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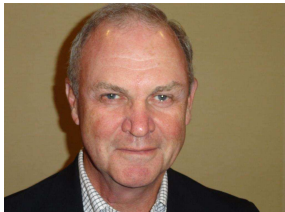
#### REMINDER: NO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD

Posted by Dorinna York on Jun 24, 2013

**REMINDER: There will be no lunch meeting held on Wednesday, July 3rd. The COA Party on Saturday, July 6th at Skyline Country Club will take the place of our Wednesday meeting.**

#### Important Club Vote: June 26 Meeting

Posted by C. William Moore on Jun 24, 2013



The Final Four Applicants for the 2013 Community Grants will each present a summary of their 2013 Grant applications. The Club in attendance will then vote for the top two applications who will each receive up to \$25,000 of the 2013 Classic Car Show receipts. The ability of the Club to offer two Grants of this size to directly help our Community is why we work so hard on the Car Show. A \$25,000 Grant is a budget changing event for local Tucson Charities and your vote will decide to whom the Grants will be awarded. New in 2013 is that no presenter will go away empty handed in that the two lower vote getters will each receive \$1,000 from the Club. The Final Four are: Casa De

Los Ninos (focus: children in need), St Joseph's Hospital Neo-natal Unit Intensive Care (focus: children in need), Youth On Their Own (focus: children in need), YWCA (focus: work force development). Members must be present to vote.



#### President's Year End Wrap-Up

Posted by Jim Lubinski on Jun 24, 2013

Where did the year go? Hard to believe that it was a year ago that I was preparing for my first meeting and now I am preparing for my last. First, it has been an honor to have served as club president. The experience, while challenging at times, has been rewarding. I am proud of what our club stands for and for what we have accomplished this past year. None of this would have

been possible without the support and assistance of our board of directors, all of our committee chairs, every member who participated in all of our various projects and of course, Dorinna and Arla in the office. Following is a summary of this past year.

We began the year with 228 members. This number reflects a continuation of a pattern we have seen over the last several years where membership continues to be a challenge. During this year we will have initiated 23 new members. An outstanding effort but, through attrition and a host of other reasons, we lost 26 members. Historically it appears that we lose about 10% of our members each year. Accordingly, we must continue to make membership growth a top priority. One of the ways we have attempted to meet this challenge was to form a membership review committee under the guidance of Gary Hirsch. This committee has been tasked with reviewing our entire membership process and improving it where necessary. Some of the accomplishments this past year include; an improved STAR program, improvements to our mentorship program,

## Weekly Program

Jun 26, 2013

Charities Present for Grants & President Wrap Up

Jul 03, 2013

DARK - NO LUNCH MEETING

Jul 06, 2013

COA PARTY

Jul 17, 2013

Yale S. Wishnick, Ed.D.  
 Comparing & Contrasting the IRS, the Flat Income Tax and the Fair Tax

Jul 24, 2013

Melinda Burke  
 The Wildcat Planet - Connecting, Engaging and Nurturing Wildcats for Life

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## Upcoming Events

**Change of Administration Party (COA) at Skyline Country Club**

Jul 06, 2013 05:30 PM - 10:00 PM

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streamlining the new member onboarding process, refinement of our guest process and relooking at the corporate membership program. While much has been accomplished in these areas, much still needs to be done. Most of these projects will continue on into the coming year. I believe in order to restore our club's membership to historical levels; every member needs to play a part by being fully engaged in the entire membership process. We cannot expect others to carry the ball for us.

Shortly after the year began, our Executive Director, Mary Laughbaum, left to pursue a career with The Red Cross of Southern Arizona. The club was without an executive director for approximately 2 months while we conducted a search for Mary's replacement. During this time, Arla really stepped up and worked full time in the office and kept all of the administrative functions humming along. She had a lot of help from club Treasurer Phil Gutt, thanks Arla and Phil. In November, we hired Dorinna York as our new Executive Director. Thank you to Ellie Patterson for all of the help and direction she and her staff provided during the search. Dorinna has turned out to be a great addition to our team and we are pleased to have her on board.

In August we held our first of two club assemblies. The first focused on getting updates from all of our committee chairs. Each committee had mic time to discuss what their committee was up to and what needs, if any, they had. The second club assembly was held in April and had a different focus. In this meeting we posed a series of questions to the membership and asked for their comments. The results were reviewed, summarized and then presented back to the club at a meeting in May. A lot of good feedback was received at this session resulting in a number of action items that will carry over into the coming year. One decision that was reached as a result of these discussions was to continue with our contract at the DoubleTree. Other items discussed include meeting format, programs and membership.

In October we completed another successful car show. These shows continue to get better each year thanks to all of the hard work of the show leadership and the close to 90% of our members who helped in countless ways. Thank you to Marianne Freitas and Tom Strasburg for your superb leadership and helping the club raise a net of \$119,000! The proceeds were distributed to our grant recipients, Reading Seed, Pima Council on Aging and the YWCA. Thank you to St. Gregory College Preparatory School for continuing to host the event. Everyone should be proud of what we have built here and for all of the good we are able to do in our community as a result. Good luck to Chuck Sawyer and his team as they prepare for the 2013 show.

At the end of October, we hosted an economic summit featuring four of our community's leaders. We opened this meeting to the public and drew close to 125 guests. The program was hosted by KOLD TV's Dan Marries and was covered by several of the local media outlets. This event provided great publicity for Rotary and our club and at least six new members can be credited to this meeting. I know President Dave has another major program in the works for early this fall.

In December we had a couple of social events. The annual trip to San Carlos for the Christmas party was again well supported by our club. The San Carlos Rotarians are currently managing a project to improve the well and school in Lamonga, the local fishing village. Our club is contributing \$2,500 to support these efforts. Matt Blair has assumed leadership of the San Carlos project as Alan Schroepe has moved on to a new position in Indiana. Thanks Alan for all you did for the project and good luck to Matt as he continues stewardship of this long time tradition for our club.

We also had a well-attended holiday mixer at the DoubleTree. In fact, it was so well attended that we ran out of food! This is another reason why it is so critical for members to RSVP in advance so we can prepare properly. The venue at the Javalina Cantina was a bit cramped so we will be finding a more suitable location for our next holiday party.

Our annual Salvation Army Belling netted almost \$7,000 and had 87 Rotarians and an additional 29 guests participate. It was a little more challenging finding locations that would allow this program to continue but, thanks to the efforts of Pat Lennan and his crew, we had another successful year.

In January, Dorinna attended the large club conference in Texas. She returned with a lot of valuable information and contacts. This event is targeted to the largest Rotary clubs in the country and the topics include those that are particularly relevant to clubs of our size. Most clubs send their club executive along with the incoming club president. So, that is our plan for the coming year.

Our second club social mixer was held at the Barrio Brewery at the end of March. Once again this meeting was a hit. This meeting was held in lieu of our spring home hospitality. We decided to make this change based upon feedback received from members in the survey conducted in January of 2012 and then reinforced at the club assembly. Members have expressed a strong desire to have more social meetings so more are in the works for the coming year.

During the entire year we have had outstanding programs. Special thanks to our program committee chaired by Mary Martin and Ken Light for putting such a strong schedule together. Members have clearly stated that the programs are critical and have also expressed a universal theme that the presenter is given enough time. A concerted effort was made in the past year to make certain we honored our members' wishes and I think we were successful.

Another change made was to add a second video screen to make viewing of all video presentations much easier. We also encouraged the use of the video screens by requiring all announcements for programs have a Powerpoint slide to accompany them. This was done to try to minimize the amount of club administrative business during our meetings. Another request from the member survey. Thanks to Drew Vactor and all of his committee for making the improvements in our meeting presentations. Also, your sergeant Kevin Wong deserves recognition for keeping our meetings in order and making budget on our raffles this year.

The works projects committee under the guidance of Cliff Bowman and chairs Marcia Krumwiede and John Harlow organized four projects this year. They included a morning at the Community Food bank helping to pack 3,703 boxes of food with the help of 27 club members. Another 22

Director  
**Gary Hirsch**

Director  
**Drew Vactor**

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Rotarians teamed with Greater Tucson to clean 2,142 books for Reading Seed. The Community Food Bank was the recipient of \$1,817 in cash and over 100 pounds of food collected at our club meeting on 4/17/13. And, 31 members are signed up to assist Ben's Bells this weekend. We also held several Goodwill closet cleaning days.

Our club supported scholarship in a material way this past year. Under the direction of director Irene Decker and lead by Roger Harwell and Cheryl House, we awarded ten \$2,000 scholarships to the University of Arizona to deserving students from our city. An additional \$800 scholarship was awarded for a student to attend Pima College. These scholarships totaling more than \$20,000 are funded via our weekly scholarship cup collections at our meetings.

Our club was active on the international scene via youth exchange and international projects. Our club sponsored three exchange students this past year. We have initiated a project in Bolivia to help provide latrines and clean water to a remote mountain village. Through the efforts of director Tom Andrews, we are partnering with four other Rotary clubs and Engineers Without Borders (through the U of A) on this project. RCOT has donated \$5,000, along with significant leadership, to get this project started. You will hear much more about this in the coming year.

Another recommendation coming out of our survey and the club assemblies was to do a better job communicating to our members and the entire Tucson community about our club and the good work we do. Matt Blair is leading the effort in this area. You will note the Powerpoint slides running in each of the last several club meetings highlighting some of the community and world service projects our club has completed. Much more is in store for the coming year.

Special thanks to Bill Moore and his Community Grants Committee for the outstanding job of screening all of the grant applicants for the coming year. We have a strong field of contenders as result of all of your hard work.

A lot of good work was done behind the scenes by our club's secretary, Ellie Patterson and treasurer, Phil Gutt. Both have done an outstanding job with these important roles and helped make my job much easier. We will finish the year on budget which is no small task considering all of the moving parts.

Your soon to be president, Dave Gallaher undertook the difficult project of reviewing our entire club committee structure. A lot of work has gone into streamlining and updating our records in this area. In the coming year you will see a much more well defined committee structure. Dave plans to unveil this at our next club assembly in August.

The generosity of our members showed up again in our support of The Rotary International Fund and Polio Plus. At the beginning of the year I set goals of \$10,000 for Polio Plus and \$23,000 for the annual programs fund. We easily surpassed the Polio Plus goal and will likely double it thanks to the strong support for the Ride to End Polio (Thanks again Gary Hirsch and Darrell Stewart). And as of the writing of this report it appears we will also surpass the annual programs fund goal. Great work RCOT!

Our club also provided financial support to the following organizations;

- \$1,000 to the Rotary District 5500 Brazil Friendship Project
- \$1,000 to the Community Food Bank
- \$1,000 to the Rotary Club of Oklahoma City's tornado relief fund
- \$1,000 to Care Givers Institute of Tucson
- \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity

I am sure I am leaving out some important accomplishments but, as you can see, we have had a very good year. Thanks to all of our members' dedicated service, our club was recognized by Rotary International with a Presidential Citation.

I would also like to thank past president Joni Condit, Darrell Stewart and Matt Blair for their assistance in planning the Change in Administration Party which will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup> at Skyline Country Club. John McCaleb's band will again provide the music and it should be a great party.

None of this would be possible without a dedicated membership. You all should be proud of what we have accomplished. But, at the same time, we have much more to do. Please support your 2013-14 leadership team as they endeavor to improve our club, provide strong leadership and continue to serve our local and international communities in the coming year.

During the year I received numerous notes and phones calls of support and advice from members and I truly appreciate every one of you who reached out. It has been a great year and thank you for allowing me to serve as your president.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Lubinski

President 2012-2013

#### Mystery Editor June 19

Posted by Ed Mystery on Jun 24, 2013

As his term slowly comes to a close, **PRESIDENT JIM LUBINSKI** called one of his two last meetings to order. With words of inspiration, **KEITH COBB** led us in our prayer, followed by **PAT LENNAN** leading us in the pledge and song minus our piano player **PAST PRESIDENT GARY GETTMANN**. The introduction of our guests was handled magnificently by **BILL MOORE**. A Happy Birthday moment was spent with each of this week's celebrants, **JIM STUDWELL**,



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## GORDON GRAHAM, and CHERYL HOUSE.



Handling the introduction of our newest member, **TED FORSBERG** extolled the virtues of our newest member **DALE "CAPTAIN" IRELAND** of FASTPARK. Next up on the agenda was **KEVIN WONG** with this week's raffles, fines and announcements. First up was **JOHN LEWIS** with a welcome back to the work force fine after only 1 year into retirement. Next on the hit list was **TERESA LIVERZANI-BAKER** of "YOUTH ON THEIR OWN" and a **SID HIRSCH SALES PITCH** to help fill back packs for the kids and to vote for her organization at next week's meeting. Our next announcement was from Scoutmaster Jonathan Lang and was actually a Thank You for the club's 20 years

of support for Troop 339. Back over to **PRESIDENT JIM** with a reminder to register on Club Runner for the Change of Administration Party on JULY 6<sup>th</sup> at the Skyline Country Club.

Last but not most importantly not least was the introduction of our Award Recipients; **MARGARET HIGGINS** gave us an introduction into the 2 Awards our club bestows on both an honored member of our community as well as an honored member of our own club. This year's 4 Way Test Award was lacking a recipient as the slate of candidates was not strong enough to meet the criteria. **ARNIE JACOBSEN** introduced the coveted **ORVILLE MCPHEARSON AWARD** and presented it to a truly deserving member by saying she was a NO NONSENSE GET THE JOB DONE TYPE OF PERSON, **PAST PRESIDENT MARIANNE FREITAS**.



Moving on with our program, **PRESIDENT JIM** introduced our introducer **MARY MARTIN** who presented our speaker Roberto Villaseñor, Chief of Police, of the Tucson Police Department. Chief Villaseñor gave us an update on the Tucson Police Department and the Crime picture of Tucson. He explained the comparison of Tucson and the national average to cities our size and how the reduction in staffing has led to a different approach to tackling crime in our city.

Bringing the meeting full circle **PRESIDENT JIM**, closed the meeting with a quote from John F. Kennedy and our ceremonial toast.



### Welcome New Members

Posted by Arla Stader on Jun 24, 2013

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

**New Member:** Peter Beahan

**Classification:** Accounting and Finance Services: CPA Private Practice

**Sponsor:** Richard Bratt

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**New Member:** Daryl Ross

**Classification:** Retailing: Automobile Cleaning

**Sponsor:** Chuck Sawyer



### Menu for June 26th at The DoubleTree

Posted by Arla Stader on Jun 24, 2013

#### Fruit Cup ~

**Steak & Herb Salad ~** with Wild Greens, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Carrots and Croutons. Topped with marinated Flank Steak, Ranch and Raspberry

*Vinaigrette Dressings, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Assorted Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea*

**Vegetarian option if reserved by Monday noon:**

**Vegetarian Salad ~** Wild Greens, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Carrots and Croutons, Ranch and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressings

**Fresh Fruit Plate if reserved by Monday noon. Gluten Free meals available by advance reservation only.**

## Membership and Attendance

Posted by Arla Stader on Jun 24, 2013

<b>Membership</b>		<b>Scholarship Cups</b>	
Active Members	172	Cash Contributions	\$ 105.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	52	Quarterly with Dues	\$ 240.00
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>224</b>	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 345.00
<b>Honorary Members</b>	<b>17</b>		
<b>Meeting Attendance June 19, 2013</b>		<b>Raffle</b>	\$ 0.00
Active Members	97	<b>Auction</b>	\$ 0.00
Active Members AE	12		
Honorary Members	0		
<b>Total Members Present</b>	<b>109</b>		
Guests	10		
Guests of the Club	2		
Visiting Rotarians	0		
<b>Total Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>121</b>		