

Today's Program

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Today we get to meet Paul Harris, up close and personal through the films made during his lifetime. While he initially formed this club to bring together men of different professions, ethnic backgrounds and religions. Before his death in 1947, he'd seen Rotary grow in Service Above Self. Yet, if he were alive today he'd be overwhelmed with how Rotary has grown worldwide in service to others.

In future programs we will have an opportunity to see "The Great Adventure" a bonus feature with Edward Arnold and Jim Backus that was produced in Hollywood in 1955 for Rotary's 50th anniversary.



5th Annual Turkey Shoot
Saturday, November 22, 2008
NEEDED: Sponsors & Players
Raffle prizes

Canned food drive & turkeys for Food Bank
Proceeds for scholarships, community and world projects
Early Bird registration - until Nov. 15 - \$40.00 per player

Registration and Sponsor forms on the websites:

www.rotaryd5500.org/Benson
www.rotaryd5500.org/events08.htm

*Every man serves a useful purpose: A miser,
for example, makes a wonderful ancestor.*
- Laurence J. Peter

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
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

Sept 24 Pledge - Chris Snodgrass
Invocation - Mary Holly
4 Way Test - Bob Lujan
Oct 1 Pledge - Mahlon MacKenzie
Invocation - Gary Maluf
4 Way Test - Carter Mayberry
Oct 8 Pledge - Ron McKinnon
Invocation - Glenn Nichols
4 Way Test - Peggy Scott
Oct 15 Pledge - Casey Garan
Invocation - Rosemarie Detweiler
4 Way Test - Judy Herring

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

September 17, 2008
Membership Assembly

Pledge - Gary Maluf
Invocation - Ann Cook
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 Vaughn
International - Mahlon MacKenzie
Foundation - Judy Herring
Historian/Programs - Gary Maluf

Bulletin Editor/Webmaster
Ann Cook

Upcoming Programs & Events

Sept 24 Gary - Cruising the Caribbean
Oct 1 Officer Manny Tapia - AZ Highway Patrol
Oct 8 Marty Reilly - Annual ShoeBox Project

Announcements:

Benson Rotary is a member of the Benson Chamber of Commerce. As members we are invited to the mixer to be held at the DiPeso Plaza on Wednesday the 17th from 5:00 to 7:00. There will be refreshments, entertainment and a chance to win prizes.

A recent visitor from England showed at the Chamber and left behind this message. "Greetings to your President and fellow members of the Rotary Club of Benson from Stephen Gillham ExPres of Rotary Club of Wokingham, Berkshire, England stephangilham@btconnect.com." He said to feel free to contact him at his email address.

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

We Celebrate

Birthday

Linda - Sept. 19

Rotary Anniversary

Rosemarie - 11 years

Last Week's Guest - AG Mike Davidson. who joined in our program on membership. Judy's husband, Jerry Herring, who just retired.

Those absent last week - Irma and Ron, who was on the sick list. Our attendance is certainly improving. Good goin' group!!

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

Leafing through the Club records I came across an early 1956 Cactus Points bulletin that had become separated from the bound notebook. This edition of the bulletin is dated February 14, and has some stick people across the bottom, holding a hand-drawn valentine heart with the caption "hope nobody has forgotten this". This is possibly the most minimalist bulletin in our history. A mimeographed single page, it has Cactus Points, Benson Rotary Club, and the date across the top. Between the title and the valentine we learn the activities of our Club during February of 1956.

The previous week's program (February 7) was presented by President Oakley who doubled as Program Chair for the week. He introduced Mrs. (Old English for a married woman) Doeblner of Tucson who had attended atomic blast tests at Yucca Flats in Nevada the previous year. Her presence at the tests represented the Civil Defense organizations in Arizona. Understandably, she was making the circuit of Rotary, and other clubs, speaking about the role of Civil Defense in our communities. We all remember those days when we had to get under our desks at school during air raid drills, hoping we would not be vaporized.

The program for the evening of the 14th was to be presented by Vern Meyers who was to introduce two debaters from the University of Arizona. The bulletin allows that the last time the debate team exhibited their skills to our Club, the members had been most impressed.

This edition of the bulletin has a section devoted to community activities. Friday night, the Harlem Clowns were to play the Ft. Huachuca All-Stars at the Benson High School gym in an exhibition basketball game. We had this over in Tombstone during the early 1960s and

Last Week's program

Club Service Director Glenn Nichols and Ann Cook conducted a survey for prospective members. If prizes had been awarded for the most names, Carter would have certainly won. Due to the short period of time during the meeting, we will be scheduling another session, along with a game plan. In the meantime, those names that you came up with, use the invitational cards to invite some to one of our meetings.

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it was a fun event. Also, the following night was to be the fourth annual Band Clinic concert, featuring musicians from the schools throughout Southern Arizona in tandem with the University of Arizona concert band. Finally, Sunday was to be the official opening of the Benson Golf Course at the airport, complete with a tournament. Golf teams from far and wide were expected to compete, beginners to professionals. Something for every day of the weekend!

In all, these events made for good community spirit that our Rotary Club supported, and in many cases, sponsored. Next week's article will resume progression through November, 1956. The last bulletin in our records for 1956 is dated November 20, which includes news of the big Charter Night, as well as a brief summary of the Club's November 6 meeting.

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.
- John Adams