

Today's Program

What - tax time already?? Well, not quite, but can it be far off. President Casey will be giving us some tips on the Arizona Tax Credits. Now, credits certainly sounds better than debits.

Which credits qualify? Donations to non-profit organization, school, installing solar - how many more will he come up with?

How would you describe Rotary in 30 seconds? It is important for us to understand Rotary so that we can recruit new members.

Here are examples -

It is a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, whose mission is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders - we make friends of others in our community, as well as the world.

Another -

Rotary is a world community of 1.2 million business and professional men and women. They are organized into over 30,000 clubs in 174 countries. These provide the opportunity for good fellowship, fund raising activities and charitable work in their communities and around the world. The Rotary motto is 'Service above Self'.

And two more -

Rotary is ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Rotary is whatever you want it to be!

My way of joking is to tell the truth. It is the funniest joke in the world. - George Bernard

RI President - Dong Kurn Lee District Governor Tom Tilton
Assistant Governor - Mike Davidson

Irma Bernal (Bill) PHF*	Real Estate
Ann Cook (Norm)PP+3 PHF+3 *	Website Design
Norm Cook (Ann) PDG PP PHF*	Active Excused
Rosemarie Detweiler (Guenter)*	Purchasing
Casey Garan (Carol)*	Defense Investigator
Michal Goforth (Gary)*	Human Resource
Judy Herring (Jerry) PP, PHF*	Credit Union Retired
Mary Holly *	Hardware
Bob Lujan (Charlene)PHF *	Boy Scouts
Mahlon MacKenzie (Margene)PP PHF +2*	Ranching
Gary Maluf (Carole)* PP	Laboratory
Walt Lloyd* (Monte)	Legal - Retired
Carter Mayberry (Faye)*	Family medical practice
Ron McKinnon (Madeleine), PP*	Hospital Adm.
Glenn Nichols (Laddie), PP, PHF *	Law Enforcement
Shelley Seifert	Honorary
Peggy Scott (John), PHF*	Librarian
Chris Snodgrass*	Moving systems
Linda Willard (George)*	Credit Union
Jerry & Joy Hodges	Benson Rotary Winter visitors

PP (Past President); PDG (Past District Governor); PHF (Paul Harris Fellow)
+, +2, +3 (Multiple Paul Harris Fellow); * Paul Harris Sustaining Member

Club Opening

Nov 5 Pledge - Chris Snodgrass
Invocation - Ann Cook
4 Way Test - Peggy Scott

Nov 12 Pledge - Linda Willard
Invocation - Irma Bernal
4 Way Test - Ann Cook

Nov 19 Pledge - Rosemarie Detweiler
Invocation - Casey Garan
4 Way Test - Judy Herring

Nov 26 Pledge - Mary Holly
Invocation - Bob Lujan
Mahlon MacKenzie

If you are unable to attend the meeting to which you are assigned, you are responsible for providing a replacement.



Rotary Club of Benson Cactus Points

Club address: P.O. Box 711 Since 1944
Benson, AZ 85602 Club #1247
520-720-4419

Meeting at Benson Women's Club
each Wednesday at Noon

October 29, 2008

President Casey
Arizona Tax Credits

Pledge - Gary Maluf
Invocation - Glenn Nichols
4 Way Test - Ron McKinnon



The FOUR- WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Is it BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Club Officers

President - Casey Garan
Vice President - Rick Shelley
Secretary - Peggy Scott
Treasurer - Judy Herring
Sergeant-at-Arms - Bob Lujan
BR Charity Foundation
President - Bob Lujan
Secretary - Peggy Scott
Treasurer - Judy Herring

Service Directors

Club - Glenn Nichols
Community - Ron McKinnon
Vocational - Mary Holly
International - Mahlon MacKenzie
Foundation - Judy Herring
Historian/Programs - Gary Maluf
Bulletin Editor/Webmaster
Ann Cook

Upcoming Programs & Events

- Nov. 5 - John "Rob" Roberts - IT Benson Hospital
RHITA (Rural Health Information Tech Agency)
Nov 12 PDG Al Chesser - Rotary Foundation
Nov 19 Pamela Singh - Coalition for Solutions through
Higher Education
Nov 16 OPEN

Announcements

Mahlon turned in two checks from Anonymous for the scholarship fund for the total of \$1200.00. A great start for our drive to provide substantial help to deserving young students.

Please promote the golf tournament. The food bank is in great need of non-perishable foods to replenish their shelves. The economy has increased the needs of the community and more people are showing up to take advantage of the foods available. The food donations and turkeys from our golfing event will help to make the holidays better for many.



Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament
November 22, 2008
Turquoise Hills Golf Center
Needed: Sponsors & Golfers

Guests last week - Virgil Mustain has returned once again, but with the news he and his wife have bought a home in the area, so that we'll be seeing more of him this year. Great news!!

Those absent last week: Irma, Gary, Carter, and Peggy

Reminder - Makeups can be done online. It take a half hour.
Rotary eClub of Southwest USA, District 5510

www.rotaryclubsouthwest.org

Rotary eClub one - www.rotaryclubone.org

Rotary District 5500 website - www.rotaryd5500.org

Benson Rotary website - www.rotaryd5500.org/Benson

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- I. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for Service;
- II. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- III. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- IV. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Benson Rotary's Early Years

by Gary Maluf, Historian

Although I promised to dive into 1957, there emerged from the old records a fascinating letter addressed to the President of RI from Z. S. Harmat, President of the Jerusalem Rotary Club dated December, 1956. This is a four-page, typed letter that discusses Rotary in Israel at the time, in light of a recent appeal from Gian Paolo Lang, President of RI, to Rotarians around the world for international understanding during World Fellowship Week. President Gian Carlo's letter had elicited a response from the Cairo Rotary Club that was also addressed to all Rotarians to which the Jerusalem Club took exception.

Our records do not include the letter from Cairo, but the Jerusalem Club President described it as propaganda, not worthy of Rotarians and inflammatory, and goes on to chronicle the origin of the Jerusalem Club, then the origin of the state of Israel. This letter is intelligently written, detailed, and sincere. Should any of our members wish to read it, I will make copies. My purpose in this article is not to take sides, but rather to document the influence of Rotary in the quest for world peace.

The Rotary Club of Jerusalem was founded 27 years previously, of mixed membership comprising representatives of many creeds, races, and nationalities. The issue at the time was Palestine, which had been a source of contention for many years. The Jerusalem letter decried and condemned that of the Cairo Club as being contrary to the principles of Rotary, and it called to Rotarians around the world to unite in peace according to our doctrines.

Now, I don't know what effect this letter from the Jerusalem Club had on the world events of the time, however, I do feel we can be proud of the tone that Rotary had embued in this club. I have mentioned before that Rotary has been described as a model of the world at peace.

Last Week's Program

Lynn Perez-Hewitt told of the educational programs that the Friends of Kartchner Caverns have going on to help promote and preserve the caverns. Starting with fourth graders, they involve the youngsters in learning how the formations were formed through hands-on experiments, taking them on tours, and instilling in them the importance of preserving for the future.

Friends also run the gift shop, with a wide variety of special items. She presented the club with the newest edition of a book about the caverns. Her educational background and theatrical experience made for a very informative, as well as entertaining program.

---- History continued ----

That model was at work during this incendiary time in the Middle East, and surely still is. When peace finally comes to the area, I also hope that Rotary receives credit for some part of that peace.

Next week we will finally enter the hallowed halls of 1957. The ancillary materials to 1956 have surely been interesting and cogent. Hope you have all enjoyed.

The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault.

- Henry Kissinger