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We meet **WEDNESDAYS, 12:00 NOON - 1:20 PM**
DoubleTree Hotel
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February 26th Meeting - DoubleTree in Salons A, B, C, & D

Posted by Dorinna York on Feb 21, 2014

Please note the February 26th Lunch Meeting will be held in Salons A, B, C, & D facing East (Lobby Side) of the DoubleTree Hotel.

Personalizing the Festival Experience"

Posted by Yvonne Ervin on Feb 21, 2014



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Tucson Festival of Books

and exhibitors ranging from local retailers and publishers to regional and national nonprofit organizations. A comprehensive festival guide is printed in the *Arizona Daily Star* shortly before the festival. The festival founders are Bill and Brenda Viner, Bruce Beach, Frank Farias and John Humenik. One of the founders, Brenda Viner will be interviewed for the program by Yvonne Ervin.

Since 2009, the Tucson Festival of Books has been held annually over a two-day period on the campus of the University of Arizona. *It has become one of the largest book festivals in the United States, with 450 authors, 300 exhibitors, and over 100,000 attendees.* The event is free and open to the public. It includes readings and lectures, a science fair, a bi-lingual venue for Mexican authors, varied entertainment,

Mystery Editor - February 19, 2014

Posted by Ed Mystery on Feb 21, 2014

PRECEDENT DAVE convened the meeting and asked members to sign get well cards for Dr. Sandy Sanderson, Gordon Shaw and Frank Zunno. Next, he asked for a Moment of Silence remembering former RCOT Member James Cocke who joined in 1987, resigned in 2003 and recently passed away.

SUSAN MOORE VAULT offered the invocation followed by MICHELLE FELIX who led the pledge and song accompanied by piano player ELLIE PATTERSON.

Members were then treated to a wonderful and lengthy rodeo poem artfully recited by TIM PUNTENNEY.

CHARLIE MEAKER introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Next PRECEDENT DAVE introduced birthday boy JIM RUBOYANES.

Weekly Program

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Personalizing the Festival Experience

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Superintendent
Status of TUSD Strategic Plan

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Dr. Jean-Paul Bierny
A Radiologist Looks at Chamber Music

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Gary White
Gift of Life AZ an Arizona Rotary Project of D5490, D5500 & D5510

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Dr. Lee Lambert
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Food in the Southwest

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No Upcoming Events

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Perhaps in the true spirit of Rodeo Week, Sergeant of Arms JENNIFER HOFFMAN and PRECEDENT DAVE chose not to extract any fines this week.

CHRISTY VERTUCA received her Blue Badge, and then ROBERT O'BRIEN provided a Happy Jackson moment with good news about his son and two new grandchildren.



Members were asked to wear western wear this week for the Costume Contest and the DoubleTree Ballroom looked like the set of a John Wayne movie at Old Tucson Studios. It was noted that Rotarians helped organize the first Tucson Rodeo 50 years ago!

PRECEDENT DAVE announced our Costume Contest winners.

KANDIE VACTOR and DICK KOLASA were our member winners and Dr. Richard Dickson and Pauline Spurgiesz were our guest winners.

While technically there was no animal costume category, STU GOLDMAN created one by showing up dressed as a cow. Stu explained to PRECEDENT DAVE that he is dyslexic and when members were asked to come dressed as cowgirls and cowboys, he was confused and thought he was supposed to arrive dressed as a boy cow. While his cow costume was moving, Stu had many members scratching their double chins as they've always considered him more of an odd duck.



JEFF RONSTADT introduced our program – Frank Hartline and the Tucson Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society called "Touch of Gray."

Just as MARSHALL DENNINGTON was sneaking out the back door around 12:45, Mr. Hartline told the group that quartets singing 4-part a cappella harmony in barbershops formed in the 1890's and remained popular through the 1920's.



The quartet entertained members with several tunes from the 1920's and 1930's and invited members to join in to sing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." The quartet's final song, "I Don't Know Why, I Just Do," apparently is a favorite of PRECEDENT DAVE. Reliable sources have confirmed that whenever his wife Susan, his children, business clients or frankly anybody asks Dave to explain why he does any of the many strange things he does, his standard response is: "I don't know why, I just do!"

PRECEDENT DAVE led the closing toast and adjourned the meeting early. Predictably, he didn't know why, he just did!



President's Letter

Posted by David Gallaher on Feb 24, 2014

I think we got the Rodeo Day theme back into our traditions this past week. Thanks to those who took advantage and wore western wear and thanks to those who did not as we raised about \$124 for the scholarship cups! Where else in the world do they let school out for the Rodeo? I don't know. Speaking of Rodeo, thanks to Mark Irvin for helping me with beer sales for the Catalina Rotary Club on Friday. Mark and I had a blast and I realized I had not been to a Rodeo in many years. I think that both Mark and I agreed that the people watching was a definite highlight. We sold a lot of beer!

Speaking of community traditions, we had a great time at the golf tournament for one day last week. It was such a beautiful day. I sat out there wondering if the tournament will be back next year. It helps make people across the world realize how beautiful Tucson really is. Our weather in the 70s and 80s certainly caught the attention of many fans.

We concluded our musical programs this past week with the Barbershop Experience. It was a great show and those guys can really harmonize. Remember these guys next Valentine's Day for a special song-o-gram for that special loved one.

This week's program will be a special one as well. Make sure you come to the meeting. Speaking of coming to the meeting, we discussed and approved publishing members' attendance that has fallen under 50% for the quarter. We will also reinstate the tradition of recognizing those who have 100% attendance during the year. Rotary International has loosened the requirements of attendance and somehow over the past few years, RCOT has also kind of loosened up our recognizing those who make 100% attendance

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and those that have fallen behind in attendance. We want to reach out to those members who are in this category and ask them to make some more meetings. We all can agree that our worlds are busy but do try to block out Wednesday to make our lunch meetings. You will be glad you did! You can also make up online or make up at another Club. It's a great opportunity to network in the community.

We have several important dates coming up: April 5 is the District Assembly here in Tucson. All board members and committee chairs are encouraged to attend. This is an important opportunity to start organizing for the new Rotary year beginning July 1, 2014. Your PE Mary Martin has lots of plans for the year and by attending this informative meeting, you can play a part in making this coming year a success. Only four months to go for this Prez!

Also, we have the District Conference coming April 25-27 at the Hilton East Hotel on east Broadway. This year's conference has lots of great sessions about Rotary topics. We will be sponsoring two events during the conference. First, we will be having a hospitality suite on Friday evening at the hotel. There are usually 10-20 hospitality suites Friday evening and attendance is free for all events unless you are eating lunch or dinner at any of the scheduled meals. Saturday evening RCOT will be hosting a reception for incoming DG Elect and RCOT member Sally Montagne. This will be a no host bar and h'ordueres before dinner. Let's have some fun and celebrate her incoming year at this reception. This is a great opportunity for networking with Rotarians from all over southern Arizona.

We look forward to seeing you this week and enjoy the great Tucson weather!

Fight to End Polio Update

Posted by Jerry Harris on Feb 21, 2014



As of February 19, 2014, 18 new cases of Polio have been reported this year, fifteen cases from Pakistan and three cases from Afghanistan. On February 20, 2014, Rotary International announced grants totaling \$36 million for the 2014 fight to End Polio. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has set 2018 as a target date for the world wide elimination of Polio. The GPEI is an umbrella organization, operating under the auspices of the UN World Health Organization and UNICEF, that amasses the statistics on polio, makes policy, and administers funds from groups like Rotary and from countries.

Pakistan continues to be a frustrating problem area. 93 new cases were reported in 2013. Also, Syria posted 23 new cases in 2013 and all of them were traceable to the Pakistan strain of the virus. Many rebel fighters in the Syrian conflict are trained by Al-Qaeda in the northern provinces of Pakistan that are also the sites of most of the outbreaks of Polio in that country. As part of the Rotary Grant, \$500,000 was directed to Syria.

The individual amounts of the grants were determined by UNICEF requests. Nigeria will receive the largest grant of \$7.7 million. The importance of the grant to Nigeria is underscored by the fact that Nigerian refugees have spread the disease to neighboring African countries. Afghanistan received \$6.8 million, Pakistan \$926,000, Horn of Africa countries \$2.73 million, Somalia \$1.35 million, Cameroon \$3.4 million, South Sudan \$2.65 million, Sudan \$1.25 million. Democratic Republic of the Congo \$3.9 million, Niger \$2.3 million and Burkine Faso \$2.1 million. The remainder of the Rotary funds will be used for research projects designated by Rotary International.

In addition, the United States has pledged over \$200 million to help the Global Polio Eradication Initiative this year. On February 21st, the Wall Street Journal reported that the Pakistani Air Force conducted air strikes against Al-Qaeda strong holds in Northern Pakistan. The targeted sites are all in the area where most of the cases of Polio in Pakistan are being reported. How these renewed military actions by the often lethargic and feckless Pakistani military will affect polio vaccination efforts remains to be seen.

At present, polio vaccination workers in Pakistan are unable to operate in these provinces because of the physical danger. Local police in Pakistani cities and towns have proved ineffective in protecting polio workers and some policemen have been killed while trying to guard polio workers. In most countries, even Syria, efforts in the latter part of 2013 to increase vaccination efforts were successful and workers were not harmed. Hopefully, we will see positive results in 2014 from the extensive vaccination drives in most of the affected countries that occurred in the last quarter of 2013.



Registration for the District Conference - April 25-27

Posted by David Gallaher on Feb 14, 2014

The online registration for the District Conference (April 25th-27th) is up and running. Please register at:



<http://www.d55002014conference.eventbrite.com/>

This year's conference will be full of useful Rotary information plus good fun, fellowship and food! Come join us ...

If you have any questions, please contact:

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2013-2014 D5500 Region B Assistant Governor

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Hiking ~ An Old Tradition

Posted by Jeffrey Heath on Feb 21, 2014



"Hiking is a decades old tradition in this club. 21 Rotarians/spouses/partners hiked the Grand Canyon last March, going down the South Kaibab Trail, spending two days at Phantom Ranch, then up the Bright Angel Trail two days later. This September 17-21, 2014 Rotarians/spouses/partners will repeat this fun experience. But we need alternates! It may be that not all the original 14 who are currently signed up to go will be able to do so. If you would

like to be put on the list of alternates, please give Tom Andrews a deposit of \$100 (refundable), and let Jeff Heath know, so he can make certain you have all the info you need, and answer all your questions."



Around Town with Local Rotary Clubs

Posted by David Gallaher on Jan 31, 2014

Lots of fun events coming up with other Local Rotary Clubs:

Sahuaro Club: Diamond Rio Concert (Country Western) at the Fox on March 6, 2014

Pima Rotary Club: 1st Annual Golf Tournament & Fundraiser (49er's CC) on March 14, 2014, 6:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Dove Mountain Rotary Club: 3rd Annual Western Auction Dinner on March 21, 2014

Casas Adobes Club: Legacy for Learning Golf Tournament at La Paloma on March 29, 2014

Sunset Club: Celebration at the Skyline Country Club on March 29

Presidio Club: Passport Event with Food & Wine-Downtown Restaurants on May 3, 2014



Menu for February 26th at the DoubleTree

Posted by Dorinna York on Feb 21, 2014

Plated Salad ~ Mixed Greens Salad with Honey Dijon Mustard and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressings

Braised Beef Brisket ~ Spiced Rubbed and Topped with a Sweet Apple Raisin Sauce with Fall Vegetables, Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes, DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookies served Family Style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea

Vegetarian Option if reserved by Monday noon:

Risotto Stuffed Bell Pepper ~ Roasted Bell Pepper Stuffed with Risotto, served Veggies and Chefs Choice of Beans

Fresh Fruit if reserved by Monday noon.

Gluten Free meals available by advance reservation only.

Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Feb 21, 2014

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	168	Cash Contributions	\$ 124.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	55		
Total Active Members	223	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 124.00
Honorary Members	17		
Meeting Attendance - February 19, 2014		Raffle	\$ 0.00
Members	102		
Active Members AE	14	Auction RCOTF	\$ 275.00
LOA/Honorary Members	1		
Total Members Present	117		
Guests	8		
Guests of the Club	10		
Visiting Rotarians	6		
Total Meeting Attendance	141		