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Coach Sean Miller Presents August 28, 2013 - Please Register

Posted by Dorinna York on Jul 26, 2013

All Members and Guests must register for Coach Sean Miller's presentation to the Club on August 28, 2013. Please go to www.tucsonrotary.org and register under "Upcoming Events". There is separate registration for Members at no cost by clicking on Coach Sean Miller (RCOT Members Only). Guests must be registered by clicking on Coach Sean Miller (Guests/Visiting Rotarians). The cost for guests is \$25.00.

"The District - What's New Downtown"

Posted by Mark Irvin on Aug 16, 2013



Fletcher McCusker is going to discuss Rio Nuevo and what is going on downtown. This will include the settlement with the City, the plans for the TCC Arena, the announcement of the new AC Hotel downtown that the District is going to be doing and a slew of other positive notes in that area.

Fletcher McCusker - Biography

Fletcher is a third generation Tucsonan, his grandfather Russell moved to Tucson from Indiana just after the depression. Russell worked for the WPA and laid many of the downtown and University area

sidewalks for \$1.00 a day and eventually went to work for the railroad. Fletcher's mother was a Tucson High grad and Fletcher attended John B Wright, Davidson and Amphi. He completed a BS in Rehabilitation at the University of Arizona in 1974 but left Tucson for greener pastures attending graduate school at ASU. Fletcher rose through the ranks in many health care companies in Oklahoma and Arizona and while working for Columbia Healthcare in Texas in 1996 he conceived and launched the Providence Service Corporation, the first home based mental health company in America. His wife, Liz, actually suggested they base the company in Tucson and Providence was launched with \$50,000 in January 1997. Fletcher followed a familiar route with Providence: his money, family and friends, venture capital, mezzanine financing and ultimate a very successful IPO. When he exited Providence in 2012 it was a billion dollar business located in 44 states and employing over 11,000 people. During the Providence run, Fletcher became very involved with the University of Arizona and instrumental in the rebuilding of downtown Tucson. He relocated the

Weekly Program

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[Mark Irvin & Fletcher McCusker](#)
Rio Nuevo

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[Sean Miller - U of A Basketball Coach](#)

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[Jovert Steel Drum Bands/Khris Dodge - Director](#)
Music Program - Tucson High Steel Drum Band

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[Dr. Barnett Pavao-Zuckerman](#)
The Joy of Archaeology at the "Mission of Sorrows"

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company headquarters to downtown Tucson in May of 2010 remodeling a block of boarded up buildings that not only became the company headquarters but opened up restaurant, residential and commercial space. He joined the Eller National board of Advisors, endowed a Chair, helped launch the Institute for Civil Discourse and was named alumni of the year in 2010. His passion for downtown was a catalyst for many and in 2012 he was appointed to the Rio Nuevo board, responsible for the State funds designated to revitalize Tucson, and elected Chairman unanimously by his fellow board members. He was instrumental in the launch of Second Saturday, a downtown street festival with food and music that quickly became a Tucson tradition. Just weeks after his announced retirement from Providence, Fletcher launched a new home based health care company called Sinfonía, also in a remodeled downtown warehouse. Half of the One East Toole warehouse has been dedicated as communal office for young entrepreneurs starting their own companies. Affiliated with the McGuire Center, the Toole Avenue Hive's first three tenants were Eller alumni whose business plans were developed while at the College. Fletcher has served on the boards of the Metro Chamber, TREO, the YMCA and St. Gregory School and is a major benefactor of downtown arts organizations such as the Fox Theatre, Rialto Theatre, Railroad Museum, Museum of Art and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

His wife Liz runs Tu Nidito Children and Family Services and his son Tyler is the Program Director for KX93.5FM in Laguna Beach, CA.



President's Letter

Posted by David Gallaher on Aug 16, 2013

This week was another jam packed Rotary meeting with lots of activities. It's always interesting to hear about our local military base, and Colonel Kevin Blanchard did a great job sharing personal stories about our military men and women who perform the difficult but necessary task of defending freedom and the sacrifices they make. The standing ovation at the end of our meeting said it all.

Thank you to our base personnel and to Colonel Blanchard for his leadership and dedication.

Thank you also to our District Governor Nancy Cassel and her presentation of the ENERGIZER awards to two of our most dedicated and timeless volunteers Past Presidents Charlotte Harris and Bob Shaff. As I mentioned to Nancy we could have many more!!!

Speaking of ENERGIZERS, next week we will hear from our own member Mark Irvin, along with Fletcher McCusker, about the current state of Rio Nuevo. Mark has volunteered countless hours with Rio Nuevo to make a positive impact on Tucson's future.

Have a wonderful week and pray for rain!!!! See you next Wednesday.

Mystery Editor August 14

Posted by Ed Mystery on Aug 09, 2013

President DAVE GALLAHER opened the meeting and turned it over to JACK PARRIS for the invocation. ELLIE PATTERSON and LESLIE GALLOWAY teamed for the pledge and song, with ELLIE also accompanying on the piano.

BOB LOGAN and CHARLOTTE HARRIS made Paul Harris Fellow presentations to JOHN COUSINS and HOOT GIBSON.



Among the esteemed guests introduced by JEFF RONSTADT was District Governor NANCY CASSEL, who made a presentation later in the program to CHARLOTTE HARRIS and BOB SHAFF as the "Energizers" of the Rotary Club of Tucson.



Birthday wishes were given to JERRY SULLIVAN, owner of Sullivan's Eatery and Creamery, who reported the flavor of the month is blueberry cheesecake; MARCIA GILL, who once again made a very generous birthday gift of 10 times her age (\$770); HUGH THOMPSON, who persuasively exhorted us all to transform car show ticket sales into an invitation to our friends to join us in supporting three great causes (Reading Seed, Youth on Their Own, and the neonatal unit at St. Joseph's Hospital); and SID HIRSH, who thanked all the Mystery Editors for the last year, offering them a gift of high-class shoe polish from his sole-saving store at 2934 E. Broadway.

MIKE ORCUTT announced a STAR training, and BOB SHAFF presented a car show video

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CLIFF BOWMAN then introduced our speaker, Col. Kevin Blanchard, Commander of the 355th Fighter Wing at Davis-Monthan AFB. Col. Blanchard provided profiles of some of the individuals under his command. During questions, he also addressed two effects of the sequester on his operations – fighter pilots returning from Afghanistan were grounded for an extended period due to lack of funding, and civilian employees were furloughed without pay for one day a week for five weeks. He also said how important community support of DM is to its continued existence.

K.R. Ravindran named Rotary International President for 2015-16

Posted by Jerry Harris on Aug 16, 2013



K.R. Ravindran was selected as the President of Rotary International on August 13, 2013 for the 2015-16 term. Mr. Ravindran is a native of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Colombo is the largest port city in the island republic. An industrialist, Mr. Ravindran is the CEO of Printcare, PLC, a tea packaging company. He has been a Rotarian since 1974. He is the first Sri Lankan to be President of Rotary International and the tenth Asian. He and his wife live in Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

Mr. Ravindran's service in Rotary International includes stints as a Director and as Treasurer and as a Trustee for the Rotary Foundation. He has received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

Mr. Ravindran's contributions to the well-being of his fellow Sri Lankans are laudable. During the exhaustive and lengthy civil war that plagued his country's development, Mr. Ravindran stepped up and brokered a cease fire with northern militants so that Sri Lanka could participate in the National Immunization Days. Sri Lanka was the first Asian country to be declared Polio free. Mr. Ravindran was also instrumental in securing \$2.5 million in Rotary funding to help eradicate Polio in his native country.

After a Tsunami devastated Sri Lanka a few years back, Mr. Ravindran chaired the Schools Awakening project in Sri Lanka. The purpose of the initiative is to rebuild schools leveled by the Tsunami. To date, 20 new high quality schools have been built. These schools currently benefit over 15,000 students. He also founded and is president of the Anti-Narcotics Association of Sri Lanka.

Mr. Ravindran has set as one of his primary goals during his pending Presidency of Rotary International, the recruitment of new members. He sees the expanded utilization of social media by Rotary clubs on the local, national, and international level as the key to member growth.

Resignations

Posted by Dorinna York on Aug 16, 2013

Chris Reaney

Anne Segal

Bruce Richardson



Menu for August 21st at The DoubleTree

Posted by Dorinna York on Aug 09, 2013

Picnic Buffet ~ Fresh Greens with appropriate Condiments, Assorted Dressings, Fresh Sliced Fruit, Beans, Potato Salad, Grilled Hamburgers, Grilled Chicken Breast, Assorted Buns, Sliced Onions, Tomatoes, Kosher Dill Pickles, Assorted Cookies - family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea.

Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Aug 16, 2013

Membership

Active Members

Scholarship Cups

Cash Contributions \$ 36.00



Active Members Attendance Exempt	54	Quarterly with Dues	\$	240.00
Total Active Members	223	Total Scholarship Cups	\$	276.00
Honorary Members	16			
Meeting Attendance August 14, 2013				
		Raffle	\$	0.00
Active Members	104	Auction	\$	0.00
Active Members AE	16			
LOA/Honorary Members	1			
Total Members Present	121			
Guests	11			
Guests of the Club	2			
Visiting Rotarians	2			
Total Meeting Attendance	136			

