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Service Above Self

We meet **WEDNESDAYS, 12:00 NOON - 1:20 PM**
DoubleTree Hotel
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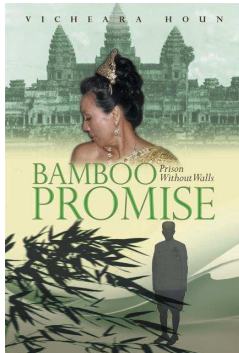
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A Triumph of Human Spirit

Posted by Yvonne Ervin on Nov 21, 2014



Vicheara was born in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in the peaceful days before the Khmer Rouge communist rebels engulfed this small Southeast Asian nation in four years of death and destruction. As the only child of a wealthy and politically prominent father, her young life was one of great contrasts. She went to University of Phnom Penh to study pharmacy and met her husband there. Their forbidden romance caused much conflict but eventually they prevailed and married in January, 1975, four months before the Khmer Rouge took over and their lives turned upside down.

All the residents of Phnom Penh, including Vicheara's entire family, were forced out of their homes and expelled from the city in a mass exodus by the Khmer Rouge rebels. One by one, every member of Vicheara's family starved to death. Her young husband was murdered.

Emaciated and alone, she managed to survive until 1979 when the Khmer Rouge was defeated by the Vietnamese and the survivors were liberated. Vicheara returned to her paternal home. She finished her pharmacy degree and made a daring escape to a refugee camp in Thailand. There she met the man who would become her second husband and they made their way to the US in 1984, where they had two children, a boy and a girl. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry. She later divorced and met her current husband in Portland, OR.

Later, they moved to Arizona where Vicheara finished writing this first book, *Bamboo Promise*, to share her amazing story of survival with the world. She is now working on her 2nd book.

Mystery Editor - November 19, 2014

Posted by Ed Mystery on Nov 21, 2014

This week's meeting began with a moment of silence for Rick Middleton, HELEN MIDDLETON'S son who passed away on Saturday and for TONY ZIEHLER of Ziehler Insurance, who passed away on Monday in Phoenix. Cards were passed around to sign for the families.

Weekly Program

Nov 26, 2014
[Bora Matarrazo](#)
A Triumph of the Human Spirit

Dec 03, 2014
[Dr. Peter Ott & Dr. Jerzy Rozenblit](#)
When Cardiology & Engineering Intersect: An Illuminated View of Electricity in the Heart

Dec 10, 2014
[Dancing In The Streets](#)
Nutcracker Performance

Dec 17, 2014
[Holiday Mixer \(Replacement Meeting\)](#)
At: Park Ave. Wedding & Event Venue, 242 N. Park Ave.

Dec 24, 2014
[DARK DAY](#)

Dec 31, 2014
[DARK DAY](#)

Jan 14, 2015
[Zach Yentzer](#)
Gen Y

Jan 21, 2015
[Bill Moore](#)
2014 Car Show Charities Program

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Upcoming Events

[San Carlos Trip](#)
Dec 05, 2014 07:00 AM - Dec 08, 2014 06:00 PM

[Salvation Army Bellringing-Saturday, December 13th](#)
Dec 13, 2014 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM

[Holiday Mixer \(MEMBERS ONLY\)](#)
Dec 17, 2014 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

[Holiday Mixer \(GUESTS ONLY\)](#)
Dec 17, 2014 05:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Board of Directors

MICHELLE FELIX followed with the invocation. DALE BERG lead the pledge and Marine Hymn song with a brief introduction of guest Marine SGT Jose Jimenez. The fabulous ELLIE PATTERSON on piano! DENNIS DRISCOLL of Tucson Physical Therapy introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Happy Birthday wishes to: MATT NANCE, of Arizona Designs, Kitchens & Baths, on November 22nd!

DAVE WHITE of White Star Consulting introduced new member PAT DAVITT, who owns "Tuscany & Beyond Travel" and "Razorback Ranch Designs".



BILL MESCH of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage introduced new member BUZZ DEMPSEY of VIP Mortgage, who has a passion for sports and has served as an Official National PAC Referee.

PAT RASKOB introduced STEVE BORDEN, who is the COO of PAT's company, Raskob Kambourian Financial Advisors. PAT stated she was very lucky to have STEVE on board.

DAVID PASHKOW, Sergeant at Arms, helped with multiple announcements.

MARK IRVIN announces the TCC rededication event on January 3rd, A Beach Boys Concert. Tickets only \$25!



Happy Jacksons for ROGER HARWELL for his Copper Cactus Award, and to JIM MURPHY for this year's Founders Award!

Blue badge presentation by JOE NEVIN to PETER MAYER and JOHN LEWIS presented a blue badge to ROBYN

FREY.

MATT BLAIR says they are set for the San Carlos trip and JENNIFER HOFFMAN still needs runners for her team!

PAUL HALLUMS of EZ AZ Traffic School introduced our program speaker the world famous, Dr. Kevin Lehman, who presented his advice from one of his 42 books "How To Have A Happy Family By Friday". Dr. Lehman gave us a laughter-filled experience about the importance of family relationships.

This can be quite the challenge because "Women are Weird" and "Men are Strange". Since men hate the "why" word, Dr. Lehman challenged women in the room to change their words into language men can understand. Think of your husband as a four year old that shaves!

Relationships with our children grow strong with the right dose of guidance and encouragement. Letting our children fail and finding unexpected opportunities to connect with them are key factors.

CHARLOTTE HARRIS and JIM LUBINSKI announced the three new board members voted in for 2015-2017. Congratulations to Allyn Bulzomi, Yvonne Ervin and Bruce Tunzel!



President's Letter

Posted by Mary Martin on Nov 20, 2014

I love Thanksgiving, not just because I love turkey and all the trimmings, but for me, it's a time of reflection and remembering how many things I have to be thankful for. It gives me pause to have an attitude of gratitude.

I'm grateful for my husband, children and grandchildren. I'm grateful for my health and the work I get to do every day. I'm grateful for my friends and how we can come alongside each other in times of sorrow and joy and mourn with those who mourn and rejoice with those who rejoice. I'm grateful for the men and women who serve in our armed forces, which gives us the opportunity to live in a Country where we are free to worship and express our opinions without fear of reprisal. I'm grateful to belong to an organization that puts service above self and pours into the lives of so many hurting people both locally and globally. I'm grateful for each of you and continue to be amazed at how extraordinary our Club truly is!

Wishing each of you a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you Wednesday. Remember to bring a guest!

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Executive Director
Dorinna York

Our Sponsors





Holiday Mixer - December 17th (Replacement Meeting)
Posted by Dorinna York on Nov 21, 2014

HOLIDAY MIXER ~ Wed., 12/17/14 (Replaces Lunch Meeting)

LOCATION: Park Avenue Venue, 242 N. Park Avenue, Tucson, AZ

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Catered by: Rincon Market ~ Cash Bar

SIGN UPS FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS ON CLUBRUNNER



Salvation Army Bell Ringing - December 13, 2014
Posted by Patrick Lennan on Nov 07, 2014

Salvation Army Rotary Bell Ringing- December 13th

It's that time again to sign up for our annual Bell Ringing. This tradition goes back to 1969 when former President George Hawke partnered with the Salvation Army. This year we again need 114 Rotarians, relatives and friends to man the 14 kettles at 12 stores. Last December we raised \$7,500. Included in that total was \$1,500 which was comprised of 15 Rotary members' businesses donations of \$100 a piece to sponsor a kettle. We remind you that the money raised last year bought over \$70,000 worth of food for needy Tucsonans. The Salvation Army's Commissioner receives a salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion organization. 96% of donated dollars goes to the cause.

Please sign up on Clubrunner to Ring those bells. If you and/or your business would like to sponsor one of the 14 kettles, please contact Pat Lennan at 742-1999; Email: dplennan@q.com or Alana Vicki at 545-0500; Email: avick@ludwigklewer.com.

This is one of the most rewarding experiences you will encounter. Just ask John Cousins who dresses in an authentic Santa Claus outfit and the dozens of other Rotarians who have "Rung the Bells" many, many times.

Thank you.



"Rotaract Happenings"
Posted by Dorinna York on Nov 21, 2014

November 22, 2014 - Tour de Tucson, Rotaract Club in action at the aid station at the intersection of Valencia and Old Nogales Hwy - 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

December 1, 2014 - Final Meeting of the Semester - 6:30 p.m. in the Agave Room of the Student Union



Menu for November 26th at the Doubletree - SALONS EFGH
Posted by Dorinna York on Nov 20, 2014

Plated Salad: Spring Mix Salad with Caramelized Pears, Feta Cheese

Braised Short Ribs - Short Ribs Braised with Charred Orange and Brandy Demi Glaze.

Assorted Rolls and Butter, Cookies served Family Style, Coffee, Decaf or Iced Tea.

Vegetarian Option if reserved by Friday noon:

Stuffed Bell Pepper - Risotto Stuffed Bell Pepper with Parmesan, Red Pepper Coulis served with Candied Baby Carrots and Olive Red Pepper Black Bean.

Fresh Fruit plate if reserved by Friday noon.

Gluten Free meals available by advance reservation only.



Membership and Attendance

Posted by Dorinna York on Nov 20, 2014

Membership		Scholarship Cups	
Active Members	179	Cash Contributions	\$ 147.00
Active Members Attendance Exempt	54		
Total Active Members	233	Total Scholarship Cups	\$ 147.00
Honorary Members	18		
Meeting Attendance - November 19th, 2014		Raffle	\$
Members	126		
Active Members AE	23	Auction RCOTF	\$ 50.00
LOA/Honorary Members	3		
Total Members Present	152		
Guests	8		
Guests of the Club	6		
Visiting Rotarians	4		
Total Meeting Attendance	170		