

TUCSON ROTARIAN

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We meet **WEDNESDAYS, 12:00 NOON - 1:20 PM**
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Five Years as a POW in Vietnam

Posted by Clifford Bowman on Jul 18, 2014



Myron Donald grew up on a corner of his grandfather's farm Moravia in central New York. His father was a carpenter; his mother a housewife. He has two brothers and a sister. In high school, he played football, baseball and basketball and was president of the Student Council. He graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1965 and entered pilot training in Selma, Alabama, just a few months after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s civil rights march to Montgomery.

He upgraded to the F-4 Phantom II at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson and George AFB in Victorville, California, and was assigned to the 497 Tactical Fighter Squadron at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, where he flew night truck hunting missions over North Vietnam and Laos for nearly six months before being converted to day missions.

On his 73rd combat mission, he was shot down by a Mig 21 near Hanoi in February, 1968. He was captured immediately after parachuting into a rice paddy and taken to the Hanoi Hilton. After being held in six different prison camps, he was released in March of 1973 after a little more than five years in captivity. After Vietnam he remained in the Air Force until retiring in 1986.

During his service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars, Air Medals, the Purple Heart and other awards and decorations. While in prison he learned French, Spanish, and German from his fellow prisoners. He has a B.S. in Basic Science, an M.A. in English Literature and an M.B.A. in Entrepreneurship, but worked for 25 years as a finish carpenter before completely retiring in 2012.

He has three sons: one is a registered nurse, one is a mechanical engineer, and the third



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Upcoming Events

Grand Canyon Hike - Sept 2014

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

2014-15 District 5500 Fall Conference

Hilton El Conquistador Resort
Sep 26, 2014 - Sep 28, 2014

Havasupai Hike with RYE

Oct 09, 2014 - Oct 12, 2014

San Carlos Trip

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

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is a prosthetic testing technician and a chef.

He has been a member of Tucson Sunrise Rotary for 27 years. He has been to every state and every continent and visited every state. He reads lots of trash novels, goes to plays, concerts, and movies, takes many adult classes and spends most evenings ballroom or country dancing.

He doesn't know how he ever had time for a job--not that flying fast jets was ever a job!

Mystery Editor - July 16, 2014

Posted by Ed Mystery on Jul 18, 2014

President MARY MARTIN opened the third meeting of her term and welcomed our Rotarians and guests. MIKE ORCUTT delivered an invocation with a theme in line with our guest speakers from Literacy Connects. Our relatively new member PATRICIA WATTS led us in the pledge and the singing of "America the Beautiful", accompanied by ELLIE PATTERSON on the piano. President MARY then called immediate Past President DAVE GALLAHER to the podium and presented him with an Engage Rotary - Change Lives banner.

JEFF RONSTADT introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests. JEFF also thanked the Make-A-Wish Foundation for the week his family spent at the Lego factory in Denmark. When it came time to introduce our members with birthdays, IRENE DECKER took command to let everyone know that our President MARY had a birthday this week and IRENE led the Club in singing Happy Birthday to MARY. ALAN ROGERS, GEORGE DARLING, AND BRUCE JACOBS were also celebrating birthdays this week.



DON ROLLINGS and CHERYL HOUSE were both fined for appearing in the newspaper. MIKE ORCUTT reminded the Red Badge members of the STAR meeting that will take place on July 24th. JENNIFER HOFFMAN announced that we will be collecting school supplies for the next two meetings for GAP Ministries. TOM ANDREWS introduced exchange student Gabriel Torres from Ecuador. Gabriel is currently being hosted by JOHN

and Kharmyn COUSINS. TOM also introduced Ayana Green, who recently graduated from Rincon High School. Our Club is sponsoring Ayana as an exchange student to Denmark.



CLIFF BOWMAN introduced our speakers, Betty Stauffer and Tamara McKinney, from Literacy Connects. Betty gave us an update on the positive effects of the merger of the five literacy organizations in 2011, and Tamara gave us a report on the current activities of the Reading Seed program.



President's Letter

Posted by Mary Martin on Jul 18, 2014

What a surprise to have Irene "take over" the meeting to sing "happy birthday!" Thank you Irene and thank you all for joining in - made my day!

I am excited about our board this year and the direction we're going. We are continuing where past president Dave left off with an upward trajectory of growth. We currently have five new members in the pipeline and no resignations, for which I and the board are extremely grateful.

Our Director over membership, Stacia Decker, Teresa Liverzani-Baker, membership chair and their team are busy working on a new "Rule of 35" category for young professionals under 35. More to come on that.

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If you have an individual membership, you may want to consider moving your membership to a corporate membership. I just did that with my company and it is a win-win for both our club and the company. If you are interested in learning more about this, please let me know.

I'm excited about our new exchange student, Gabriel Torres and our outbound student, Ayana Green. I love the two pins that Gabriel gave me from Ecuador. One of the perks of being president. :)

Please mark your calendars now for September 26th - 28th for the District Conference at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort. We will be replacing the meeting on September 24th so you can attend the lunch at the District Conference.

I look forward to seeing all of you next Wednesday and hope you will consider inviting a guest who might be a good candidate for our club. Thank you.

Help Wanted

Posted by Matt Blair on Jul 18, 2014



The Club is looking for a member to chair the Committee for the Mystery Editor. This position would line up members and give guidelines to write a short synopsis of the occurrences at our weekly meetings. If you are interested, please email Matt Blair at matthew@cirrusvisual.com. Thank you.

Rotary Youth Exchange Hike to Havasupai Canyon - Oct. 9-12, 2014

Posted by David Gallaher on Jul 18, 2014



If you haven't made this hike and this place is on your bucket list, here is your chance! This trip is sponsored by the RYE program for our neighboring District 5510. It is extremely well organized by Chuck Flint, a member of the Mesa Rotary Club and is a blast. Havasupai Canyon is one of the most scenic spots in all of Arizona, and this hike incorporates spectacular scenery plus the opportunity to mingle with the state's RYE students from two Districts that include 5490 and

5500. The canyon is home to many waterfalls including the famous Havasu Falls and Mooney Falls, which is the highest waterfall in Arizona and the Indian village of Supai, Arizona. Anyone is welcome to attend and registration ends October 1. **Non Rotarians are welcome!**

It is first come first served. Susan and I have participated five times and it is a very fun experience and great exercise. On average there are about 20-25 RYE students from all over the world, and trip organizer Chuck Flint does a remarkable job of making this trip very easy. Pitching in to help is optional and fun to do. The hike is 11 miles to the campground and 11 miles back out. Horses can be reserved and so can a helicopter! Anyone over the age of seven is welcome. Trip cost is estimated at \$285 and includes meals, permits, transport of pack by horses, and fun. Transportation from Mesa may be available and car pooling is usually the best option for the southern Arizonans. If interested and want to learn more, call Dave Gallaher at 907-4983.



Menu for July 23rd at the DoubleTree

Posted by Dorinna York on Jul 18, 2014

House Salad ~ Served with Orange Poppyseed & Herb Vinaigrette Dressing



Oven Baked Tilapia ~ Rosemary Lemon Butter Baked Tilapia Served with Rice Pilaf and Steamed Broccoli, DoubleTree Chocolate Chip Cookies served Family Style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea.

Vegetarian Option if reserved by Friday noon:

Grilled Vegetable Plate ~ Roasted Peppers, Eggplant, Zucchini, Tomato and Beets with Chef's Selection of Beans

Fresh Fruit if reserved by Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Gluten Free meals available by advance reservation only by Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Jul 18, 2014

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	177	Cash Contributions	\$ 73.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	54		
Total Active Members	231	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 73.00
Honorary Members	19		
Meeting Attendance - July 16, 2014		Raffle	\$ 0.00
Members	104		
Active Members AE	16	Auction RCOTF	\$ 0.00
LOA/Honorary Members	1		
Total Members Present	121		
Guests	8		
Guests of the Club	5		
Visiting Rotarians	0		
Total Meeting Attendance	134		