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MAKE-UPS

MONDAY

Mesa East Superstition Springs Golf Club
 Scottsdale Camelback Inn
 Kyrene Corridor Olive Garden 1010 W. Elliot
 Boeing Employee Boeing Co. 5000 S. McDowell (11:00 am)

TUESDAY

Mesa Baseline Mesa Country Club
 Chandler San Marcos Golf Course
 Sun Lakes Cottonwood Country Club (7:00 am)
 Tempe Monti's La Casa Vieja
 Chandler West Grace Inn of Ahwatukee
 Scottsdale Airpark Havana Cafe

WEDNESDAY

Mesa Sunrise Sweet Cakes (7:00 am)
 Ahwatukee Foothills Ahwatukee Country Club (6:50 am)
 Chandler Horizon Mulligans by San Marcos Pro Shop (6:50 am)
 Tempe East Monti's

THURSDAY

Mesa West Hilton Pavilion
 Gilbert Golden Corral
 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 Hilton Garden Inn E. Indian School Rd.
 Chandler North Iguana Mac's

Where times are not indicated, meetings are scheduled at noon

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COMMITTEES

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Director: **Tom Verploegen**

- Family of Rotary: *Judy Bowden, Chad Paulson*
- Historian, Magazine, Bulletin: *Dil Brinton, Jr., Steve Adams*
- Sergeant-at-Arms: *Randy Gray*
- Public Relations: *Les Riell*
- Roster: *Tom Verploegen*
- Chicago Cubs: *Marty Whalen*
- Senior Representative: *Allen Bunker*

CLUB SERVICE 2

Director: **Steve Beck**

- Program: *Robert Brinton, Tom Rhodes*
- Fundraising: *John Dennett, Stephen Viramontes, Cris Tuter, Susan Carland*
- Bylaws: *Otto Shill*
- Annual Broadway Palm: *Rod Kinney*
- Story Teller Festival: *Randy Vogel*

CLUB SERVICE 3

Director: **Sally Downey**

- Membership Development: *John Dennett, David Tininenko, Bud Page*
- Mentoring: *Jo Wilson, Pat Esparza, Milt Laffen*
- Super Bowling: *Eric Jackson, Sally Harrison*
- Annual Picnic: *Bud Page*
- Getting To Know You: *Sally Harrison, Kevin De Rosa*
- Annual Anniversary: *Kevin De Rosa*

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*
- RYLA, Interact: *Jared Cox*
- Service Above Self: *Jon Scott Williams*
- Student of the month: *Deb Duvall, Sally Downey*

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Director: **Cris Tuter**

- Vocational Awareness: *Debra Duvall, Tom Landry*
- Vocational Scholarships: *Michael Cowan*
- Classification Talks: *Sally Harrison*
- Vocation at Work: *Dave Wier*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director: **Jason Farnsworth**

- World Community Projects:
 - Care For Life: *Dennis Lambson*
 - Honduras: *Eric Jackson*
 - Guaymas: *Brad Clark, Ted Van Der Veer*
 - Mexico: *Pat Esparza, Bryan Vivian*
 - Sister Cities: *Ron Newth, Judy Bowden*
- Exchange Students: *Roger Miller, Conrad Morin*
- Rotary Foundation, Paul Harris, Charity: *Charlie Deaton, Eric Jackson, Sally Harrison*
- Exchange Host: *Pat Esparza, Lois Yates*



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"So long as there is one hungry child, one ignorant man, one discouraged youth, so long as there is misunderstanding or conflict anywhere, so long as there is a choice friend who has not yet been found, there is a reason for Rotary."

*Richard L. Evans, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
 RI president, 1966-67*



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MESA ROTARY CLUB

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

CP80 - Protection from the Dangers of the Internet

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 12
Westwood Choir

DECEMBER 19
Dark - Christmas

DECEMBER 26
Dark - Christmas

JANUARY 2
Mayoral Candidates Forum

JANUARY 9
Chris Brady - Mesa City Manager

JANUARY 16
Christopher Sar
Phoenix Children's Hospital



Steve Beck - December 7
Cardon Wilford - December 12

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IN REVIEW

Pat Esparsa tried to get us to sing "Bad Boys, Bad Boys" from the TV show 'Cops' to welcome our guest, the chief of police. Chas Wirken makes up for our 'bad boy singing' with the pledge to our flag. Ted Van Der Veer gives the prayer.

Allen Bunker confesses to having a new grandchild, his 25th. Janice Parker announces that her group is raising money by having people purchase pizza. There are no exact details about where to go, but there is a post card in everyone's mail the next day.

Randy Gray 'thanks' everyone for the MARC banquet. I guess he is lucky that he is so popular - no fine for the advertisement cleverly disguised as a thank you.

New members include: Tom Shellgren sponsored by Jo Wilson; Charlie Brown sponsored by Leonard Richards. Tom is the Tech Manager at ASU Polytechnic and Charlie is returning to the club in Property Management. Randy Gray gives the charge to the new (and returning) members.

Sally Downey introduces George Gascon, our newest police chief. George doesn't know yet that in the past the 'chief' has usually been a member of Rotary. In the past, Donna, Strauss, Quigley, Kotser, Mendoza have all been Rotarians.

Anyway George gives us a stack of statistics to help us feel that Mesa is a safer place than it has been in the past. Since he has come to Mesa, the police are using Coplink Software to search multiple databases and enter information 'online' instead of just 'on paper' that can't be accessed as rapidly. Mesa has opened a 'fusion center' to coordinate and share information with other East Valley Cities.

The Chief says that he is trying to run the police department 'as a business' instead of just 'another city department.' It appears that one of his biggest problems is having enough money. He wants us to think about who to 'pick up' and 'lock up' since it costs the city for booking and the city jail is too small to hold everyone they pick up. After his talk, there were lots of questions, but I notice that no one leaves early on this important issue.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

FIVE YEARS AGO -- 2002

Senator John Kyl is here to tell us about his observations on the recent elections. As usual there are lots of questions, each asked by members who are interested/benefit from various programs of the government.

TEN YEARS AGO -- 1997

Funeral services for Fred Obley, Doctor, Actor, Rotarian and Drama Patron were SRO (standing room only.)

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO -- 1992

Santa, Jerry Bianco, and 'elves' Joe Woods, Sue Kathy, Burl Teague, Susan Carland and Ron Thayer all give reports on the Christmas project in Guaymas. Jerry tells us how it got started and the other report on what it's become.

THIRTY YEARS AGO -- 1977

Nadine Anderson plays "Over the River and Through the Woods" for our opening song. It's amazing how many of our Rotarians still know all of the words. County Recorder, Tom Freestone, tells us about the problems the county has in keeping non residents, illegals and aliens from registering to vote and then voting!

FOURTY YEARS AGO -- 1967

Don Fraiser has the new Phoenix roadrunner Hockey Team tell us why ice hockey will succeed in the valley

FIFTY FIVE YEARS AGO -- 1952

The Mesa Rotary Club will sponsor Sweetheart Time in the spring of '53 to benefit the Arizona boys Ranch. Rulon Shepherd will direct with no doubt help from a lot of our members to help with props, scenery and ticket sales

SIXTY FIVE YEARS AGO -- 1942

Coffee, coffee, who's got the coffee? Coffee is now a rationed item and hard to find around town. Some of our members are cultivating their Mormon neighbors to trade, buy or get a gift for the ration coupon necessary to purchase the 'black stuff'.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO -- 1937

Bring one of your competitor's to Rotary today. One of our members has made it to the 'big time.' The COG reports, "Unless otherwise, notified listen in tonight at 8:30 for John's Columbia broadcast from New York." The question for us is, which John? John Hale, or John Anderson and what did he say?



SAGUARO SAM

Dil Brinton Jr.

Today's program is about the dangers of the internet, especially for children. Some time ago the Cub Scouts added requirements about this to their advancement program. Starting next month, the Boy Scouts will do the same. They teach boys how to take care of themselves in the wilderness out of doors and now also how the boys can protect themselves in the cyber 'wildernesses.'

I am in a real muddle as to whether to say nice things or bad things about our city. I'm getting a mixed message. After 10 years of no gas at my office, my tenant wants heat. The question is whether to go back to the city gas or to SRP's electricity. So I called Gerry Paulus to find out where I should start, who to call, in getting information from the City. Great service, two city employees showed up in a couple of hours to check out where my gas connections used to be, before the pipes rusted and fell over. Looks like I could have gas hooked up by the weekend, except I have to get a 'safety permit' for the pipe that runs up the outside wall to the heater on the roof.

So about closing I go to city hall, to pay my utilities and check up on the building permit. As usual, there are no 'customer' parking spaces. When I get inside there are about 50 people in line to pay for utilities. It takes about 45 minutes to get finished. While in the line, I notice that only a half a dozen people speak English and are paying with checks. The rest don't speak English and are paying in cash. Looks like some of them may not all be quite legal.

Anyway I finish and go back to my car to find that one of Mesa's finest has given me (and many others) a pink warning ticket for parking in an empty parking space reserved for one of the city employees, many of which have already left for the day. I get number 55,081. (No guess as to whether this is the annual total or just from this one officer.)

I guess I get the point of the chief's talk at Rotary. We make the city safer (and save money) by not picking up or checking on the legal status of people (where the city would have to pay the booking costs) but instead we have officers spend their time in the parking lot, checking on the legal status of cars (for parking tickets which would raise money for the city via fines). But then the city doesn't collect any money for citations. Looks like we get the worse of both parts. The city doesn't spend money on immigration but instead spends it on parking enforcement. Does this system make Mesa safer? What 'business' are we really in? I wonder what the statistics on this system are? Am I safer? Do I feel better? Maybe the chief can get the statistics for us!