic Dressings

White BBQ Chicken ~ Chicken Breast in Chef's White BBQ Sauce, Roasted Wedge Potatoes, Stir-Fried Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Doubletree

Chocolate Chip Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian option if reserved in advance ~ Portabella Mushroom Napoleon ~ Layers of Grilled Portabella Mushrooms with a Roasted Corn Spicy Salsa and Topped with Fresh Herbs

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

#### Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Mar 01, 2013

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	172	Cash Contributions	\$ 109.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	51	Quarterly with Dues	\$ 240.00
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>Total Scholarship Cups</b>	<b>\$ 349.00</b>
<b>Honorary Members</b>	<b>17</b>		
<b>Meeting Attendance February 20, 2013</b>		<b>Raffle</b>	\$ 0.00
Active Members	116	<b>Auction</b>	\$ 0.00
Active Members AE	19		
Honorary Members	0		
<b>Total Members Present</b>	<b>135</b>		
Guests	7		
Guests of the Club	7		
Visiting Rotarians	2		
<b>Total Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>151</b>		