

## OUR MEMBERS

Adams, Steve # § ..... Printing  
 Arnett, F. Rockne # § ..... East Valley Partnership  
 Beck, Steve ‡ ..... Real Estate Development  
 Benelli, Terry ..... Executive Director NEDCO  
 Best, James ..... Newspaper, Finance  
 Bianco, Jerry ..... Identity Theft  
 Bliss, George ..... Real Estate  
 Brinton, Dilworth Jr ‡ § ..... Life Insurance  
 Brinton, Robert ‡ § ..... Convention & Visitors Bureau  
 Brown, Charles § ..... Property Management  
 Bunker, Allen § ..... Retired Funeral Director  
 Cardon, Wilford # § ..... Retired Petroleum  
 Carland, Susan # § ..... Real Estate, Relocation  
 Clark, Bradley ..... Construction  
 Cowan, Michael ..... Mesa Schools  
 Cox, Jared ‡ ..... Civil Engineer  
 Crandall, John # § ..... Retired Dentist  
 Christensen, Tawnya § ..... Assisted Living  
 Curtis, Richard ‡ ..... Financial  
 Davison, Doreen ..... A New Leaf  
 Deaton, Charlie # ‡ ..... Chamber of Commerce  
 Decker, Roger ..... Attorney-Small Business  
 DeLand, Jerry § ..... Retired Banker  
 DeLong, Robert ..... Commercial Insurance  
 Dennett, John ..... Design/Promotion  
 De Rosa, Kevin # § ..... Janitorial Supplies  
 Downey, Sally ‡ § ..... Superintendent - EVIT  
 Duvall, Debra ‡ § ..... School Superintendent  
 Esparza, Pat ..... Community Relations  
 Farnsworth, Jason ‡ § ..... Trust Administration  
 Furness, Jay ..... Funeral Services  
 Gilbert, Pat § ..... Marc Center Counsel  
 Gray, Douglas § ..... CPA, General Consulting  
 Gray, Randall # § ..... Rehab Center

Hall, William ..... Appraiser  
 Harrison, Sally § √ ..... Physical Therapy  
 Henry, Craig § ..... Staffing  
 Hiatt, Rudge # § ..... Surgeon  
 Kavanaugh, Dennis § ..... Attorney, Labor Law  
 Kelsey, William A. ‡ ..... Answering Service  
 Kinney, Rod ‡ ..... Director of Sales  
 Kitts, David ‡ ..... Moving Services  
 Lafflen, Milt ‡ ..... Retired Electronics  
 Lambson, Dennis # § ..... Foreign Currency Trader  
 Landry, Tom ‡ § ..... Jeweler  
 Mathern, Vern ..... Aviation  
 McCormack, Carol ‡ ..... Eeleomosinary  
 Medawar, George § ..... Auto Repair  
 Miller, Roger ‡ ..... Language Systems  
 Morin, Conrad ‡ ..... Commercial Loan Officer  
 Newth, Ronald # § ..... Optometry  
 O'Reilly, Joseph ‡ ..... Educational Research  
 Packer, Donna ..... Healthcare  
 Page, Walter "Bud" § ..... Real Estate, Residential  
 Parker, Janice ‡ ..... Exec. Dir. Social Service  
 Parrish, I. W. Ike § ..... Retired Engineer  
 Paulus, Gerald § ..... Gas Utilities  
 Petrie, Bill ..... Code Compliance Director  
 Reeser, Bruce § ..... Prosthetics & Orthotics  
 Rhodes, Tom § ..... Stock Broker  
 Richards, Leonard F. § ..... Banking, Mortgage  
 Riell, Leslie G. § ..... Publishing  
 Roundy, Jay T. # § ..... Healthcare  
 Ruiz, Al § ..... Automotive Paint  
 Schildgen, Tom ..... Higher Education - Dept. Chair  
 Shill, Otto ..... Tax Attorney  
 Stafford, David ‡ ..... Insurance Management  
 Taylor, Dan § ..... Senior Center Director  
 Tennison, Brad ‡ § ..... Financial Consultant  
 Thompson, Richard ..... Towing  
 Tininenko, David ‡ ..... Credit Officer  
 Tuter, Crisanna § ..... Real Estate Residential

Van Der Veer, Theodore § ..... Religion  
 Verploegen, Thomas § ..... Business Development  
 Vivian, Bryan ‡ § ..... Auto Repair  
 Viramontes, Stephen ..... Merchant Services  
 Vogel, Randy ‡ ..... Performing Arts - Admin.  
 Wahlheim, Chuck § ..... Consultant  
 Whalen, Marty § ..... Consultant, Airplanes  
 Wier, David ‡ § ..... Banking  
 Williams, Jon Scott § ..... Retirement Housing  
 Wilson, Jo ‡ ..... Higher Education  
 Wilson, R. Val § ..... Medicine, Orth. Surgery  
 Wirken, Charles # § ..... Law, Civil Trial  
 Yanofsky, Benjamin ..... Optometry  
 Yates, Lois ..... Economic Development

### HONORARY MILITARY

Gerald Paulus

### HONORARY PRESIDENT

I. W. Ike Parrish

### HONORARY

Eddie Basha

Nadine Davis §

Eric Jackson # §

John McCain §

John J. Rhodes III §

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.  
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### WEDNESDAY

Mesa Sunrise ..... Sweet Cakes (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

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## CLUB OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**  
Tom Verploegen

**PRESIDENT ELECT**  
Cris Tuter

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Rich Curtis

**SECRETARY**  
Sally Harrison

**TREASURER**  
Doug Gray

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
Leonard Richards

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

**Governor, District 5510**  
Don LaBarge

### CLUB SERVICE 1

**Director: Pat Esparza**  
 • Family of Rotary: TBD  
 • Historian, Magazine, Bulletin: Dil Brinton, Jr., Steve Adams  
 • Sergeant-at-Arms: Randy Gray  
 • Public Relations: TBD  
 • Roster: Tom Verploegen, Lois Yates  
 • Chicago Cubs: Marty Whalen  
 • Senior Representative: Allen Bunker  
 • Super Bowling: Pat Esparza  
 • Committee: Paul Harris Sculpture: Charlie Deaton, Allen Bunker, Tom Verploegen

### 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, Robert Brinton

### CLUB SERVICE 3

**Director: Sally Downey**  
 • Membership Development: John Dennett, David Tininenko, Bud Page  
 • Mentoring: Jo Wilson, Pat Esparza, Milt Lafflen  
 • 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**

## COMMITTEES

### 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  
 • Salvation Army: Brian Vivian, Dil Brinton Jr.  
 • BSA Eagle Project: Bradley Clark

### VOCATIONAL SERVICE

**Director: Cris Tuter**  
 • 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: Dennis Lambson  
 • Honduras: Eric Jackson  
 • Guaymas: Brad Clark, Ted Van Der Veer  
 • Mexico: Pat Esparza, Bryan Vivian  
 • Sister Cities: Ron Newth  
 • Exchange Students: Roger Miller, Conrad Morin  
 • Rotary Foundation, Paul Harris, Charity: Leonard Richards, Charlie Deaton, Sally Harrison  
 • Exchange Host: Pat Esparza, Lois Yates



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**TODAY'S PROGRAM**

**GGOPP**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**JULY 9**

Harry Beck  
Mesa Fire Department Chief

**JULY 16**

Fun Interactice Club Assembly

**JULY 23**

HIT Center - Kelly Barnes

**JULY 30**

JoHann Zeitsmann  
Mesa Arts Center Director

**AUGUST 6**

Best Buddies  
Briana Marshall



**IN REVIEW**

Bill Kelsey leads us in "My Country Tis of Thee." Dave Weir leads the Pledge and Robert Brinton gave the prayer (after someone gave him a nudge!).

The six members of the Bowling team wouldn't line up like ninepins, but they were all smiling as we hand out checks. Checks went out to A New Leaf, East Valley Senior Center, Save the Family and MARC Center. In addition, money will go to our club Rotary Foundation (when the final participants pay up.)

The Sunshine Report picks up a little money from some of our members, mostly from those who were appointed yesterday to city boards and commissions. Unfortunately Pat Esparza has gotten the names off the city website before the city has notified the new members. Kevin DeRosa gets a tip of the ol' sombrero for being the 'business of the year.'

To kick off 'past presidents day', Leonard has Dil Brinton ask a few Rotary questions. The prizes were to be \$2 bills, but Leonard forgot to bring the money. But between two dollar bills from Tom Verploegen and a couple of singles from Dil Brinton Jr., the show continued.

Past presidents Ron Newth, John Crandall, Randy Gray and Kevin DeRosa each tell their most important thoughts. Ron told our new members about 'twenty years ago'. John Crandall told us about his best four word speech to the graduation class at Mt. View. Randy Gray told us why the actions of a Colorado club to help him make up (after a serious car accident) made a difference in his attitude about Rotary. Kevin asked us if we were wearing our Rotary pin and why it was important.

To finish the program, the tag team of Leonard Richards and Tom Verploegen finished up the past year and told us what we have to look forward to next year. Wonder what the GGOPP will have to say about this 'easy handoff'?

**DOWN MEMORY LANE**

**TEN YEARS AGO -- 1998**

The GGOPP has taken in their first female member, banker Sue Kathe. In her place they are giving the club a full and complete audit with a year of Dennis Lambson.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO -- 1988**

The GGOPP has impeached Chas Wirken the day before he was to abandon the club to join their ranks. Sam Ball, Tom Stapley, Al Brooks and Pat Pomeroy all had 'proof' that Chas had been diverting finds from the Paul Harris Polio Plus Fund to the Phil Harris Drinking Fund. Trixe Galore also showed up to give testimony that Chas was often neglecting club business to be with her. In the end, Chas was 'taken in' and Ron Newth was 'prescribed' as what we need to help the club 'see the future clearly.'

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO -- 1983**

What is happening to the club? The GGOPP is cancelling their insurance coverage with Larry Carr to take up with loan shark/banker Jim Brothwell. Look for loose credit in the next year.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO - 1978**

We open with 'Nearer My God to Thee' with Rev. Bob Martz in a number 3 iced, galvanized baptism font. GGOPP members, Bob Evans and Max Killian examine the qualifications of their newest proposed member. Darl Andersen, who has never met a minister he didn't like, is appointed to the defense. Don Strauch says that Bob's hands are covered with black (ink from the print shop). Dr. Phil Hartman says Bob's heart isn't much better. With a final vote, the GGOPP takes Bob in with the Presbyterian 'sprinkle baptism' instead of LDS 'baptism for the dead.'

**FOURTY YEARS AGO - 1968**

The GGOPP is in the market to trade in a slightly used Shorty 'Ford' Berge for a 'new VNB banker', Bill Asher. Infuriately they have trouble coming up with the down payment and eleven monthly payments.

**FOURTY FIVE YEARS AGO - 1963**

The GGOPP want to see if oil will still float. Bob 'Standard Oil' Evans eventually ends up in the canal. Incoming president Max Killian also finds that his 'briefs' also float when mixed with enough canal water.



**SAGUARO SAM**

Dil Brinton Jr.

It looks like the pillow fight between the sheriff and the Mesa PD is mostly over. I guess we will have to wait a couple of months to see if both sides want to do it again.

The Tribune has made more changes. They are cutting both their size and content. It won't be long until they are as small as the COG and the content will be about the same. The next change may well be the name. How does the Mesa Tabloid sound? Oh well, anything hoping for progress.

Today we should see the annual appearance of the GGOPP (the Grand and Glorious Of Past Presidents). More like the arrival of the buzzards in Hinkley, Ohio instead of the swallows at San Capistrano They return each year to recruit a new member into their ranks. Some times they are very picky, and some times they take whatever shows up. But in either case, the club gets another chance for a year with a new president and new ideas.

Although we make fun of our presidents, both present and past, we are fortunate to have had good leadership over the years. As demonstrated by last week's program, each president has had their own special 'flavor' to add to the club. This has kept our club both active and interesting.

Unfortunately for all of us, of the thirty living past presidents of our club, only about a dozen are still active with us. A few of them are too ill or too old. A few have moved away from Mesa (and not joined another Rotary club in their new location), but most of them seemed to have found other interests instead of serving with us through Rotary.

The loss of these past presidents, (as do the loss of newer members) certainly diminishes our club, both in fellowship and in service to our community. As the world changes, it is up to each of us to keep Rotary relevant both locally and internationally. One thing that is certain as the world changes, is that the need for Service Above Self will never disappear.



Tom V. giving Leonard R. his pin and gavel



The "bowling team" that organized the club bowling project

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