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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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#### September 18th Meeting - Bonsai/Boojum Rooms

Posted by Dorinna York on Sep 11, 2013

**The September 18th Meeting will be held in the Bonsai/Boojum Rooms at the DoubleTree Hotel.**

#### "Critters in our Environment" - Part 2

Posted by Mary Martin on Sep 12, 2013



#### Marc Hammond - Biography

Marc Hammond is the co-owner of Animal Experts Wildlife Services in Tucson, AZ. His company provides the unique service of safely capturing and relocating wild animals such as bats, bears, javelinas, raccoons, rattlesnakes, skunks, and more. In addition to removing and transferring intrusive wildlife, Marc's company also compassionately provides cremation and euthanasia services for beloved pets. Since 1993, Marc and Animal Experts have been educating thousands of students, law enforcement employees, utility workers, and postal carriers on dog-bite

prevention. Additionally, Marc and his business partner Jeff were featured in fourteen episodes of National Geographic's "Animal Extractors". They have also appeared in documentaries and news excerpts with National Geographic Wild, Fox News, CNN, and Telemundo. Marc is regularly seen on local news channels with exciting stories about wild animals and advice for the viewers regarding snake-bite prevention and/or conservation issues in the Sonoran Desert.

#### Mystery Editor September 11

Posted by Ed Mystery on Sep 13, 2013

## Weekly Program

Sep 18, 2013

[Marc Hammond](#)

Part 2 - Critters in our Environment (DoubleTree - Bonsai/Boojum Rms.)

Sep 25, 2013

[Club Mixer](#)

Location: The Stillwell House

Oct 02, 2013

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Sonoran Glass School - Blowing Glass

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Music Program - Tucson High Steel Drum Band

Oct 16, 2013

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Car Show Meeting

Oct 19, 2013

[Tucson Classics Car Show](#)

Oct 23, 2013

**DARK - NO LUNCH MEETING**

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Nov 13, 2013

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## Upcoming Events

**Social Mixer (RCOT MEMBERS ONLY)**

Sep 25, 2013 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

**Social Mixer (GUESTS ONLY)**

Sep 25, 2013 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

President DAVE GALLAHER called the meeting to order and asked everyone to remember the victims and the families on the 12th Anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. CLEM LESLIE gave an inspiring invocation, and we observed a moment of silence to remember Kathleen Nelson, wife of past president Larry Nelson, as well as the victims of the attack on September 11, 2001. DARRELL STEWART gave us the history behind the song "America The Beautiful", and then led us in an early version of the song, accompanied by GARY GETHMANN on the piano.



CAM MOORE introduced our visitors. We celebrated birthdays for YVONNE ERVIN and new member NANCY PURDIN. JACK MAREK provided a humorous, if partially fictional, introduction of NANCY, who has traveled extensively, including approximately 20 trips to New Zealand. Welcome to the Club NANCY.

DOT KRET and several of the Tucson Classics Car Show team captains revved up the crowd to sign up for volunteer positions with a well written script and several cheers. Their enthusiasm will ensure that the Car Show will be a great success.



JEFF RONSTADT introduced our guest speaker, Barbara Eiswerth, Ph. D., who is the Executive Director of Iskashitaa Refugee Network. Barbara is a former Rotary Exchange Student, having spent a year in La Paz, Bolivia. Barbara explained how Rotary changed her life and made her the person she is today. Barbara founded Iskashitaa in 2003 to recruit refugee students to identify, harvest and redistribute produce in Tucson that was going to waste. Today, they harvest more than 100,000 pounds of locally grown fruits and vegetables that are distributed to refugee families and other organizations that assist families in need.



#### President's Letter

Posted by David Gallaher on Sep 12, 2013

It was a somewhat solemn meeting this week as we remembered some past members and spouse who had passed and also paid respects to those who lost their lives 12 years ago on 9/11. We also toasted to those men and women who have given their lives in trying to make the world a safer place since then. It has been a long 12 years and the changes in our lives and our world are significant because of this tragedy. We continue to take a moment and reflect on the loss of life that day and the ensuing battle against terrorism.

We had a great program from Barbara Eiswerth and what a fantastic story about how Rotary Youth Exchange made such a difference in someone's life and 20 years later have dedicated their life to serving our community. Barbara had a great story and I hope we see her again. I am sure we will. I love the Rotary Youth Exchange program and her story is repeated every year somewhere in the world.

Don't forget this coming week we have a repeat performance from the Animal Expert. This was one of our most talked about programs back in July and we can expect more of the same. I won't spoil any secrets for those who missed that meeting. This will be great!

Please don't forget to sign up for the Membership Mixer on September 25 at the Stillwell House 5:30-8:30 p.m. We have heard from members that they want more fellowship opportunities and this one promises to be a good one. The food will be catered by El Charro and we will have wine and beer. Guests are \$22 with no charge to members as this meeting serves as a replacement meeting. Let's have some fun and for those who want to linger, let's check out some of the new spots close-by for entertainment. Members and Guests can sign up until end of day on September 18th.

Have a great week and Fall is back!

2013 Havasupai Annual Hike  
Oct 10, 2013 - Oct 13, 2013

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## Our Sponsors



## "Member/Director Spotlight - Ellie Patterson"

Posted by Joni Condit on Sep 13, 2013



Would you believe that we have among our members a shoeshiner extraordinaire? When Ellie Patterson first came to Tucson in the mid-eighties, she wanted to do something totally different from her previous career as a high school guidance counselor in Idaho. She took a year off from counseling and right off the bat she and two of her friends biked from Canada to Mexico over a six week period, camping wherever they could find shelter. This obviously prepared her to ride in the El Tour de Tucson representing the Rotary Club of Tucson!

The experience was a really good one and the three women contemplated opening a bike touring company before it really became the thing to do. But, instead, Ellie responded to a classified ad and was hired as a shoeshiner at the Triple "T" Truck stop shining shoes, making a lot of money! Already having a Masters degree in Education and Counseling under her belt, she took enough notes on the psyche of a truck driver to compile a PhD dissertation (which she never completed but could still use to write a book!)

Eventually, tired of shining shoes, Ellie listened to a good friend from the East coast who suggested the idea of opening a staffing company. Since she had no experience in this industry, Ellie first applied for a branch manager job in a large national staffing company in Tucson competing with five other candidates. She says she got the job because the hiring person announced that this job required a lot of energy and Ellie replied, "well, I run marathons." She got the job!

Twenty years ago, Ellie and her business partner, Cindy Dhuey, decided to open their own staffing business called *The Temp Connection*. They have worked with over 2,000 clients and have placed more than 15,000 talented people in large and small organizations throughout Tucson and southern Arizona in jobs ranging from administrative, clerical, accounting, sales and marketing, and information technology fields.

If an employer needs one employee or needs 100, a short term project or a full time position, the Temp Connection is there to help. Ellie helped me find my Executive Assistant last December when my long time assistant retired. She also helped our Rotary Board when Mary Laughbaum left our Executive Director position last year, running ads, screening candidates and assisting in the interview process. The Temp Connection has been recognized as one of the top women-owned companies in Tucson and you can count on getting top notch professional and friendly service.

Ellie is serving as our Club Secretary for a second year in a row, serving with first President Jim and now President Dave. She is a role model for new members, jumping right into things when she joined our club in June 2010. Ellie not only gives back to our community through Rotary, she is also involved in the Fox Tucson Theatre Foundation Board, Touch Point Connection, and is the Facilitator for the (WIT) Women Impacting Tucson networking group. She is recognized as a Woman of Influence by Inside Tucson Business. Ellie is married to Tom Patterson and they have three daughters between them and six grandchildren ranging from 11 months to 18 years old. So, the next time you're talking to Ellie and you see her looking down at your shoes, you'll know that she is evaluating whether you've taken time to shine your shoes!

## Resignation

Posted by Dorinna York on Sep 13, 2013

John Gimmler



## Menu for September 18th at The DoubleTree (Bonsai/Boojum Rooms)

Posted by Dorinna York on Sep 12, 2013



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**Plated Salad ~ Fresh Spinach Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette and Ranch Dressings**

**Grilled Chicken Marsala ~ Grilled chicken Breast Topped with a Slow Cooked Marsala Wine Mushroom Sauce, Served with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Sliced Red Roasted Potatoes, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Assorted Cookies served Family Style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea**

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

**Vegetarian Calzones ~ Spinach, Olive, Pesto Butter & Feta Cheese Calzones Served with Sauteed Green Beans**

**Fresh Fruit Plate if reserved by Monday noon.**

**Gluten Free meals available by advance reservation only.**

#### Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Sep 12, 2013

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	166	Cash Contributions	\$ 40.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	55	Quarterly with Dues	\$ 240.00
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>Total Scholarship Cups</b>	<b>\$ 280.00</b>
<b>Honorary Members</b>	<b>16</b>		
<b>Meeting Attendance September 11, 2013</b>		<b>Raffle</b>	\$ 0.00
Active Members	110	<b>Auction</b>	\$ 200.00
Active Members AE	16		
LOA/Honorary Members	1		
<b>Total Members Present</b>	<b>127</b>		
Guests	9		
Guests of the Club	3		
Visiting Rotarians	0		
<b>Total Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>139</b>		

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