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Today

March 17, 2009

**Program:** *Dr. Joe Vigil*, Green Valley resident and coach of the USA long distance track team in the Beijing Olympics will revisit the Beijing experience. Vigil's pre-Olympic visit here was February 26, 2008

Next week

March 24, 2009

**Program:** *Rev. Larry DeLong*, newly installed Senior Pastor of the Valley Presbyterian Church, will speak about "The Chaplaincy in the Military."

**Program chair:**

- *Anndrea Blackshear* (2008-2009)
- *David Appleton* (March 2009)

Last week

March 10, 2009

**Visiting Rotarians:**

- *Don Wachholz* (Minocqua, WI)
- *George Hagginson* (Holland, MI)
- *Tom Browning* (Tucson)
- *Ernie Gilliat* (Guelph Trillium, Ontario, CAN)
- *Gene Holhofer* (Midland, MI)
- *Dick Dever* (Eagle River, WI)

**Sojourners:**

- Thirteen of the 26 registered Sojourners were with us today

**Guests of Members:**

- *Dorothy Collins* (Sam)
- *Carol Lampert* (Lori Tyler)

**Other Guests:**

- *Rev. Larry DeLong*
- *John Long* (Student Guest from SHS)
- *Hugh Gallagher* (Counselor from SHS)
- *Mary Emich* (Events Manager of the Tucson Symphony)

**Makeups:**

- *Bill McGibbon* (e-Club)
- *Noble Rose* (e-Club)
- *Phil Brooke* (Crestwood, MO)
- *Dick Roberts* (Sahuarita)
- *Jim Nelson* (Sahuarita)
- *Father Mike Shay* (Sahuarita & Tubac)

## Announcements

**Foundation Minute:** *Father Mike Shay* relayed a story about Rotary Foundation's matching grant awards to help fund corrective heart related surgeries for children living in India. Two Rotary clubs (in England and India) provided \$5,000 each as seed money. The respective Rotary districts did likewise and finally Rotary-matching grants kicked in for a total of \$35,000. As Father Mike said, "This is an example of the power of matching grants."

**What is Polio?** This appears to be an unlikely question among many in Green Valley. However, young people do ask the question today. Why? Polio Plus has nearly eradicated the disease worldwide and the Rotary/Gates Foundation thrust is destined to eradicate it completely.

**The Golden Pencil Award** - Rotarians, who recently attended a Leadership Conference in Mesa, were awarded this honor.



Jerry Ochs, Jim Mack, Joyce Finkelstein and Mitch Salyers  
Photo by Bill McGibbon

**The International showcase for youth basketball teams**

- On March 3<sup>rd</sup> *Natasha Smith* (Melissa's daughter) asked the club for financial support to participate and represent Arizona in the International Basketball Shoot-Out to be held in Italy. Sizeable monies are involved including the costs of training camps, transportation, accommodations, etc. Natasha noted this is a "once in a lifetime experience" which she intends to share with all through a blog on "My Space" and a thank you reception upon returning. Sponsors will be recognized in the newspaper. Those interested in helping with this scholarship may address a check to "365 Sports" and mail it to Natasha at 6 W. Camino Rancho Cielo, Sahuarita 85629

**A Club Social** will be held March 27<sup>th</sup> at LaPosada's Recreation Center. Chair *Dr. Bill Miller* clarified previous reporting. There is a potluck aspect to this event; i.e., bring a serving of hors de oeuvres to share; and BYOB. Look for sign up sheets today (03/17/09)

**Greeters for April** - By the luck of the draw, these Rotarians will be the face of the club in April:

- April 7 *Joyce Finkelstein*
- April 14 *Mitch Salyers*
- April 21 *Dave Appleton*
- April 28 *Steve Hawley*

**District 5500 highlights**

- April 11 - District Assembly at the Community Church in GV - Inform *Mike Pease* and he will see the club sends \$10 for your registration
- May 30 - A District Picnic in Sonoita - See *Dick Roberts* on this one
- June 28 - District Governor installation at Francisco Grande hotel west of Casa Grande
- October 23-25 - District Conference also at the Francisco Grande

The Program

March 10, 2009



George Hanson, Musical Director and Conductor of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra (TSO)  
Photo by Bill McGibbon

Program Chair *David Appleton* introduced our distinguished guest. Now in his 13<sup>th</sup> season with TSO, *George Hanson* has appeared with nearly 90 symphony orchestras and opera companies in 19 countries. For a period of seven years, Maestro Hanson served concurrently as the General Music Director of the Wuppertal Symphony Orchestra in Germany, where he now holds the title of Conductor Laureate.

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Program continued

George Hanson has Rotary roots. He offered this statement: "Rotary led to a career in my profession as well as affecting my personal life."

In the mid 80's Hanson was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar that provided him with the opportunity to live in Vienna for a year. At the time he had been teaching in Washington. In Vienna, he frequented with other music scholars while attending the prestigious Vienna Academy of Music. Other academic venues in his repertoire included The Curtis Institute, Indiana University and Concordia College.

More connections: Maestro Hanson's mother is a Rotarian in Minnesota.

The theme of the presentation was: "How Does a Symphony Work?" A listing of highlights of TSO's operations follows:

(Venues are shown in parenthesis)

[**Specials for the 2009-10 seasons shown thusly**]

- Receives 60% of its' \$5,000,000 annual budget from revenue - The other 40% comes from contributions
- Provides 450 performances a year (of varying categories; and, including an emphasis on youth programs)
  - Stats show that kids who study music score better in SATs and their attendance in school is better. Studies, at the Kindergarten level, prove those kids introduced to music improve incrementally some 40%. Students intentionally deprived of music (the placebo group) improve 6%
  - Art and cultural programs offered in Tucson (TSO included) account for a return of some \$30,000,000 to the community. Spring training (baseball,) where monies primarily leave the community, account for 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of that.
  - Classic Series (Tucson Music Hall) [**Bugs Bunny themes as well as more serious Mahler pieces**]
  - Classic Specials (Tucson Music Hall) [**Yo-Yo Ma**] [**Art Garfunkel**] [**Handel's Messiah**]
  - Pops Series - Often featuring guest artists: (Tucson Music Hall) [**TSO Chorus, Tucson Regional Ballet, Mariachi Azlan de Pueblo H.S.**] [**Bill Ganz Western Band**]

- Masterworks Chamber Orchestra Series (Catalina Foothills H.S.) [**TSO Chorus**]
- Recital Series (TSO Admin on 6<sup>th</sup> and Grant - CPAC here in GV)
- Movable Musical Fest Series (Pima Air and Space, Arizona Inn on New Years Eve, Museum of Art and Tubac Golf Resort)

Not mentioned is a unique service provided to G.V. residents. The Friends of the TSO (FATSO) provides shuttle service to TSO Classic and Pops series from G.V. Post-concert dining and camaraderie is included. Call 520-882-8585 for information.

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## The raffle

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

- **Mary Jane Goodrick**

### Drawing for the PHF awards today (March 17)

- **Dr. Tom Bunting, Fred Landenberger (2) and Lori Tyler**

### Winner of the wine

- **Gene Friesen**

Editor: **Noble Rose**

## Rotary Club of Green Valley

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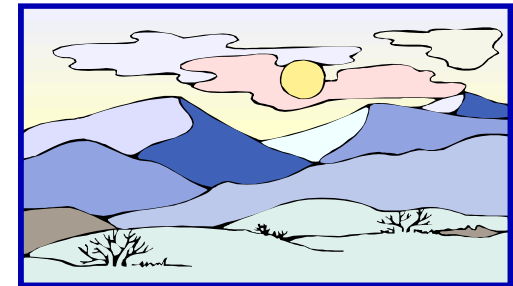
# The Desert Wheel



**Dong Kurn Lee (D.K.)**

R.I. President

Rotary Club of Yangdong, South Korea



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