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We meet **WEDNESDAYS, 12:00 NOON - 1:20 PM**
DoubleTree Hotel
445 S Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85711
United States

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"The Flight Path of a Female in the Air Force"

Posted by John Lewis on Apr 19, 2013



Chief Master Sergeant Dawna M. Cnota is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 355th Fighter Wing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. She advises the installation commander on matters influencing the health, morale, welfare, readiness and effective utilization of more than 4,000 enlisted Airmen. Chief Cnota is also the installation functional manager for the base's 26 first sergeants and serves on committees developing and implementing Air Force policies and programs that positively impact the quality of life for more than 9,000 Airmen, civilian employees and family members who work and live on the installation.

Chief entered the Air Force in June 1986. Her background includes experience in law enforcement, nutrition therapy, military training, and first sergeant. She has deployed in support of Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR, IRAQI FREEDOM,

ENDURING FREEDOM and NEW DAWN.

EDUCATION

- 1989 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 1998 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colo.
- 2002 Associate in Applied Science degree, Food and Nutritional Medicine, Community College of the Air Force
- 2003 Associate in Applied Science degree, Criminal Justice, Community College of the Air Force
- 2003 Associate in Applied Science, Education and Training Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2004 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2006 Associate in Applied Science degree, Human Resource Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 2009 Chief's Leadership Course, Gunter Annex, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Bachelor of Science degree, Social Psychology, Park University, Mo.
- 2011 Enterprise Management Seminar, University of Virginia, Darden School of Business

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1986 - August 1986, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. August 1986 - September 1986, student,, Law Enforcement Technical Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
3. September 1986 - October 1988, Security Police Apprentice, 513th Security Police Squadron, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom
4. October 1988 - November 1989, Security Police Journeyman, 1606th Security Police Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
5. December 1989 - February 1990, student, Diet Therapy Specialist, Lowry AFB, CO, Sheppard AFB, Texas
6. May 1990 - May 1996, Diet Therapy Craftsman, 59th Nutritional Medicine Squadron, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas

Weekly Program

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[Command Chief MSGT Dawna Knota](#)
The Flight Path of a Female in the Air Force

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Dare to Dream

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PHRs - The Future of Healthcare

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Land and Homebuilder Market Overview

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How Much is Enough? The AZ Self-Sufficiency Standard

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Upcoming Events

STAR Meeting
El Parador Restaurant
Apr 25, 2013 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Rotary/Goodwill Clothes Closet Cleaning
Doubletree Hotel Parking Lot
May 08, 2013 11:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Rotary Family Night at the Ballpark
Kino Sports Complex
May 24, 2013 07:05 PM - 10:00 PM

7. May 1996 - Nov 1997, Diet Therapy Craftsman, 10th Nutritional Medicine Squadron, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
8. November 1997 - June 2000, Military Training Leader, Cadet Squadron 4, 34th Training Wing, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
9. June 2000 - August 2003, Chief Military Training Leader, 335th Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.
10. August 2003 - January 2004, Assistant to the Training Group Commander, 81st Training Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.
11. May 2004 - May 2005, First Sergeant, 9th Medical Group, Beale AFB, Calif.
12. June 2005 - January 2007, First Sergeant, 23rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
13. January 2007 - February 2008, First Sergeant, 822d Security Forces Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
14. February 2008 - July 2008, First Sergeant, 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
15. July 2008 - July 2010, Security Forces Manager, 23rd Security Forces Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
16. July 2010 - July 2011, Security Forces Manager, 386th Security Forces Squadron, Southwest Asia
17. July 2011 - July 2012, Group Superintendent, 325th Mission Support Group, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
18. August 2012 - present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 355th Fighter Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Bronze Star Medal
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1989 Military Image Award, NCO Prep School, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- 1995 NCO of the Year, Nutritional Medicine Squadron, 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas
- 1997 John L. Levitow Award, Peterson AFB Noncommissioned Officer Academy
- 1999 NCO of the Year, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
- 1999 Colorado Springs, Colorado Chamber of Commerce NCO of the Year
- 2001 Senior Military Training Leader of the Year, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2002 Senior Military Training Leader of the Year, Keesler AFB, Miss.
- 2004 Distinguished Graduate, United States First Sergeant Academy
- 2006 First Sergeant of the Year, Moody AFB, Ga.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION - Chief Master Sergeant, October 1, 2008

Mystery Editor April 17

Posted by Ed Mystery on Apr 19, 2013

KEN LIGHT began our meeting today with some great words of wisdom during the invocation; reminding us all to become better people and Rotarians. He saved the best wisdom for last: Leave it (the earth) better then you found it.



IRENE DECKER led us in the pledge and song today. New member MATT NANCE had the privilege of introducing our guests and visiting Rotarians and did a wonderful job! Welcome and nice job getting involved MATT. TOM ANDREWS celebrated his landmark 65th birthday. Welcome to the senior circuit TOM. MATT BLAIR came out of retirement to generate some income for the club. Nice work MR. BLAIR.

We had Giovanna Mascella and Andrea Prichard both talking South America. Giovanna, our exchange student from Brazil, sponsored by club 4590 gave us a lesson: Brazil 101 and Andrea, who is involved in our international project in Bolivia, spoke about providing flowing water to remote mountaintop villagers. Let's all just stop and think about how lucky we are. We turn the faucet and water comes out. We had Dr. Jim Gentile as our program today. Personally, I found him and his topic quite interesting. It is all about Bio-Motion.



Another great job by our Program Committee! Wonderful Rotary day.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: IRENE DECKER

Posted by Michael Sagara on Apr 19, 2013



We all know Irene as the fabulous lady who brings the flowers on occasion to Rotary. But what you may not know is that Irene

Change of Leadership Party

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

Board of Directors

President
Jim Lubinski

President Elect
David Gallaher

Past President
Joni Condit

Treasurer
Phillip Gutt

Secretary
Ellen Patterson

Sargeant-At-Arms
Kevin Wong

Director
Clifford Bowman

Director
Irene Decker

Director
Thomas Andrews

Director
Alan Schrope

Director
Gary Hirsch

Director
Drew Vactor

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was born 2 weeks after the end of WWII and was to be named Maria but her father changed her name to Irene after the Greek Goddess who personified Peace. Irene emigrated from Holland to Canada when she was 20 years old on a boat that took 10 days to reach Montreal. Of all the passengers on the boat, there were 500 single men and 5 single women, lucky for the women, not so much so for the men. Three of the women met their spouses on this voyage. Irene lived in Montreal for 14 years where she worked at the Royal Bank of Montreal. She then moved to New York City and stayed for six months with her sister-in-law who worked for a senator. The senator sponsored Irene so she could stay in the United States. Irene then moved to Sunnyvale, CA to be close to her sister, who had emigrated from Holland two years before Irene. Irene stayed in California for six years, working as a buyer for a food company before moving to Tucson where she had bought an electronics business that specialized in the fabrication of electronic circuitry. Irene sold the all male business after four years and started in the floral business which she has today.

On the family side, Irene has two children Robert (Stacia) and Wendy. Robert was a member of RCOT and then became a Centurion. Stacia, her daughter-in-law is an active member of the club. Each of Irene's children has two children (boy and girl each). Ryan Decker (Robert and Stacia's son) has made significant achievements including winning first place in the Liquid Militia Jet Ski World Competition in February of 2013. Google "Ryan Decker Liquid Militia" and you can read all about this young man's tremendous accomplishment. He is a junior in high school and has an internship at the U of A, Dept. of Engineering. Irene says that he got his work ethic from "working in the flower shop". Irene's other granddaughter, Lacey (Robert and Stacia) lives in Georgia with her husband who serves in the U.S. Navy as a submariner.

Irene's other daughter Wendy, lives in Bozeman, MT, and has two small children, Emma and Dean who are in elementary school. They are just starting out and have big shoes to fill in the Decker tradition.

When asked why she joined Rotary, Irene said she joined four years ago because she was very much conscious of the Tucson community.

Rotary Night at the Ballpark - Friday, May 24th

Posted by Bob Shaff on Apr 19, 2013

Come join your fellow Rotarians and their families for a "Night at the Ballpark" on Friday, May 24th. The Tucson Padres play Sacramento. Game time is 7:05 PM, and the weather will be great!!!

Box Seat tickets are \$16 per person, including a food voucher for a hamburger/hotdog/bratwurst, chips, and a soft drink.

Contact Bob Shaff at bob@CFLConsulting.com or at 520-577-0159.



Proposed New Members

Posted by Dorinna York on Apr 19, 2013



The following applications have been submitted for membership in Rotary Club of Tucson:

Proposed Member: Lonnie Lister

Classification: Service Industry: Country Club Management

Company/Organization: Skyline Country Club

Sponsor: Gordon Shaw

Proposed Member: Bruce Richardson

Classification: Finance: Hospitality: Sales and Marketing

Company/Organization: HPN Global

Sponsor: Charlotte Harris

If no written objections are received within 7 days of publication, the applicants will be accepted.

Clothes Closet Cleaning Day - May 8, 2013

Posted by Joseph Nevin on Apr 11, 2013



The Vocational Service Committee requests your continued GREAT SUPPORT -- ROTARY/GOODWILL INDUSTRIES Clothes Closet Cleaning Day will be held on May 8, 2013.





President's Letter

Posted by Jim Lubinski on Apr 19, 2013

Has everyone followed up on the membership leads generated in our "FRAN" exercise from the Club Assembly a few weeks ago? These exercises become just that unless we follow through and invite prospective members to one of our meetings. Once we get them there, they will see we have a lot to offer. Let's all make this a focus for the next few weeks.

I wanted to thank this year's program chairs, Mary Martin and Ken Light for the outstanding job they have done. It makes a president's life much easier when this vital component of our meetings is well taken care of. They will be handing over the reins to Bob Logan and Jeff Ronstadt beginning this summer. Good luck Bob and Jeff, you have great examples to follow!

The news this week has been filled with tragedy. From the terrorists bombing in Boston to the tragic industrial accident in Texas, it can make you question what is going on in our world. This is why Rotary and organizations like it are so necessary. One of Rotary's key missions is world peace. When we work together on international service projects, it helps bridge the gap between nations. And, when devastation strikes locally, Rotarians line up to help the victims. I think this is important to remember when we question our commitment to voluntary service outside of our professions.

This week we will hear from Dawna Cnota, Command Chief Master Sergeant at Davis Monthan. She will be talking about "The Flight Path of a Female in the Air Force". Sounds like an "up lifting experience" that you won't want to miss.

Have a great week and see you Wednesday!



Menu for April 24th in Bonsai/Boojum Rooms at The DoubleTree

Posted by Dorinna York on Apr 19, 2013

Plated Salad ~ Spring Mix Salad with Honey Dijon and Italian dressings

Corn Flake Chicken ~ Grilled Chicken Breasts incrusted with Crushed Corn Flakes, Roasted Wedge Potatoes, Broccoli, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Assorted Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian option if reserved by Monday noon:

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 available by advance reservation only.

Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Apr 19, 2013

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	169	Cash Contributions	\$ 27.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	51	Quarterly with Dues	\$ 240.00
Total Active Members	220	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 267.00
Honorary Members	17		
Meeting Attendance April 17, 2013		Raffle	\$ 0.00
Active Members	105	Auction	\$ 0.00
Active Members AE	16		
Honorary Members	0		
Total Members Present	121		
Guests	10		
Guests of the Club	3		
Visiting Rotarians	7		
Total Meeting Attendance	141		

