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#### End of Year President's Report

Posted by David Gallaher on Jun 23, 2014



Whew! How fast a year goes by can be pretty amazing. It is difficult to write about all of the remarkable things our amazing Rotary Club does during a year, and remember all the people I would like to thank. We had incredible accomplishments and I think we can all agree we lived and celebrated this year's Rotary International theme of "Engage Rotary-Change Lives". Let's look at just a few of the many things our Club accomplished this past year.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Firstly, we are now the largest Club in Arizona having surpassed our friends to the north at the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club. This is no small feat. If all goes well during these last two weeks of the year, and if (a big if) no one resigns during July (this is automatically deducted from our June 30th total) we will have increased membership by net +10 members, which is a total of 231 members. This growth has not been accomplished in many years. You did a great job of inviting guests who became prospective members. You must have also worn your Rotary pin so you could have a discussion with people you met and invited to Rotary. Congratulations! Our Club is truly vibrant with this sort of growth.

Secondly, as far as membership is concerned, we increased the ratio of female members in the Club by over 25%! We now have 57 female members of the Club. That is another awesome achievement. We started the year with 45. Thank you to all of our members who sponsored a new member this year.

We have our work cut out for us this year as we take steps to increase our diversity in members. We can do it.

#### FELLOWSHIP

We had some serious fun this year with fellowship. We had a huge mixer in September at the Stillwell House with great food, great attendance and great wine thanks to member Jerry Harris. We had another fun time with our Holiday Mixer at the Mini Time Machine Museum. Nina Daldrup provided an outstanding venue. Thank you Nina. She also provided use of the Museum's meeting room for our monthly board meetings.

We had a great hospitality room at the District Conference where we had a superb wine tasting and our suite easily was the best of show. Thank you Lisa Fogle and Tom Andrews.

#### Weekly Program

Jun 25, 2014  
[Dave Gallaher](#)  
 2013-2014 Rotary Recap -  
 Passing of the Gavel

Jul 02, 2014  
[Mary Martin](#)  
 President's First Meeting

Jul 09, 2014  
[Gary Powers](#)  
 U-2 Incident and the Cold War

Jul 16, 2014  
[Drew Vactor](#)  
 Visit to the Birthplace of Rotary

Jul 23, 2014  
[Myron Donald](#)  
 Vietnam POW

Aug 06, 2014  
[Sally Montagne](#)  
 District 5500 Governor

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#### Upcoming Events

##### **Grand Canyon Hike - Sept 2014**

Grand Canyon - Phantom Ranch  
 Sep 17, 2014 - Sep 21, 2014

##### **San Carlos Trip**

Dec 05, 2014 07:00 AM - Dec 08, 2014 06:00 PM

#### Board of Directors

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## **TUCSON CLASSICS CAR SHOW**

Thanks to your hard work and the outstanding leadership of Chuck Sawyer and, the TLT and SLT. We had the most successful car show ever. Chuck lead the Club with the best show since its beginning, and we had over 90% of the Club participate and volunteer. Once again, a huge thank you goes to member, Jerry Harris, who is the consummate ticket seller. Jerry, your efforts are unbelievable! The show had record attendance and the cars were fantastic. We also had one of the most successful Friday night BBQs and silent auctions under the leadership of Bruce Jacobs and his committee of hard workers. Because of the hard work on behalf of our membership, we were able to provide grants to our community charities of Literacy Connects, Youth On Their Own, and the Carondelet Foundation. We raised well over \$100,000.

## **GIFT OF LIFE**

In October, RCOT hosted the 300<sup>th</sup> child to receive life changing heart surgery here in Tucson. This was a huge milestone for the Rotary Gift of Life program and our girl, Katia, received heart valve surgery and is once again playing high school basketball in Sedona. It was a great treat to be a part of this special program. Thanks to Pauline Hechler for hosting a dinner the night before Katia entered the hospital and thanks to "Super Mom" Susan Gallaher for agreeing to have the family stay at our house.

## **EL TOUR DE TUCSON**

Club members, Gary Hirsch and Ellie Patterson, led the efforts to raise money for the Ride to End Polio, and we helped raise \$700,000 with the help of RI International Secretary, John Hewko, who was designated the honorary chair of this year's ride. The Club hosted John and supported his visit to this monumental event. Thank you to all of our Club members who either rode or supported the ride with donations. Because of all of you, this event was one of the most fantastic moments of the year, and we helped make a difference in the Ride to End Polio campaign.

## **SAN CARLOS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

This was the 25<sup>th</sup> year of RCOT making the holiday journey to San Carlos doing good things, and passing out gifts to those less fortunate. We do this trip with the help of our friends in the San Carlos Rotary Club. We have completed several service projects over the years with our friends, and there is no shortage of other worthy projects. We had 15 members attend including DG, Nancy Cassel, and DGE Sally Montagne. We had a ton of fun with our activities including a great fishing caper. A big thank you goes out to Matt Blair for all the work he and his committee did with all the logistics and preparations. This coming year should be bigger and better.

With help from our neighbors to the north, the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club, we continued working on our latrine and sanitation project in the Andes of Bolivia. While it is slow going, we continue to make progress towards completing this badly needed project. The Phoenix 100 Rotary Club contributed \$4000 towards this project. Collaboration is what Rotary is all about!

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

This year was a historic year in terms of support for starting an Interact Club at Amphi High School and the re-establishment of a Rotoract Club at the University of Arizona. The Interact Club got off to a great start, and has officers ready to serve for next year. The Rotoract Club is jointly sponsored by the Tucson Sunrise Club and between both Clubs, I am sure we will see some great efforts towards service projects of their own. A big thank you goes out to Allyn Bulzomi and Yvonne Ervin for their efforts in getting these Clubs going.

In January, we also sent six students to the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards in Prescott. This program rarely gets enough recognition and is a leadership building program for high school students. It always receives high praise from the students who attend. Thank you to Sean Furrier who heads the Club's RYLA efforts.

The Club sponsored inbound RYE student, Domenik Drespe, from Germany for the year. Domenik is a fantastic young man who learned so much this past year about the USA. A special thank you goes out to Marshall and Cathy Dennington for stepping up to host when health problems arose with another family. This caused a situation where we needed a quick response to host Domenik. You guys rock!

## **SERVICE PROJECTS**

Under the leadership of Marcia Tims and John Harlow, we had some great service projects this year that included the Community Food Bank, our local refugee food collection, and the YMCA Camp in Oracle. We had lots of members dedicate a part of their Saturday to making a difference in our community. They were fun, and provided a

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**Dorinna York**

## **Our Sponsors**



great opportunity for additional fellowship in helping some very worthy projects.

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

This was a signature event for our Club this year as we teamed up with our neighbors to the north, the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club, and helped them celebrate 100 Years of Rotary in Arizona by hosting a Mega Meal Packing Event for the FMSC organization. We rose over \$20,000, and recruited over 550 volunteers from all over the Tucson community which included nine other area Rotary clubs. We packed over 108,000 meals on February 1st. We had over 40 volunteers from our club help with this event and it was absolutely amazing. Thank you to those who contributed financially and made my job so easy. Thanks to Mary Martin for her incredible media skills for helping publicize this event, and a special thanks to my good friend and member Allyn Bulzoni who chaired this packing session. It was a remarkable day for the most remarkable Rotary Club.

### **MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS**

We truly have great meetings every week, and they are one of the many things that make our Club the best. The programs this year were consistently excellent. Thank you to Jeff Ronstadt and Bob Logan who did a wonderful job as program chairs. I think we had some awesome energy at our meetings, and that energy helped raise attendance to the point of having to find room for guests from time to time. My most memorable meeting was when I talked our Mayor, and Honorary Member, Jonathan Rothschild, to take a pie in the face to raise some money for the Ride to End Polio effort. What a great sport! We raised \$3,000 from the membership and when combined with the Gates Foundation match, we raised \$9,000! Meetings and great programs are what we are all about!

### **YOU**

Finally, it is all of you who make this Club the most Remarkable Rotary Club in the world. Without your passion for giving, we could not accomplish all of the great things we did this past year. Whether you showed up at a service project, rode a bike, hosted a RYE student, volunteered for the car show, helped a fellow member in some special way, you all contributed to make this past year a great year by ENGAGING ROTARY AND CHANGING LIVES! It was a great honor and a privilege to serve as your President! Susan and I will remember this year forever. Thank you ALL for everything you do.

Let us now focus on the new Rotary year and our new President, Mary Martin. With Mary's enthusiastic charm and very capable leadership, we have another incredible year to look forward to. Thank you Mary for saying yes to being our 94<sup>th</sup> President!



Best wishes to all.

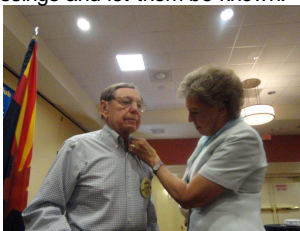
Dave Gallaher

### **Mystery Editor - June 18, 2014**

Posted by Ed Mystery on Jun 20, 2014

We began our meeting with the introduction of Shawn Scott our new Admin Asst. Hello and welcome to the club Shawn. For being summer, we had another packed meeting today. It is good to see the room staying full and a buzz with activity.

BOB SHAFF held our invocation today. It was an invocation we all should practice every day in our personal lives. We need to remember our blessings and let them be known. PETER MAYER led us in the pledge and song. CHRIS EDWARDS did his personal best introducing our guests and visitors. Our birthday bunch was a fierce group with IRENE DECKER (a lovely car show story), ERNIE MINCHELLA (Buongiorno), MAYOR JONATHAN ROTHSCHILD (Dorado PRIDE), and PAT ZUMBUSCH (\$1,000 dollar gift!!!).



We had a few Paul Harris recipients: Ericka Munding, who is on her way to Ecuador as our exchange student. Have a great trip! Her father,



RICHARD MUNDINGER and our President DAVE GALLAHER received one as well. Dave gave ALLYN BULZONI a special gift PH for his help this year. CLARKE DUNCAN also received one. If this guy doesn't make you want to become/ do "more", I don't know who would. Congrats to you all.

We recognized our wait staff, some of whom have been working the room for many decades. A couple fines were levied and some props given to our





perfect attendance persons. Our program was "450 Years In The Making". We had some sonnets read - #29 and 116 to be exact. What a way to close out our meeting to have a little stage balcony rendition of Romeo and Juliet.



#### President's Letter

Posted by David Gallaher on Jun 23, 2014

What a meeting last week. We were entertained by the Arizona Theatre Company with a little bit of Shakespeare. One can only imagine how dull things would be if we did not have the Theatre Company here in Tucson.

Like usual, we had a ton of business to take care of as the Rotary year winds down. A great deal of thanks went out to the Doubletree servers and staff for the wonderful job they do each year for our weekly meetings. The Club gave them a well deserved standing ovation. As we learned last week, many of them have been serving for 25 years before I became a member. Great job guys and gals!

I believe we raised our \$2000 necessary for our Finland RYE student Maria to assist with her year at Salpointe. Thanks to all those that responded to the call. This is the first year in eight or nine years that Salpointe has offered to support one of our RYE students and they provided half the funds for "scholarship" for Maria to go to school there. This girl is pretty incredible and we look forward to meeting her in August. Our other student is from Ecuador and will attend Vail High School. We are still in need for a third family for the Finnish student. The period will be sometime around April.

Finally, we made plans for our COA party at Skyline and it looks like the attendance will be great. Our Club is very well organized with the annual change of President whereas the President Elect has been chosen and is counting the days until they too will attend a COA party. Mary Martin takes over at the end of the meeting next week.

Speaking of next week, we will have a very interesting program this Wednesday. The program is **EVERYONE**. Come and find out what that means. See you Wednesday.



#### Proposed New Members

Posted by Dorinna York on Jun 20, 2014

**The following applications have been submitted for membership in Rotary Club of Tucson:**

**Proposed Member:** Dale Berg (Corporate Membership)

**Classification:** Education: Pima Medical

**Company/Organization:** Pima Medical Institute

**Sponsor:** Mary Martin

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**Proposed Member:** Evan Manning

**Classification:** Legal: Business Law

**Company/Organization:** Campbell, Yost, Clare & Norell, P.C.

**Sponsor:** Tom Strasburg

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**Proposed Member:** Rita Marshall

**Classification:** Real Estate: Commercial Real Estate

**Company/Organization:** Coldwell Banker

**Sponsor:** Dan Guare

**If no written objections are received within 7 days of publication, the applicants will be accepted.**

## RCOT Joins Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Posted by David Gallaher on Jun 23, 2014



This past month, RCOT became a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. During the past year, we have had a lot of discussion on how we grow our Club and how we can increase the diversity of our membership. The Hispanic Chamber's 1000 business members represent a great opportunity to expand our Club. This is also a great group for us to network the power of Rotary and community and world service and promote our international projects including our efforts in San Carlos, Sonora.

One of the premier events to market the RCOT is the "40 Under 40" annual breakfast which is held each year (usually in November). This target audience represents some of the best and brightest business men and women who would make great Rotarians.

Our membership in the Chamber will allow RCOT members to attend the many countless meetings, luncheons, seminars, and other activities and receive the discounted member rate. Not only is this a great opportunity to market the Club, but it is also a great opportunity to network our interests as business owners in the community. So, when you sign up for an event, please note that you can register as a member of the Rotary Club of Tucson to get your discount. Let's engage these business owners with the goal of promoting Rotary and increasing our diversity in our membership for 2014/15. If you have any questions or if you have any interest in joining a non official committee to be a part of this year's efforts, please let me or Dorinna know.



### Menu for June 25th at the DoubleTree

Posted by Dorinna York on Jun 20, 2014

#### **Plated Salad ~ Tossed Green Salad with Italian and Ranch Dressings**

**Chuck Roast** ~ Braised in Veal Stock and Red Wine with Vegetables. Served with Mashed Potatoes and Seasoned Carrots, DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookies served Family Style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea.

*Vegetarian Option if reserved by Monday noon:*

**Vegetarian Lasagna** ~ Layers of Lasagna Noodles baked and stuffed with Vegetables and Ricotta Cheese

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

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

### Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Jun 20, 2014

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	171	Cash Contributions	\$ 286.46
Active Members Attendance Exempt	54		
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>Total Scholarship Cups</b>	<b>\$ 286.46</b>
<b>Honorary Members</b>	<b>18</b>		
<b>Meeting Attendance - June 18, 2014</b>		<b>Raffle</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Members	99		
Active Members AE	18	Auction RCOTF	\$ 0.00

LOA/Honorary Members	1
<b>Total Members Present</b>	<b>118</b>
Guests	7
Guests of the Club	6
Visiting Rotarians	3
<b>Total Meeting Attendance</b>	<b>134</b>