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"Never Settle: The UA Strategic Plan"

Posted by Robert Logan on Jan 10, 2014

Andrew C. Comrie ~ Sr. Vice President & Provost - Academic Affairs - UofA



Andrew C. Comrie serves as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. He is the chief academic officer of the University, overseeing all academic programs and units exclusive of the health sciences and medical enterprise where academic programs come under the oversight of the senior vice president for health sciences.

Dr. Comrie came to the University of Arizona in 1992 as a climatologist in the School of Geography and Development. He has several interdisciplinary appointments including Atmospheric Sciences and Public Health. He currently holds a tenured appointment as professor in the School of Geography and

Development.

Prior to becoming Provost, Dr. Comrie served as associate vice president for research and dean of the Graduate College. In his role as dean, Dr. Comrie provided academic leadership for graduate education at the University, including stewardship of 15 Graduate Interdisciplinary Programs, which involve over 600 faculty members from more than a dozen colleges. Prior to his appointment as dean in January 2006, he led the UA's graduate program in Geography for almost a decade. Dr. Comrie has served in national roles including the Council of Graduate Schools Board of Directors from 2008-2010, the AAU Association of Graduate Schools Executive Committee from 2010 to 2012, and the Board of Directors of the Graduate Record Examination from 2010 to present.

As dean, Dr. Comrie's accomplishments included raising the campus profile of the graduate enterprise, regularizing support for graduate interdisciplinary programs, and increasing support for graduate student fellowships. He introduced competitive programs to increase private and public extramural graduate student support, and he has worked with colleagues to maintain and strengthen exemplary programs to increase student access to graduate education.

As associate vice president for research he was active in technology transfer and entrepreneurship, research integrity and ethics, and advancing strategic research agendas across multiple disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas.

Weekly Program

Jan 15, 2014

[Andrew Comrie](#)
 Never Settle: The UA Strategic Plan

Jan 22, 2014

[Nancy Cassel](#)
 District Governor/State of Rotary
 District 5500 (Bonsai/Boojum Rooms)

Jan 29, 2014

[Eric Holtan, ED](#)
 Music Program - Tucson
 Chamber Artists

Feb 05, 2014

[Mike Candrea - UofA Head Softball Coach](#)
 Having a Balance in Your Life
 (Radisson Hotel - Eastside)

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

Mar 12, 2014

[Dr. Jean-Paul Bierny](#)
 A Radiologist Looks at Chamber Music

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Upcoming Events

No Upcoming Events

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Dr. Comrie received his undergraduate education at the University of Cape Town in South Africa and his Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University. His research focuses on the connections between climate, disease vectors and pathogens. He has served as editorial board member and editor for several scientific journals.

Mystery Editor January 5

Posted by Ed Mystery on Jan 10, 2014

The first meeting of 2014 was brought to order promptly by PRESIDENT DAVE GALLAHER, who noted that our guest speaker's flight had been delayed. Taking his sweet time, TED KIRACOFE delivered a ponderous invocation on the subject of time passing. A moment of silence was offered in remembrance of the victims and their families on this third anniversary of the January 8th shooting. DAVE WHITE led the pledge and song, accompanied by ELLIE PATTERSON.

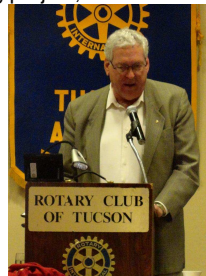
New member, AMANDA WOOD did an excellent job introducing a long and dignified list of guests and visiting Rotarians – there were so many standing ovations for past district governors that we were dizzy. Strangely, no birthdays were reported and none were celebrated. Poor JENNIFER HOFFMAN was recognized for never being recognized, though she was mysteriously profiled in Tucson Lifestyle for purchasing all the butter in town. PRESIDENT DAVE is apparently on her mother's "Naughty List" as his invitation to her Holiday Party was overlooked. Nevertheless JEN made a sizable contribution to DAVE'S signature fundraiser, Feed My Starving Children. CAMERON MOORE drew the lucky number for the 50/50 drawing, held by PETER BEAHAN, who's Ace of Diamonds draw was close...but no cigar.



TOM ANDREWS asked for assistance in scheduling social activities for a short-term exchange student from Peru. VICKIE JACOBS introduced DON ROLLINGS, who awarded coveted blue badges to CAROL AND RANDY LONG. Randy remarked, "this is the best and friendliest club" they have ever attended. PRESIDENT DAVE and ALLYN BULZOMI proudly announced that we are inducting the Club's very first Interact Club on Saturday, January 11. BULZOMI then provided an

update on planning for the Feed My Starving Children food packing project, which will take place on February 1st. There are 290 volunteer slots to fill.

Guest speaker, Stephen Brown, arrived in time to speak and was glowingly introduced by SALLY MONTAGNE. Brown's presentation was a mind-boggling success story of Rotarian fortitude and sheer luck that progressed from providing aid in Afghan refugee camps, to building a school in Jalalabad, to chartering the first Rotary Club in Afghanistan, to gaining internet connectivity for Nangarhar University and eventually garnering gifts of more than \$4 million to establish US/Afghan collaborative university programs in Education and Engineering at Nangarhar University and San Diego State University. Brown ended by noting for all Rotarians that "The Life You've Changed the Most Has Been Your Own."



PRESIDENT DAVE asked Club members to send a note of cheer to GARY HIRSCH, who is recovering from a successful double knee replacement surgery. DAVE's toast recognized the incredible work and power of our international service through Rotary.



President's Letter

Posted by David Gallaher on Jan 13, 2014

Happy New Year was the theme last week after a two (three if you count the mixer) week hiatus from our Wednesday meetings. 2014 promises to be a fun packed year with lots of projects and great fellowship.

We had a great program last week from Stephen Brown, a Trustee for the RI Foundation. Stephen is a polished and entertaining speaker who has an incredible Rotary resume. Mr. Brown is a charter member of the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club and has the most incredible story of leveraging international grants from Rotary into giant projects for education and building improvements in Afghanistan. I heard him at PETS training and he opened my eyes to the importance of international aspects of the thousands of accomplishments of RI grants around the world. If you missed the meeting, he received a standing ovation from the Club. This year as in all years, Rotary International asks all Rotarians to contribute \$100 to the RI Foundation. "Every Year

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Every Rotarian" is the theme. Every dollar we do give to the Foundation will provide a return to our District and Club for international grants. Our DG Elect, Sally Montagne, is an expert on this subject and if you have not considered the \$100 challenge, I hope you will make it happen this year in 2014.

We shortened up our usual business this past week to give our speaker 40 minutes so we will have a jam packed meeting this week with an exciting wrap up of the 2013 Tucson Classics Car Show and a presentation of monies to our charities. We will also have a brief update on the success we had ringing the bells for Salvation Army during the holidays where we raised another record amount of money. Thanks to Pat Lennan for leading this effort.

This past Friday, we inducted our first Interact Club at Amphi High School. The Club officers were pinned, as well as their teacher sponsors and school Principal, Jon Lansa. It was a great event and well attended by members of our Club. Charlotte, Jo, Jim, Sally, Drew, Roger, Allyn and I attended. We are off to a great start there and their officers include freshman through seniors for continuity. They are eager to participate in community service and I am excited to see this happen. Member and good friend, Allyn Bulzoni spearheaded this deal and thanks Allyn in getting this up and running. It is going to be fun.

The Feed My Starving Meal Packing Event is scheduled for February 1st, 10:00-5:00 at 4161 E Tennessee St., #349. We had an incredible week as we opened up the registration to the public on Monday and by Thursday morning, the slots were full and therefore you cannot register online. I was shocked at how quickly it filled. **Here is the scoop. The registration process online allows for people to reserve "blocks" of registrants for a team or block of people. Some people reserved 30-35 spots. If these people do not fill in these spots with names and email addresses in the next week, we will be calling them to ask them to release those "blocks" so we can register more Rotarians. Several area Clubs did not get in and we are asking people to be patient while we work on this.** We will need a crew of 20 volunteers for set up on Friday afternoon on January 31. It will probably take two hours. So for now, please call the office and provide your name and time shift that you would like to work. We are also considering adding more packing stations which might increase our meal packing numbers. According to our friends in Phoenix, the meal count is at 723,000. We have a very good shot at packing the millionth meal here in Tucson on that day. I will be sending out a list of items we will need for the day in a separate email. Thanks to everyone for their support of this history making endeavor. Have a great week and see you Wednesday.

"Member Spotlight ~ Gary Scheer"

Posted by Jerry Harris on Jan 10, 2014

Gary Scheer was born on Christmas Day 1939 in Wichita, Kansas. His father was a machinist and his mother a homemaker. Gary has six brothers and sisters. His most fond memories of growing up in Wichita involve bicycle racing on a dirt track and his first car. His first car was a 1936 black Plymouth Coupe that was given to him at the age of fourteen. Since he did not have his driver's license at that early age, he drove the car on his parents' property. His entrepreneurial skills surfaced early. He tore the Plymouth apart, restored it and sold it for a profit. Gary went to St. Gregory's, a private boarding school in Shawnee, Oklahoma for three years then returned to Wichita and graduated from West High School.

After serving an Optics apprenticeship, he met Barbara and they married as soon as she graduated nursing school in 1960. A registered nurse, Barbara has recently retired. They have two daughters, Susan and Stacia, and three grandchildren. Gary and Barbara soon moved to Boulder, Colorado where Stacia was born and Gary attended the University of Colorado. In 1968 Gary's employer, The Benson Optical Co of Minneapolis, transferred him to Las Vegas, NV. While in Las Vegas, Gary was very active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce. One of his favorite memories was serving as chairman of the Nevada Special Olympics and taking 70 proud Special Olympians to Los Angeles where Olympic Gold Medalist in the decathlon, Rafer Johnson, hosted the first Special Olympics in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

In 1973, Gary and his family were urged to move to Tucson by two local Ophthalmologists and Rotarians, A.K. Hansen, MD. And Sherwood Burr, MD. Gary bought the Optical department and expanded it to what are now six optical retail stores and a full service Optical grinding laboratory. Alvernon Optical, under the direction of its current President, Stacia Decker, Gary's daughter, employs 46 employees and provides the highest quality eye care services and products to Southern Arizona residents. Dr. Paul Cinalli heads up Optometric services including eye exams and contact lens service.



Gary joined the Rotary Club of Tucson in 1978 and served as a Board of Director under Jim Ronstadt's presidency. He also served as club Secretary under President Gordon



Bartlett. Gary has seen 36 Club Presidents during his years as a Rotarian in our club. Gary supports the San Carlos Project, the Tucson Classic Car Show and other Rotary projects. Gary says he is most proud of bringing his daughter, Stacia Decker, Dr. Paul Cinalli, Irene Decker and Tony Pedroza into the club.

Gary maintained his interest in cars throughout the years. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Tucson Street Rod Association. Gary and Barbara travel across the Southwest exhibiting Gary's restored 1932 Ford Sedan. This year, Gary will have another car on exhibition at our Classic Car Show on October 18, 2014. It is a 1931 Ford Victoria that Gary has recently restored into tip top shape.



When asked why he belongs to Rotary, Gary said that the principals of Rotary, mainly the Four Way Test, serve as his guideline to conducting his personal and business life and these principals have never let him down.

50/50 Raffle

Posted by Dorinna York on Jan 10, 2014

50/50 Raffle



The Pot for the 50/50 Raffle will start at \$870.00 for the **January 15th 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 15th at The DoubleTree

Posted by Dorinna York on Jan 10, 2014

Plated Salad - Fresh Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette and Ranch Dressings

Roasted Pork Loin ~ *Rosemary Garlic Roasted Port Loin served with Mashed Potatoes, Chef's Choice of Vegetable, 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's Choice of 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 Jan 10, 2014

Membership

Active Members
Active Members Attendance Exempt

Total Active Members

167
55

222

Scholarship Cups

Cash Contributions \$ 47.00

Total Scholarship Cups \$ 47.00

Honorary Members	18		
Meeting Attendance - January 5, 2014		Raffle/RCOTF-FMSC	\$
			350.00
Members	124		
Active Members AE	16	Auction RCOTF	\$
			0.00
LOA/Honorary Members	1		
Total Members Present	141		
Guests	6		
Guests of the Club	7		
Visiting Rotarians	8		
Total Meeting Attendance	162		