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District Site

### **Rotarians Partnering to Help in Afghanistan**

Posted by Charlotte Harris on Dec 23, 2013



Motivated by the tragedy of September 11, Rotarian Steve Brown has traveled to Afghanistan twelve times during the last eleven years working with various programs of the Rotary Foundation and other partnering organizations to carry out educational and humanitarian programs in the City of Jalalabad. He will discuss challenges encountered and successes enjoyed working with local Afghans to establish a Rotary Club in Jalalabad and create a Sister Cities relationship between his home town of San Diego and Jalalabad. Experiences included building schools, establishing internet connected computer labs for boys and girls in public high schools, working with a local university to facilitate English language training and assisting with Rotary's polio eradication efforts through a meeting with a

Taliban leader and a separate meeting with Afghan President Karzai.

### Biography - Stephen R. Brown

Rotary Foundation Trustee (2010-14)

Chair, Fund Development Committee, Rotary Partnerships Committee and Investment Committee; Vice-Chair Foundation Finance Committee, Member, Future Vision Committee Pension Review Committee, Joint Committee on Committees, Peace Centers Strategic Planning Committee Liaison Trustee, Operations Review Committee, Rotary International's Extension Representative to Iraq.

Steve was a partner in the law firm of Luce, Forward from 1972 until retirement several

# Weekly Program

Jan 08, 2014 Stephen Brown Rotary International

Jan 15, 2014 **Andrew Comrie** UofA Sr. VP for Academic Affairs & Provost

Jan 22, 2014 Nancy Cassel District Governor/State of Rotary District 5500

Jan 29, 2014 Eric Holtan, ED **Tucson Chamber Artists** 

Feb 12, 2014 Dr. Barnet Pavao-Zuckerman The Joy of Archaeology at the "Mission of Sorrows"

Feb 26, 2014 J. Humenik, Bill/Brenda Viner, B. Beach, F. Farias Founders/Tucson Festival of **Books** 

Mar 05, 2014 Dr. HT Sanchez, TUSD Superintendent Status of TUSD Strategic Plan

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# **Upcoming Events**

No Upcoming Events

### **Board of Directors**

President **David Gallaher**  years ago. He has been a member of Stanford Law School's Board of Visitors. He received the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award from United Nations Association of San Diego. A Rotarian since 1986, he has served RI as Foundation Vice Chair and Trustee; member of various committees, and Permanent Fund National Adviser. Since 2002, he has worked as a volunteer on projects in Afghanistan. Steve has been involved in Rotary Foundation projects in numerous countries and traveled extensively to support international service through Rotary. He is a recipient of Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award and RI's Service Above Self Award. Steve and his wife, Susan, are members of the Arch C. Klumph Society---Chair's Circle---and the Bequest Society.

Charter Member of Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle.

Mystery Editor December 18 - Holiday Mixer Posted by Ed Mystery on Jan 02, 2014

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Holiday Mixer on December 18th. Lots of fun, food, laughter and fellowship!













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President's Letter
Posted by David Gallaher on Jan 03, 2014

Happy New Year! 2013 was an incredible year for the Rotary Club of Tucson and 2014 will be even better! We had an incredible Classics Car Show that set several records thanks to the constant hard work by so many members of the Club and the leadership of Chuck Sawyer. You will soon

hear a recap of last year's show and then an upcoming announcement of the Chair for 2015's Car Show.

The hiking fellowship continued with a spring trip to the Grand Canyon and many other hikes that were meant for all those happy hikers to get in shape. We had several great fellowship mixers that set some new records for attendance.

We just completed this year's El Tour and were lucky to once again have the participation of John Hewko, CEO of Rotary International. Gary Hirsch and others spearheaded local efforts on the fundraising and with John's ride, we raised over \$700,000 towards eradicating polio. This was matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation 2 to 1 and our total was over \$2,100,000 toward this campaign. We hosted John during his stay and he is an amazing leader of our organization. Heck, we even raised over \$9,000 with our Mayor taking a pie!

We completed several work projects that helped out many of our local charities and we have more planned for 2014. February 1, we will be leading an effort to pack 100,000 meals for the Feed My Starving Children organization. Raising the money has been relatively easy with a match of \$5,000 from the Phoenix 100 Club and an anonymous \$5,000 donation from a member of our Club. This project was originally started by the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club as a way to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Arizona as their Club celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Their goal has been to pack 1,000,000 meals around the State and engage Rotary Clubs from all over Arizona to join in the celebration of 100 years of Rotary in Arizona. Now the hard part.....we need 500 volunteers. They do not need to be members of any Rotary Club and in fact, everyone over the age of five is welcome. You can do as little as a two hour shift or spend some extra time doing another shift. Come celebrate this in this historic event and help celebrate Rotary and the unique leadership and fellowship that we provide for many groups in Tucson and in Arizona. Please engage your friends and co-workers to sign up for a shift. Bring your whole company! Register online at www.fmsc.org/mobilepack /events.

In less than two weeks, we will celebrate the origination of our first Interact Club led by the efforts of member and good friend, Allyn Bulzomi. Our Club is at Amphi High School and the outlook looks good for a successful group of young men and women that want to tackle their own community projects. Several members called over the holiday and asked if they could contribute to the Interact Club through the Arizona Schools Tax Credit program. Thank you.

As every President will tell you, their year flies by and 2013 was no exception for this President and his spouse. We started by travelling to South Africa which this trip opportunity was created by a donation to Rotary to raise money for several community projects in Natal, Brazil by our District 5500. It was an incredible journey to say the least, and we celebrated Rotary by making up at clubs along the way. It seemed only several weeks later that we attended the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon Portugal. Yes, it was an incredible experience as this was our first International Convention. We were fortunate to travel with our friends and members, the Denningtons. The next thing we knew, it was business at home with leading our first meeting of 2013/2014.

Since then, we have hiked Havasupai Canyon with the District 5500 RYE students, hosted the 300<sup>th</sup> Rotary Gift of Life recipient Katia from Sedona, John Hewko from RI, and most recently, we completed our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas and Holiday trip to San Carlos Mexico with 14 of our Club members. Whew! It is a quick year indeed.

Thanks to everyone for making this Club an incredible Rotary Club and for your time and







dedication towards improving the lives of those that need help both at home and abroad.

Finally, please be sure to make this week's meeting and listen to our fascinating speaker, Mr. Stephen Brown. His program will feature a unique story about the power of Rotary International abroad. It is a great story.

I am sure I left out something! See you this Wednesday.

#### **December 14th Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army**

Posted by Patrick Lennan on Jan 02, 2014



The following is the recap for our Salvation Army Bell Ringing which took place on December 14th:

82 Rotarians, 17 Relatives, 9 Guests, 4 U of A Scholars and former U of A Scholars collected \$7,230.10 on December 14, 2013. The Salvation Army and your RCOT Bell Ringing Committee (Pat Lennan & Keith Cobb) thank you for your Great Efforts. Of our 14 kettles and 12 stores, the top three collection teams are:

- 1 Safeway--Sunrise & Swan--North Door \$1,153.09
- 2 Wal-Mart--Speedway & Kolb \$895.32
- 3 Dillard's--Park Mall \$826,50

Many "Bell Ringers" did an outstanding job. Here are a few examples of some of our

experts: "Santa" John Cousins at Wal-Mart--Speedway & Kolb in his authentic Santa outfit looked and sounded like Santa for two shifts, 1:00-5:00. When you drove up to Wal-Mart you could hear and see John picking up babies and taking family pictures as well as families taking his picture with their kids. John told me he gave away 500 candy canes to everyone. Jim and Connie Murphy at El Con



Wal-Mart brought a Boom-Box at

their kettle and played fantastic Christmas music. Chris Edwards and son Corbin at Dillard's Park Place Mall flashed his patented two-hand pointing sign of service while son Corbin opened the door for the Christmas Rush Crowd. Experienced members like Gordon Graham and his wife Nancy rang the bells like they have for so many years.

These are just a few of our Rotarians, Relatives, Guests and Scholars who served our community with that Rotary dedication. If you missed Ringing the Bell this year, or have not had this experience, sign-up next year in November for this fantastic Rotary Service you won't forget.

#### **Welcome New Members**

Posted by Dorinna York on Dec 23, 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: Chris Ludwig







Classification: Accounting & Financial Services: CPA Private Practice

**Sponsor:** Drew Vactor

New Member: Tim Overton

Classification: Finance: Community Bank

Sponsor: Jim Lubinski

New Member: Steve Pickering

Classification: Service Industries: Telecommunications

**Sponsor:** Hugh Thompson

#### 50/50 Raffle

Posted by Dorinna York on Dec 13, 2013

#### 50/50 Raffle



The Pot for the 50/50 Raffle will start at \$520.00 for the **January 8th meeting**. Each week that the Ace of Spades is not drawn, the deck will get smaller and the pot will get larger. So that it's not too much of a challenge, the deck of cards is comprised of just face cards and aces. Guests will be allowed to purchase tickets, but they'll only qualify for 25 percent of the pot. Winners will share the pot with Feed My Starving Children. Tickets will be on sale at the registration table.

## Menu for January 8th at The DoubleTree

Posted by Dorinna York on Jan 02, 2014

Plated Salad - Wedge Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette and Bleu Cheese Dressings

Chicken Picatta ~ Lemon-Egg Battered Chicken Breast Finished with a Lemon Caper Butter, served with Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables, Doubletree Chocolate Chip Cookies served Family Style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian option if reserved by Monday noon:

Portobello Mushroom Napoleon ~ Layers of Grilled Portobello Mushrooms, Grilled Vegetables, Roasted Corn, Mild Salsa and Finished with Fresh Herbs.

Fresh Fruit Plate if reserved by Monday noon. Gluten Free meals available by <u>advance</u> reservation only.

### **Membership and Attendance**

Posted by Dorinna York on Jan 02, 2014

Membership Scholarship Cups

Active Members Active Members Attendance Exempt	169 55	Cash Contributions	\$ 53.00
Total Active Members	224	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 53.00
Honorary Members	18		
Meeting Attendance - December 18, 2013		Raffle	\$ 0.00
Members Active Members AE	85 14	Auction RCOTF	\$ 0.00
LOA/Honorary Members	2		
Total Members Present	101		
Guests	66		
Guests of the Club	9		
Visiting Rotarians	0		
Total Meeting Attendance	176		

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