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Today **March 3, 2009**

Program: *Simon Davis*, the Chief of the Green Valley Fire Department, will present a program titled: The State of the Fire District.

Next week **March 10, 2009**

Program: *George Hanson*, Director/Conductor of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra

Program chair:

- *Anndrea Blackshear* (2008-2009)
 - *David Appleton* (March 2009)
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Last week **February 24, 2009**

Visiting Rotarians:

- *Jack Tatom* (Sequim, WA)
- *Don Walchholz* (Minocqua, WI)
- *Joe Butcher* (Cimarron, KA)
- *Sharon and Bruce Bellamy* (Scotia, NY)
- *Gary Gilliland* (Wisconsin Dells, WI)

Sojourners:

- 14 previously returned Sojourners were with us. *Bob Tucker* (W. Thorntown [Lebanon], IN) recently signed up as a G.V. Sojourner - Welcome Bob!

Guests:

- *James Benight* (Bob)
- *Bill Anderson* (Jack Carter)

4-way Speech Contest (from Sahuarita H.S.)

- *Crystal Zebrowski*
- *Mara Thomas*

Makeups:

- *Phil Brooke* (Crestwood, MO)
- *Father Mike Shay* (Rio Rico)

Students of the Month (from Sahuarita High School)

- *Kristine Manns*
- *Katie Tingle*

Announcements

The Golden Pencil Award - For Rotarianesque service, President *Jerry Ochs* presented this award to the members of the "G.V. Median Corp." In addition, safety vests were presented to: *Kathy Simpson, Steve Britts, Dave Polsky, Dr. Tom Bunting* and *Rev/Dr. Gene Friesen*.

Rotary Minute - *Father Mike Shay* reflected on the last writing of Paul Harris in the February 1947 issue of *The Rotarian*. Titled "Rotary's Two score and Two," Harris revealed his thoughts 42 years previous, when he started Rotary to involved young businessmen unacquainted with city life. Harris said "My plan for our Club provided that only one member of each business or professional would be eligible for membership." He continued; "We ceased to be content with isolationism and began Community Service."

Club Social - Mark your calendar NOW - Friday evening March 27th at the LaPosada Recreation Center, BYOB etc. Chair is *Dr. Bill Miller* who assured the club "It is going to be a fun evening."

An Evening of Antiques, a KGVY/Rotary fund raising wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres event to benefit the Green Valley Food Bank and the Amado Food Bank, will be at the Community Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 13 between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. An antiques appraiser from the PBS "Antiques Road Show" will be on site. Cost is \$25 each. For tickets call 399-1000 or see *Mitch Salyers*.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) - A team from South Africa will be in the G.V. area between April 27th and 29th. *Rev. Dr. Gene Friesen* is soliciting two Rotarians to open their homes and host some GSE participants. Five homes are needed and three responses have been received so far. Some transportation (Mine Museum, Caterpillar Proving Grounds, etc.) will be involved. See Gene or call him at 625-4231.

Leadership Institute is a program offered by the District to offer training for those who have aspirations to be Rotary leaders (shouldn't that be most everyone?) This will be held April 19th in Rio Rico. See *President Jerry* or *Ass't DG Father Mike*.

District Assembly - First alert! This will be held here at the Community Church (Esperanza and LaCanada) on April 11th. Pencil this in now. More to follow.

Thanks Rotarians - "Service above Self"

- To *David Polsky*, for rolling over a \$100 appreciation check from a pleased customer to Habitat for Humanity.
 - To *Joe Sovis* for offering two Rodeo tickets for auction. G.V. Rotary realized \$40. *Donna Gallagher* was the winning bidder. *Jack Carter*, club auctioneer, ran the auction
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Polsky/ Sovis & Co - *Joe Sovis*, sitting in for Fineman *Dave Polsky* (who was in the audience - "You figure!") assessed a fine while offering an "Habitual Innocence" award to several. As explained later, some are seldom fined because they faithfully practice Rotarian values. In short, their actions exemplify an element of innocence. Cited were:

- *Dr. Tom Bunting*
- *Ray Colony*
- *Rev. Dr. Eugene Friesen*
- *John Guion*
- *Jim Pletcher*
- *David Polsky*
- *Becky Roberts*
- *Dick Roberts*
- *Noble Rose*
- *Michael Shay*
- *David Sirota*

That is 11 @ \$1 each - \$11 in one sweep isn't bad!

The Program

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Program: *Heidi Yetzer*, the Designated Broker for Robson Ranch Quail Creek LLC, spoke about "The Quail Creek Story." Heidi is a graduate of the University of Arizona. She was employed by Fairfield for 5 years, Del Webb for 5 years and Meritage for 4 years and has been with the Quail Creek sales group since 2007.

Recognizing that her introducer, *David Sirota*, is a former Professor of Real Estate, it is appropriate to note his introductory comments. In these times when most developers are finding it difficult to survive, Sirota said, "Quail Creek is a development on the other side of the tracks out in the middle of nowhere and it appears to be thriving today." David asked Heidi how Robson does it.

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Highlights about the Robson Co.....

- Has been in business 36 years
- Have developed 8 communities
- A quote: The "Robson vision has set us apart (from others) in a stale market"
 - Caters to those retiring to Arizona
 - Competition caters to first-time buyers
 - An influx of buyers continued to come to the development
 - Approximately 800 showed up for the model home opening on Jan. 31st
- Took over a Chapter 11 development in 1998
 - It was a smaller Tucson developer
 - The developer lacked resources
- Robson has developed 1600 home sites out of a possible 4300. Heidi said: "We will be there for awhile"
- Country club membership goes with a purchase in Quail Creek, but golf membership is separate
- 80% of the sales is restricted to buyers 55 and older - Other 20% is for buyers in the age 40 to 55 range
- Railroad tracks, at the entrance, do not impede emergency services, in Yetzer's opinion.
- A second entrance to Quail Creek was recently opened. This minimizes emergency response time if a train blocks one of the two entrances.
- A 5th fire station (G.V. Fire Dept.) is to be built in the development area. The building will be partially funded by Quail Creek

A great closing statement from Professor Sirota - "I am impressed you are doing so well." His surprise over such a success in these times is understandable.

The raffle

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\$100 credit to a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) award

- **Jim Mack**
- Drawing for the PHF awards March 3, 2009
- **Davis Lusby, David Polsky, Father Mike Shay and Jerry Ochs**

Winner of the wine

- **Joe Sovis**

Noble Rose - Editor

Hot off the press-Spaghetti Spree 2009

February 25, 2009

Photos by Bill McGibbon



Arleen Boyuls, Chair - Becky Roberts, able Assistant



And the line continues



"Eat Out" Servers Mitch Salyers, Will Files, Art Lohuis and Bill Escher

Most noticeable last Wednesday night was the presence of several Sojourners who pitched in to help. The Rotary Club of Green Valley is fortunate to have an active Sojourner group and the club thanks them for their participation and presence during the winter months.

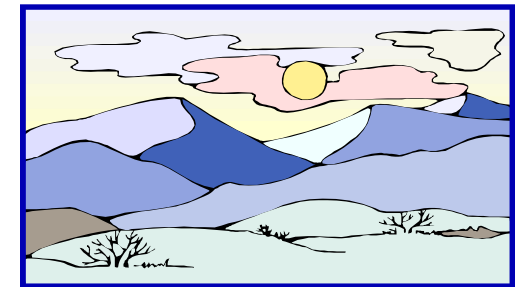
The Desert Wheel



Dong Kurn Lee (D.K.)

R.I. President

Rotary Club of Yangdong, South Korea



The Rotary Club of Green Valley meets
On Tuesdays @ 11:45 AM at the
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