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We meet **WEDNESDAYS, 12:00 NOON - 1:20 PM**
DoubleTree Hotel
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"Downtown Tucson: Transformation of our City Center"

Posted by Jeff Ronstadt on Nov 22, 2013



Biography: Michael Keith

Local developer, Michael Keith, began work as the Downtown Tucson Partnership's CEO on May 10, 2010. Previously, Mr. Keith was president of Contemporary West Development, specializing in downtown historic restoration and new residential development. Projects included the restoration of the historic Cheney House in El Presidio, and the development of seven residential townhouses at Franklin Court.

Mr. Keith has been involved in numerous community-based projects including the Extreme Makeover project and the restoration of historic façade and the marquee for the Screening Room theatre. In 2007, he led the effort that resulted in the preparation of the Downtown Infrastructure Study.

Keith is on the Steering Committee for Second Saturdays Downtown, and has served on the Boards of the Arizona Media Arts Center, WAMO, and the Fox Theatre. Awards include: The *Mayors Heart of Downtown* award, Southern Arizona Leadership Council's *Downtown Visionary Award*, the Sonoran Institutes *Building from the Best of Tucson Award*, and citations from the *Tucson-Pima Historical Commission*.

Weekly Program

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 UofA Sr. VP for Academic Affairs & Provost

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 District Governor/State of Rotary District 5500

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Upcoming Events

2013 San Carlos Trip
 Dec 06, 2013 - Dec 09, 2013

Salvation Army Bellringing-Saturday, December 14th
 Dec 14, 2013 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM

Mystery Editor November 20

Posted by Ed Mystery on Nov 22, 2013

A very thankful KEITH COBB opened the meeting with the invocation and club members were asked to fill out the ballots for the Board of Directors seats that are open. PRESIDENT DAVE also informed the club that JANIS COTTEN is gravely ill and welcomes visitors, especially Rotary friends, in order to say goodbye.

Jonathan Lang from Boy Scout Troop #339 (sponsored by RCOT) led the pledge and a rousing rendition of "America the Beautiful" accompanied by the multi-talented ELLIE PATTERSON. ELLIE along with the other Riders to End Polio – El Tour had her Rotary bicycle jersey on.

JOHN COUSINS, another El Tour rider, introduced guests and visiting Rotarians after which PRESIDENT DAVE wished happy birthday to MARGARET HIGGINS (who he said had a great radio face and wonderful accent), MARIANNE FREITAS (who related the fact that her sponsor really was against women in Rotary), DAN GUARE (who celebrated with his Rotary kazoo), and BRUCE TUNZE (who quoted Ray Bradbury but claims he does not read science fiction).



District Governor Elect, SALLY MONTAGNE, introduced two new members to the club: CAROL and RANDY LONG. Both educators, RANDY researched cohesion and stress as a Captain in the Army (I am convinced he is using RCOT as a case study!)

Winners of the raffle were announced for items contributed to the car show silent auction – among the prizes were a signed duck print and an electric carving knife. A live auction was also held for UofA football tickets and a fun time on the water with PRESIDENT DAVE.

CHUCK SAWYER presented a check to Dr. Sherrill, head of school at St. Gregory's, we heard a report from the successful popcorn sales from Troop #339 and understand the Goodwill Clothes Closet Cleaning Day was a success.



Mayor Rothschild presented his plan for developing a foundation for growth in Tucson and related a number of successes he has presided over since being elected. Nice to hear some positive news about the future of our city! Even more, the Mayor was a trooper and took a pie to the face in order to support Rotary's Ride to End Polio at El Tour this year. With matching funds, approximately \$7500 was raised!



Lastly but not leastly, the three new Board Members were announced for 2014 – 2016. They are STACIA DECKER, JENNIFER HOFFMAN and BOBBY LARSON – Congratulations and thank you for your willingness to serve!

Holiday Mixer (RCOT MEMBERS ONLY)

Dec 18, 2013 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

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Holiday Mixer

Posted by Dorinna York on Nov 22, 2013

HOLIDAY MIXER ~ Wednesday, December 18th
(Replaces Lunch Meeting)

LOCATION: Mini-Time Machine, 4455 E. Camp Lowell, Tucson, AZ

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Catered by: Sapphire Catering ~ Beer (\$3), Wine & Margaritas (\$5)



President's Letter

Posted by David Gallaher on Nov 22, 2013

Wow! If you missed this week's meeting, you missed a fun and an informative one. After almost five months (and counting) of being President, I am still baffled with how big our agenda grows from the week before. We have so many things going on and I believe that is what makes RCOT such a great Club.

The Honorable Mayor Jonathan Rothschild was our program and he gave an informative and passionate speech about his role as Mayor and discussed some important items that have been a priority for his job as Mayor. I graduated from high school at Canyon del Oro with Jonathan (Class of '73) and we served together in many early "political" circles of student government back in the day. We have now known each other for 41 years. That helped a bit in convincing him to take a pie in the face if we could raise \$2500 from our Club membership towards Rotary's End Polio Now campaign and he was a great sport to say yes. We quickly got 32 people to pony up \$100 each towards this effort and the fun began (thanks Darrell Stewart) and it was indeed an honor and privilege to put a nice pie into my pal the Mayor. With our match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, we raised a total of \$9600 for the End Polio Now campaign. You can send a quick email if you wish and thank him for helping this effort. Send your note of thanks to mayor1@tucsonaz.gov. I have sent him a gift certificate to Sparkle Cleaners with a nice edible pie for the holidays.

This coming week, we will hear about Rotary's success at the El Tour de Tucson and the visit to Tucson again by Rotary International Secretary, John Hewko, who was honored this year for raising the most money yet for any charity since the El Tour de Tucson began. John raised over \$240,000 last year. There is more exciting news for this year's results. Susan and I were thrilled at the opportunity to host John during his visit here and he is a most incredible worker and spokesperson for Rotary International. Member Gary Hirsch has done another fantastic job with organizing riders and raising money for the Polio Plus campaign as well. Thanks Gary!

There's more. This week we kick off our effort to begin organizing for a meal packing event for Feed My Starving Children that will be held February 1, 2014, on a Saturday, at an industrial building near Ajo and Alvernon. This is a joint project with the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club and other Rotary Clubs around Arizona celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Arizona. We will need to get 500 volunteers including Rotarians and will join forces with any and all community groups and businesses to perform the packing of these meals in two hour shifts. This project is another way to celebrate fellowship and involvement with international service.

For those of you travelling this coming week to be with family and friends for the holiday, please be careful and travel safely. We have a lot to be thankful for and Happy Thanksgiving. See you Wednesday.

Under the Southwest Sun

Posted by Jan Green on Nov 22, 2013



Rotarian Chris Mooney's creative photographic exhibition at The Art Institute of Arizona is a visual delight no Rotarian will want to miss. Its positive message, surreal desert beauty, and Southwestern "photo" mementos allow the viewer to absorb, smile and wonder; and then realize just what it is to be a Tucsonan, just how fortunate we are.

Chris' Artist Statement: "The Southwest shaped me. My childhood held many influences: Roy Rogers, the Sonoran Desert, and the sacrifice of a loving mother and



stepfather who have always been there when I needed them. Moving from New York when I was three years old, the Southwest grabbed a hold of my soul and awoke something within me, bigger than myself.

I've been lucky and fortunate to make a living from my childhood dream of becoming a photographer, and the work presented here is a sample of over 30 years of capturing the Southwest."

One might want to describe many of Chris' works as visual "puns" titled with amusing written "puns." The colors, which are almost neon in effect at times, highlight Southwestern subject matter and attract attention from some distance. Stephanie Aguilar, Receptionist and Inquiry Processor, volunteers: "This Gallery Show has been one of the busiest I've seen. Staff, students and the public will slowly walk by and eventually work their way in. I believe the attraction is that these photographs are 'home' to most of us, and we want to see our environment creatively."

I have always felt that there is an association between the creative spirit and the humanitarian spirit—the Rotarian service spirit, so to speak. Both give us a degree of satisfaction and completion that very few other activities can. Chris Mooney has got it and he shares it with us. I have asked Rotarians, Marianne Freitas and Richard Bratt, both who know Chris well and have the experience of his exhibition, to give us some insights.

PP Marianne: "We are most fortunate to have the talents of member Chris Mooney. Chris has continually and generously donated his photographic talents to our club . . . roster pictures, official photo of TCCS raffle car, the raffle ticket and flyer picture, photos on the day of the car show."

Richard: "Chris Mooney is many things: A talented photographer, artist photographer, Rotarian, friend and overall just a nice person. I have gotten to know Chris both through Rotary and by using him as our firm's photographer. He does an outstanding job and is very professional in his business dealings. Just recently at his photographic exhibit, I got to see the scope of his talents and his creativity. I am proud to call Chris both a friend and a Rotarian."

Delight yourself with Chris Mooney's visual treats this Holiday Season. The exhibition extends at the Art Institute, 5099 E. Grant Rd., through December, "8 to 8" Monday – Thursday, "8 to 5" Friday and Saturday.

Thanks, Chris, for sharing with your fellow Rotarians.

The New 50/50 Raffle

Posted by Jennifer Hoffman on Nov 15, 2013

Fellow Rotarians....



We are mixing it up for the 50/50 raffle.... now when you generously purchase your raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing, the winning ticket will attempt to draw the Ace of Spades from a deck of cards. The deck would only be comprised of just the face cards and aces. If you pull the Ace of Spades, you will win 50% of the earnings ... if not, the pot carries forward to the next week until the Ace of Spades is drawn, making the return on your \$5.00 investment BIG MONEY!!! So, each week that the Ace of Spades is not drawn, the deck will get smaller and the pot will get larger.

We will be starting this new raffle in the next few weeks.

As always we appreciate your participation and wish you the best of luck!

YIR,

Jennifer Hoffman





Menu for November 27th at The DoubleTree

Posted by Dorinna York on Nov 22, 2013

Plated Salad - Spring Mix Salad with Ranch and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressings

Applesauce Meatloaf ~ Applesauce glazed Meatloaf served with Smoked Gouda Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookies served family style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian option if reserved by Monday noon:

Vegetarian Strudel ~ rolled and baked layers of Filo Dough with Grilled Vegetables and Ricotta Cheese, served with Chef Choice 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 Nov 22, 2013

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	164	Cash Contributions	\$ 81.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	54		
Total Active Members	218	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 81.00
Honorary Members	17		
Meeting Attendance - November 20, 2013		Raffle for Car Show	\$ 260.00
Members	118	Auction for Car Show	\$ 375.00
Active Members AE	29	Auction RCOTF	\$ 150.00
LOA/Honorary Members	2		
Total Members Present	149		
Guests	10		
Guests of the Club	4		
Visiting Rotarians	4		
Total Meeting Attendance	167		

