Arizona Rotary is now One Hundred years old. I was able to attend the final meal packing at the Phoenix Civic Center and the one millionth meal was packed to be shipped to the Philippines. On March 1st the Phoenix 100 Rotary club celebrated their birthday with members from all three Districts in Arizona. The event was held at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. We are all looking forward to the future of Rotary in Arizona and the next one hundred years of service.

We lost Past District Governor Al Face of Yuma Rotary in February. He was District Governor of District 550 in 1987-1988, when Arizona had only two Districts and women had just been allowed to join Rotary. I remember my first meeting with him as a new Rotarian. I didn’t even know what a District Governor was back then but I knew him as an outstanding Rotarian dealing with a large District covering half of Arizona. He will be missed by all that knew him.

For several years, clubs in District 5500 have worked on projects in Caborca, Mexico with clubs from Arizona District 5490 and California District 5320. I was able to travel with Rotarians from all three districts to meet the Caborca Rotarians and learn of other needs in their community and in the surrounding area. As an added bonus, we were able to go with health workers and administer Polio drops to young children and babies. It was not an official NID but just knowing those children were getting their first protection from this terrible disease was emotional to those giving the drops.

In the last newsletter I reminded clubs that the Presidential Citations were coming due this month. You are not too late. The final date for submission is March 31st but I hope you will submit them sooner. Please complete your requirements as I would love to present the Presidential Citation to each and every club.

We added another Interact club to the District when the Green Valley-Sahuarita Interact had its chartering ceremony. They are sponsored by the Valle Verde Rotary club and bring our number of active Interact clubs to 19. Our District Interact chair, Mary Ann Tatum has been great working with the Interact clubs in our District. Please encourage your Interact members, RYLAians and other students in grades 9-12 to consider entering the Four Way Speech contest. Time is getting short to enter. Cash prizes will be awarded at the District Conference luncheon on April 26st in Tucson. First prize is $1,000, second prize is $500 and third prize is $250. You can get more information from the Four Way Speech Chair, Joe Britton at jbritton1@cox.net.

The end of February found me in Yuma and Somerton. I was able to have second visits to Yuma North End, Yuma Sunrise and Yuma Foothills Rotary clubs. I was also able to attend the scholarship and Paul Harris presentations at the Somerton Rotary club. I plan on visiting more clubs in the remainder of this Rotary Year. I look forward to seeing each one of you again.

Our District Conference is next month and we hope members from all over our District will be able to attend. We have some great presentations planned. Our first ever Vocational Training Team are now in Peru and should return in time to give a wonderful presentation on the work they are doing in Peru for the prevention of domestic and sexual abuse of women and children.

If you have not already registered for the District conference you may register online at the District website or by sending the form included with this newsletter. Hotel reservations can be made directly with the hotel by contacting Rochelle Habeck: Rochelle.Habeck@hilton.com or 520-721-5679 to be given the Rotary rates. (Standard $77++, Exec $102++, Suites $137++)
President of Valley Verde and members.

The last of the million meals to be packed. To celebrate the 100 years of rotary club 100 in Phoenix AZ
Life saving drops. The polio vaccine delivered by caring Rotarians. Nancy Cassel doing the honors. With the team from Tucson.
Scholarships help the community. Somerton AZ holds fundraiser and presents scholarships to deserving youth.
Join the Team—Find a Rotary Peace Fellow for Our District!

By Philip J. Silvers, PRID

Polio Eradication is Rotary's signature program, and will be until the virus is finally defeated.

Rotary has another signature program that most Rotarians know too little about—**The Rotary Peace Centers**. We have six Rotary Centers around the world, each in partnership with a major university. The programs in Sweden, Australia, England, Japan, and USA (Duke/U of North Carolina) offer 2-year Master's degrees in Peace and Conflict resolution. All Centers provide an applied field learning experience. Candidates for these programs need to have three years' practical, professional experience in conflict resolution and need to speak a second language. Think returning Peace Corps members or volunteers with other service organizations when you are looking for prospects.

The program at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, is a 3-month professional development program for working professionals, such as police officers, clergy, counselors, fire fighters, military officers, and mediators. For public agencies, having a staff member selected for this program is a great investment in their 'human capital'—as the returning Fellow will be able to train others in conflict resolution strategies. Program has January to April and June to August sessions.

**The deadline for sponsor clubs to submit nominations to Rotary District 5500 is 15 May 2014.** There is no cost to the club to be a sponsor. Call or write me with questions you may have, 520-399-3994 or silverlode@cox.net   Help find us some good nominees.
POLIO IMMUNIZATION IN MEXICO

The Rotary Club of Sierra Vista held its weekly meeting on March 3rd. The speaker at the meeting was the club’s own Past President Jim Evans.

Jim has been leading groups from Sierra Vista into Caborca, Mexico for the past five years. These groups meet up with other Rotarians from California and other parts of Arizona and then travel by bus into Mexico to the town of Caborca. The purpose of these trips is to provide immunizations against polio to young children.

The annual trip begins in California with 48-50 people and then picks up people in several places in Arizona before crossing the border into Mexico at Lukeville. Jim coordinates the members from Rotary district 5500 who participate. He told the club that there is an allotment of eight seats on the bus for local Rotarians. He personally pays in advance for these eight seats and then is reimbursed by attendees who wish to participate. He reminds people that they need passports in order to cross back into the United States.

The trip is made over a weekend beginning on a Friday afternoon. The bus usually arrives in Caborca, Mexico at 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Sometimes there are delays after crossing the border, but these delays are usually resolved quickly and the bus is sent on its way after they are vetted by the Mayor of Caborca. The participants spend two nights in Caborca and return on Sunday to Arizona.

The Rotary Club of Caborca hosts the group and provides some meals and entertainment for their visitors from the USA. The Americans form small groups of four or five people and then are joined by a Mexican nurse and a member of the Caborca Rotary Club who is familiar with the neighborhood which each small group visits. There are also one or more young people from Interact or Roteract from California or Arizona who enthusiastically participate in the program.

One or more family members is waiting with the child who needs the immunization. They are prepared with the immunization record for the child. The small groups go door-to-door in the different neighborhoods giving the polio immunization to as many children as possible.

While in Caborca Rotarians from America donate money and time to other projects such as providing an ambulance, playground equipment and helping disabled children.

This trip takes place every February around Valentine’s Day. Rotary members in Southeast Arizona are encouraged to participate in this trip. More information can be obtained by contacting Jim Evans at www.rotarysv.org. Also anyone interested in our Rotary Club which meets each Monday for lunch at the Pueblo Del Sol Country Club can obtain more information at the same web site.

Al Chariton
Announcing the Annual District 5500 Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Rotary and the Four-Way Test

One of the world’s most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, which Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created in 1932 when he took charge of a company facing bankruptcy. This twenty-four-word test for employees to use in making decisions in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with suppliers and customers. The company survived and prospered and this is credited to this simple philosophy which asks the following four questions:

Of the things we think, say or do:
1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Contest Purpose

The contest is designed to introduce high school students to the Rotary principles of ethics and service, and to involve local Rotary Clubs with the youth of their communities. It also is aimed at encouraging young people to learn to express themselves well in public.

Contest Topic

The topic for the speech contest is “The Impact the Application of the Four-Way Test Had, or Might Have Had, on An Important Historical Event”. The intent is to assess the outcome, or possible alternative outcome, in light of consideration of the specific aspects of the Rotary Four-Way Test.

Eligibility

Contestants must be in Grades 9 - 12 at a public or private school, or be in those grades and be home schooled, within Rotary District 5500. Each contestant must be sponsored by a local Rotary Club.

Prizes

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in the District competition as follows:
1st Prize: $1000; 2nd Prize: $500; 3rd Prize: $250

Procedures

Details for procedures have been furnished to the Presidents of District Clubs and Assistant Governors for the Regions. Students should contact their local Club to obtain the information needed to compete. Club and Regional Competitions should be scheduled and completed in time to allow for preparation for the District competition. With that in mind, it is thought that Regional competition should be completed if at all possible no later than two weeks prior to the District competition, which will be held in conjunction with the District Conference on April 26, 2014. The winner will present their talk to the District attendees at the luncheon on that same date.
Save the Date!

District 5500

Membership Seminar

Saturday, August 9, 2014
(Location TBD)

Registration 8:00am, Seminar 9:00am – 3:00pm
Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included

Topics covered include:
• Alternative forms of Rotary membership
• Membership challenges and solutions
• Recruiting “best practices”
• Effective orientation programs

Registration: (To be determined)

Contact: Joe Hentges, 520-744-0363, jthentges@aol.com
## District 5500 Assembly Registration Form 2014

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I will be attending (please check one):

- **Yuma, March 22, 2014** (register by March 14)
  - Stoneridge Church
  - 6300 E. 24th St.
  - Yuma, AZ 85635 (928) 314-4410

- **Tucson, April 5** (register by March 28)
  - Wakefield Middle School
  - 101 W. 44th St.
  - Tucson, AZ 85713 (520) 225-3800

- **Coolidge, March 29, 2014** (register by March 21)
  - Community Presbyterian Church
  - 179 N. 3rd St.
  - Coolidge, AZ 85228 (520) 723-5141

- **Sierra Vista, April 12** (register by April 4)
  - Sierra Vista United Methodist Church
  - 3225 St. Andrews Dr.
  - Sierra Vista, AZ 85650 (520) 378-3352

### Schedule:

- **7:30am** Check in and Continental Breakfast
- **8:00am** Opening Remarks and Joint Plenary Session
- **8:30am** Breakout Sessions for President Elects, Secretary Elects, Treasurer Elects
  - Breakout Sessions for Service Projects, Youth, Social Media/Public Relations
  - Break
- **9:45am** Breakout Sessions for President Elect Nominees, Assistant Governors
  - Breakout Sessions for Club Administration, Foundation Grants & Programs
- **11:00am** Joint Plenary Session
- **11:30am** Adjourn

Cost is $10 (non refundable) per person which includes Continental Breakfast and materials. Please make your check payable to “Rotary D5500” and mail with this registration form to:

- Liz Cohn, 3018 N. Calle Ladera ~ Tucson, AZ ~ 85715

One check per club is fine but each attendee must complete a separate registration form.
**Rotary District 5500 Conference**

**CHANGING LIVES, ONE PERSON AT A TIME:**
Our Community, Our World, Our Beneficiaries

**April 25-27, 2014**

**Tucson Hilton East**

7600 E. Broadway * Tucson, AZ * 85710

[www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

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**Rotarian:**

- First Name
- Last Name
- Badge Name/Nickname

**Rotary Club:**

- First Time Attendee?

**Guest:**

- First Name
- Last Name
- Badge Name/Nickname

**Email:**

- Contact phone:

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**Please choose your meals**

**All Conference Meals Package:**

- x $140

**or**

- Friday Lunch
- x $27.50

- Friday Hospitality Night
- No Charge

- Saturday Breakfast
- x $27.50

- Saturday Lunch
- x $30.00

- Saturday Dinner
- x $70.00
  - Beef
  - Chicken
  (please choose one)

- Sunday Breakfast
- x $20.00

- Total for all meals: $___________

**Special Dietary Need (vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, no nuts, etc.):**

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**Please make your checks payable to:**

Rotary District 5500 Conference

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**Mail this registration and your check to:**

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Note: Meal reservations received after April 18 will be on a space-available basis

No refunds after April 19.

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**Hotel Reservations:** Contact Rochelle Habeck: [Rochelle.habeck@hilton.com](mailto:Rochelle.habeck@hilton.com) or 520-721-5679

(Rates: Standard- $77++; Exec-$102++; Suite-$137++)

**Guests:** Please review the Tucson Visitors Site [www.visittucson.org](http://www.visittucson.org)
The District Conference is coming up soon so please mark your calendars!!

We have a great Agenda planned which will focus on the benefits of Rotary. You’ll meet beneficiaries of Rotary and will get useful tips on how to continue identifying and reaching out to those who can benefit from our various resources. You’ll also learn how to use technology to effectively market your club and its projects.

Plus, you’ll have fun relaxing and enjoying the company of your fellow Rotarians in the always-open House of Friendship; during the Hospitality Suites Friday evening; at the DGE’s Reception on Saturday; and after dinner Saturday night.

Stay tuned for registration information. If you have any questions in the meantime, contact Wendy Hobbs, wbtus@aol.com, or Ray Naylor, rwnaylor@comcast.net.

7600 E. Broadway
Tucson, AZ  85710

Abbreviated Agenda

**Friday, April 25:**
8:00 AM Registration table opens
11:15AM Doors open for lunch. Not eating? Join us at 12:30
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM (3) Break-out sessions
3:15PM - 4:15PM Council on Legislation
3:15PM - 4:15PM (3) Break-out sessions
5:00 PM Hospitality Suites

**Saturday, April 26:**
7:00 AM Registration table opens
9:45 AM - 11:00 AM District 4 Way Test Contest
11:15AM Doors open for lunch. Not eating? Join us at 12:30
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM (3) Break-out sessions
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM (3) Break-out sessions
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reception for DGE Sally Montagne
5:45PM Doors open for Banquet. Not eating? Join us at 7:30
8:30PM Entertainment

**Sunday, April 27:**
7:30AM Doors open for breakfast. Not eating? Join us at 8:30
Celebration of Life and Youth Exchange Students presentation
Rotary District 5500 Conference
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Sunday Breakfast ______ x $20.00 Total for all meals: $ __________

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Display Tables at the District Conference

Display tables will be available at the D5500 District Conference for District Rotary Clubs, District 5500 and Rotary International Events, and other organizations. Priority for tables will be given to Clubs, Rotary Events and then others.

Table space will be either 3’ or 4’. If additional space is required, this will be considered on an individual basis.

Please send table requests with a space request and type of display to Dick Roberts @ rrrgv@aol.com by April 11th.

You Are Invited to Join the Paul Harris Society!

*Contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund set a new record last Rotary year surpassing US $115.1 million. Approximately 28,000 donors (less than 3% of Rotary’s total membership) personally contribute US $1,000 or more to the Annual Fund. This represents roughly 30% of Rotary’s Annual Giving each year.
*Our District has an established Paul Harris Society (PHS) and many districts with a Paul Harris Society are finding that contributions from their PHS members can constitute 10%-20% of their total Annual Giving. Having an active PHS can insure long-term growth in annual per capita contributions and secure more funds coming back to our district.
*To join the Paul Harris Society, individuals can use the PHS form which can be faxed to you, contact our District PHS Coordinator, Charlotte Harris (charharris@aol.com or 520-299-1130), e-mail annualfund@rotary.org or sign up over the phone with the Rotary Foundation Contact Center by calling 866-9ROTARY (866-976-8279).
*Send your PHS questions to your District PHS Coordinator, Charlotte Harris, as listed above.
Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise
Presents
CARIBBEAN NIGHTS
DINNER & AUCTION
Saturday, April 19, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.
Skyline Country Club
$75 per person
Tables of 8 may be reserved for $560

Activities include Live and Silent Auction, Blackjack, Limbo & Caribbean Cards Contests and Dancing.

It's 5 o'clock Somewhere

Raffle Tickets
$10 per ticket
Prizes include:
1. 50” Flat Screen TV
Only 300 tickets will be sold.
Do not need to be present to win!

Proceeds to benefit Children’s Education, Health and Welfare Charities
$34.50 of ticket price is tax deductible (tax ID #86-0335365)

Tickets may be purchased by contacting:
Caryn Bustos - carynbustos@gmail.com
Jay Ofori - jayofori@gmail.com
Changing Lives at RYLA

On 3 February 2014, the Rotary Club of Sierra Vista welcomed five students that attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference, from 17-20 January 2014, at Chapel Rock camp, in Prescott Arizona.

Each year, thousands of young people around the world between the ages of 14-17 are chosen by Rotary for their leadership potential and are awarded an all expenses paid trip to learn advanced leadership skills. For Arizona, the annual RYLA conference at Chapel Rock in Prescott on the Martin Luther King holiday weekend had 105 total participants, and the Rotary Club of Sierra Vista had the pleasure of supporting the attendance of some of those students, as well as hearing from five of them about their experiences.

Each of the four student Delegates present on 3 February to share their experiences, Shannon Weinstein, Nik Speirs, Hailly Greenough and Paige Brenes, expressed some initial apprehension and nervousness at the start of the camp - especially because they lost their technologies: no CELL PHONES! However, each went through their own transformation, and in the end found the camp an enjoyable, educational and life changing experience. It changed the way they view themselves, other people, and the world. They each accomplished things they never thought they would do, and established strong bonds and friendships with new people, including those from other countries. It was clear they thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

In addition to the four Delegates attending their first RYLA Camp, Emilee Sizemore from Tombstone High School was also in attendance. This was her second RYLA Camp. In a previous year, she attend as a Delegate, and this time she was a Junior Counselor. The most important thing she learned about herself this time was that she could be someone that other people look up to: she can be a mentor. She's looking forward to a future RYLA Camp, and would like to be a Senior Counselor.

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Rotarian Peter Huisking was instrumental in coordinating this year's RYLA event, as he does every year in support of the youth of this community. (The overall coordinator was Steve Houle of the Sierra Vista West Rotary Club. He did an outstanding job!)

RYLA's aim is to:
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities
- Build individual self confidence
- Learn how and when to lead, and how and when to follow
- To exceed your own understanding of how strong you really are

It's clear from listening to this group: Mission Accomplished.
Rotary Club of Sierra Vista is made up of over 80 community leaders in Sierra Vista. Supporting service projects locally and internationally, The Club meets each Monday at 12:00pm for lunch at The Pueblo del Sol Country Club. For more information, go to http://www.rotarysv.org

Interact shoe drive? Fun and service?
Golfing for Scholars Tournament

Scramble Format – Shotgun Start
April 05, 2014 - 9:00 am
Kino Springs Golf Course

Cost...$ 85/golfer…includes: Cart – Golfer Goodie Bag – Tournament & Hole Prizes – Lunch – FANTASTIC RAFFLE

Registration starts at 8 a.m. – Shotgun Start at 9 a.m.

YES I want to play! ________$85.00/person times # players _________        $________Lunch Only $ 25/Person

Will pay on April 5th _____ OR Enclosed is my check for $_________

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Make your check payable to: Patagonia Sonoita Rotary Club Foundation
Mail to: PO Box 795, Sonoita, AZ 85637 – OR – Call: Leslie Kramer at 520.455.0055 – OR – E-mail: kramerlaw@earthink.net

All proceeds support scholarships for local high school students and other projects funded by the Mountain Empire Rotary Club and its Foundation.
Leadership Team

District Governor:
Nancy Cassel
nancycassel@hotmail.com

District Secretary:
Henrietta "Hank" Huisking
talk2hank@cox.net

District Treasurer:
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Membership Chair:
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Save the Date:

District Assemblies:
Yuma  3/22/2014
Casa Grande 3/29/2014
Tucson  4/5/2014
Sierra Vista 4/12/2014

Who should attend? Every Rotarian, President Elect, Secretary Elect, Treasurer elect. Committee chairs, current club officers., New members.

Save the Date:

AUGUST 9 2014
Membership Workshop