

OUR MEMBERS

Al Ruiz § Automotive Paint
 Allen Bunker § Retired Funeral Director
 Ana Cadillo Southwest Ambulance
 Benjamin Yanofsky Optometry
 Bill Petrie Planning Consultant
 Brad Tennison § Financial Consultant
 Bradley Clark Construction
 Bruce Reeser § Prosthetics & Orthotics
 Bryan Vivian ‡ § Auto Repair
 Carol McCormack Eealeomosinary
 Charles Brown ‡ § Property Management
 Charles Wirken ‡ # § Law, Civil Trial
 Charlie Deaton # Chamber of Commerce
 Chuck Wahlheim § Consultant
 Conrad Morin ‡ Commercial Loan Officer
 Craig Henry § Staffing
 Crisanna Tuter a § Real Estate Residential
 Dan Taylor § Senior Services Director
 David Kitts Helicopter Services
 David Stafford Insurance Management
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 David Wier § Banking
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 Dennis Lambson ‡ # § Foreign Currency Trader
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 George Medawar § Auto Repair
 Ike Parrish § Retired Engineer
 James Best Newspaper, Finance

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 Janice Parker ‡ Exec. Dir. Social Service
 Jared Cox Civil Engineer
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 Jay Roundy # § Healthcare
 Jerry Bianco Identity Theft
 Jerry DeLand § Retired Banker
 John Crandall # § Retired Dentist
 John Dennett Design/Promotion
 Jon Scott Williams ‡ § Retirement Housing
 Joseph O'Reilly Educational Research
 Jo Wilson ‡ Higher Education
 Kevin De Rosa # § Janitorial Supplies
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 Leslie Riell § Publishing
 Lois Yates Economic Development
 Marty Whalen ‡ § Consultant, Airplanes
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 Milt Laflen Retired Electronics
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 Randy Vogel Performing Arts - Admin.
 Richard Curtis ‡ Financial
 Robert Brinton § Convention & Visitors Bureau
 Robert DeLong Commercial Insurance
 Rockne Arnett # § East Valley Partnership
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 Ronald Newth ‡ # § Optometry
 Rudge Hiatt # § Surgeon
 Sally Downey ‡ § Superintendent - EVIT
 Sally Harrison § ‡ Chamber of Commerce
 Stephen Viramontes Commercial Insurance Agent
 Steve Adams # § Printing

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 Susan Carland # § Real Estate, Relocation
 Tawnya Christensen § Assisted Living
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 Theodore Van Der Veer § Religion
 Thomas Verploegen § Business Development
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 Wilford Cardon # § Retired Petroleum
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 William Kelsey Answering Service

HONORARY MILITARY

Gerald Paulus §

HONORARY PRESIDENT

Ike Parrish §

HONORARY

Eddie Basha

Eric Jackson # §

John McCain §

John Rhodes III §

Nadine Davis §

Judy Kassebaum ‡ § - Club Secretary

#. Past President

§. Paul Harris Fellow

‡. Sustaining Member

√. Benefactor

MAKE-UPS

MONDAY

Mesa East Superstition Springs Golf Club
 Scottsdale Camelback Inn
 Kyrene Corridor KOBE Japanese Steak House
 Boeing Employee Boeing Co. 5000 S. McDowell (11:00 am)

TUESDAY

Mesa Baseline Mesa Country Club
 Chandler San Marcos Hotel
 Sun Lakes Cottonwood Country Club (7:00 am)
 Tempe Monti's La Casa Vieja
 Scottsdale Airport Firm Restaurant

Where times are not indicated, meetings are scheduled at noon.
 Please check the District 5510 website www.rotary5510.org
 for directions. Click on Club Directories and Contacts.

WEDNESDAY

Mesa Sunrise Grandma's Kitchen (7:00 am)
 Ahwatukee Foothills Grace Inn Restaurant (6:15 am)
 Chandler Horizon Mulligans by San Marcos Pro Shop (6:50 am)
 Tempe East Karsten's Golf Course

THURSDAY

Mesa West Hilton Pavilion
 Gilbert Golden Corral (7:00 am)
 Tempe Rio Salado Home Town Buffet Scottsdale Rd.
 North of McDowell (7:00 am)

FRIDAY

Tempe South Friendship Village Cafeteria,
 Dobson & Southern (7:00 am)
 Scottsdale Papago Quilted Bear Restaurant
 Chandler North Iguana Mac's

Make up online at: www.rotaryclubswest.org or www.rotaryclubone.org



CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
Tom Verploegen

PRESIDENT ELECT
Cris Tuter a

VICE PRESIDENT
Rich Curtis

SECRETARY
Sally Harrison

TREASURER
Doug Gray

PAST PRESIDENT
Leonard Richards

Rotary International President
Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
South Korea

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COMMITTEES

CLUB SERVICE 1

Director: Pat Esparza
 • Family of Rotary: Benjamin Yanofsky
 • Historian, Magazine, Bulletin: Dil Brinton, Jr., Steve Adams
 • Sergeant-at-Arms: Randy Gray
 • Public Relations: Chuck Wahlheim
 • Roster: Tawnya Christensen
 • Chicago Cubs: Marty Whalen
 • Senior Representative: Allen Bunker
 • Committee: Paul Harris Sculpture: Charlie Deaton, Allen Bunker, Tom Verploegen

CLUB SERVICE 2

Director: Steve Beck
 • Program: Robert Brinton, Tom Rhodes
 • Fundraising: Stephen Viramontes
 • Bylaws: Otto Shill
 • Annual Broadway Palm: Rod Kinney
 • Story Teller Festival: Randy Vogel, Robert Brinton

CLUB SERVICE 3

Director: Sally Downey
 • Membership Development: Bud Page
 • Mentoring: Milt Laflen
 • Annual Picnic: Bud Page
 • Annual Anniversary: Kevin De Rosa
 • Super Bowling: Pat Esparza

CLUB TRADITION

DIRECTORS: Leonard Richards, Jon Scott Williams

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Rich Curtis
 • Community & Dictionary Projects: Joseph O'Reilly
 • Shots For Tots: Roger Decker, Al Ruiz
 • Handicapped: Val Wilson, Dan Taylor
 • RYLA, INTERACT: Jared Cox, Conrad Morin
 • Service Above Self: Jon Scott Williams
 • Student of the month: Deb Duvall, Sally Downey
 • Salvation Army: Brian Vivian, Dil Brinton Jr.
 • BSA Eagle Project: Jon Scott Williams, Steve Adams, Bradley Clark, Dil Brinton Jr.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Cris Tuter a
 • Vocational Awareness: Debra Duvall
 • Vocational Scholarships: Michael Cowan
 • Classification Talks: Sally Harrison
 • Vocation at Work: Dave Wier

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director: Jason Farnsworth
 • World Community Projects:
 • Care For Life: Brad Tennison
 • Honduras: Otto Shill
 • Guaymas: Susan Carland
 • Mexico: Brad Clark, Charlie Brown
 • Sister Cities: Ron Newth
 • Exchange Students: Jo Wilson
 • Rotary Foundation:
 Leonard Richards & Past Presidents
 • Sister Rotary Club - New Zealand: Milt Laflen



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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Care For Life
 Brad McBride

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 24

Dark for Christmas

DECEMBER 31

Dark for New Years

JANUARY 7

Dark at Country Club

JANUARY 8

DK Lee Joint Meeting at the Hilton



Gerald Paulus - December 18

Randy Vogel - December 20

Bud Page - December 21

Bryan Vivian - December 26

David Kitts - December 30

Allen Bunker - January 5

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IN REVIEW

Sally Downey opens the official Christmas season by having the club sing Jingle Bells (with glasses tapped by utensils!) Marty Whalen leads the Pledge and Randy Gray gives the prayer.

Bryan Vivian reports that our club handed two Christmas kettles over to the Salvation Army from our shift at Walmart. Thanks to those who helped!

International Rotary president, Dong Kurn Lee will be speaking at the Mesa West Rotary club on Thursday Jan. 8, 2009 so our meeting on Jan 7, will be moved to the 8th. E-mail will be going out for an R.S.V.P. so be sure to respond.

Randy Gray gives the charge to our new member Vince Di Bella. Tom Verploegen has Kay Tennison tell us why all of her family is with us. Husband Bill (who was a member of our club and is the father of Brad Tennison) was involved with the Paonia CO Rotary club after they moved from Mesa. Bill helped them with lots of 'things' including a lot of Rotary Foundation memberships.



Vince Di Bella

In gratitude, the Paonia Club has made all four of Bill and Kay's grandchildren Paul Harris Fellows. Unfortunately they can't all get to Colorado for the presentation so the Paonia club graciously allowed the presentation to take place at our meeting. We have forwarded the pictures to the Paonia club with our thanks.

Finally the choir from Westwood is here to give us our annual Christmas program. Dil Brinton Jr. introduces Jeff Harris, the Arizona music educator of the year. In thirty minutes they give us a whirl wind tour around the world with music from the season. One of our best programs (as usual.)



Jeff Harris

DOWN MEMORY LANE

FIVE YEARS AGO -- 2003

Jared Cox introduces State Senator Vershoor who is a stand in for Eddie Farnsworth who is a substitute for Senator Jack Brown. Looks like we are lucky to have any program.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO -- 1993

Baseliner Dwight Patterson is here to introduce Joe Garagiolla. Before Joe gets started he praises Dwight for his hand in for starting and keeping the Cactus League in Arizona. Then Joe gives us the up to date rumors on a professional baseball being formed in Phoenix.

THIRTY YEARS AGO - 1978

It's sabotage! Larry Armistead tries to lead us in our traditional version of Jingle Bells with our water glass bell choirs but all we have are plastic cups! It's a dull thud but have a Merry Christmas anyway.

THIRTY FIVE YEARS AGO -- 1973

Cliff Risby has a couple of kettles with him for a demonstration on how we are to properly ring the Salvation kettle. Dil Brinton gave out a magic trick with every contribution. Several others of our members gave out candy canes. Dean Werner was in front of a store that did not like the noise so Dean made up a couple of 'ding dong' signs to waive at the passerby's

SIXTY FIVE YEARS AGO - 1943

Dr. George Truman sends us a letter from over seas. He's doctoring the boys and says that their base has frightened off all enemies, especially since the fighters and bombers arrived. His only complaint is that he would like to have some good Rotary chow.



SAGUARO SAM

Dil Brinton Jr.

What a week. One of the worst fears of a member of the program committee is, "What if they don't show up?" I was a little worried about this last week since everyone had assigned someone else to check with Jeff Harris and the choir. Fortunately they came ready to sing. Had they not showed up, I might have had to sing in their place.

Thanks to Kay Tennison for allowing us to 'fill in' for the Paonia Colorado Rotary club to make the grandchildren into Paul Harris Fellows. Many of you will not know of Bill Tennison and his time in our club. For many years he and Lynn Sharp headed up the Rotary Foundation committee to get us to become Paul Harris Fellows.

Apparently the 'big secret' is now out. The man and woman of the year for 2008 are Robert Brinton and Sally Downey. This is the first time that both of the 'winners' are both from the same Rotary Club. Of the 119 persons so honored, 68 of them have some direct connection to Rotary. No doubt there could be a few more connections if I put on my genealogy cap. Anyway the selection committee woke the 'winners' up early Saturday morning and took them to breakfast. I got a picture of the 'happy couple' (thanks Marty W) It looks just like what you would expect to find on the top of a wedding cake or something similar! Aren't they cute?



Man and Woman of the Year

Tennison Family

