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Have you considered membership survey?

By Robin Craig
District Membership Chair

By now you have settled in with your new club leadership and everyone is working on their goals for the upcoming year. August was spent focusing on membership. How did you and your club contribute to that focus?



ROBIN CRAIG

As your District Membership Chair, each month I'll focus on thoughts, ideas and materials to help stimulate membership development efforts within your club. Let's begin this month with the attention on retaining our "seasoned" members.

Since we are beginning a new year, now is the perfect time to introduce the *Membership Satisfaction Questionnaire*. This questionnaire is an anonymous survey that asks current club members to comment on what they most enjoy about their club as well as what they believe needs improvement. What better way to assess and understand members' satisfaction with the club's meetings, programs, activities and projects!

Membership Focus

The survey is easy to complete and takes very little time. Take 10 minutes at one of your weekly meetings and have your members complete it. Then have your membership chair or club secretary (or someone!) collect and compile the responses.

Make sure you share the aggregate responses with the club. There's nothing worse than completing a survey and then never hearing the results!

You might find a portion of the membership feels there isn't a good balance of social, fellowship and service activities. Perhaps some members don't feel the club involves family members enough in club activities. You may just find out that there isn't enough FUN at your meetings. Who knows?

Brainstorm within the club for solutions. Acting now, early in the year, could save you a member or two by utilizing a simple questionnaire. It could be that easy!

You'll find the questionnaire in RI's *Please continue reading on page 3*

November 10, 2007

A day of information and inspiration

By Lucinda Rose,
District Trainer

Are you and your club ready to learn more about the myriad of programs going on in 5510? We will have one singular day just for you filled with useful information.



LUCINDA ROSE

Minimally every club should send two people. Registration is open on the website now. The cost is \$10 per person for Saturday

November 10, at Scottsdale Community College.

Please read on the website a full description of the day. We will cover the Rotary Foundation giving programs, grants, GSE, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Membership and more. We need YOU to be there to make it a success.

Here is the link: <http://www.rotary5510.org/Events/Event.aspx?Event=437>.

Expect to hear more as we get closer to November 10.

See You There.

Get your ASK in gear!

Having visited approximately two-thirds of the clubs in the District as of the end of August, the main recurring request for assistance from the District is membership. Obviously, the District cannot bring individual members into your Rotary Club but we are able to offer some ideas and suggestions that might help your members in recruiting new members.

Membership is an ongoing project. The subject of seeking out good quality members and getting them into your club needs to be stressed throughout the year. In fact, the Club Leadership Plan encourages longer range planning than most clubs are accustomed to doing. In addition to setting a membership goal for this year, you should make a realistic plan and set a goal for how many members your club wants to have in three years.

Needless to say, being a vibrant and exciting Rotary club that is attractive to non-Rotarians is a total package. The meetings must be fun and interesting, the projects should be many and varied so they appeal to a wide range of people and the Rotary experience must be fun. Keep in mind that all of your members have a number of things they could be doing whatever time it is that your club meets.

For all practical purposes, the members of your club are the only ones who are able to recruit new members. One of our clubs increased their membership to 29 from a start of 22. That is an increase of just under 32 percent. In addition, this took place in a small community with a limited number of potential Rotarians.

When asked what they did, the President's immediate response was that they asked a lot of people. Keep in mind that membership in Rotary is still by invitation, but you must ask. So tell your members to **GET YOUR ASK IN GEAR.**

Another area where clubs frequently ask for help is in the area of programs. Particularly for smaller clubs, this is a major problem. Here are some suggestions that have been made by various people over the years. Always look within the membership of your own Rotary club. You will truly be amazed at the many interesting and entertaining experiences that your own members have that would make outstanding programs.

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2. Don't forget about the talent and experience of those within our District. Many of the committee personnel have a great passion and a lot of knowledge about their respective programs. Don't forget about the Past District Governor.

3. Always call your speaker three or four weeks ahead of time to confirm their scheduled date, your location, the time of your meeting, the length and subject of their speech, etc. Give them a map to your location and ask if they need any special equipment.

4. Do not let your meetings become "sales pitches" for products or causes. Be careful to make sure that politicians understand that they are not to campaign. If your topic is a controversial one, be sure that both sides are represented and they are given strictly enforced time restraints; strongly suggest that they leave time for



T's Ts (Tom's Thoughts)



By Tom Burns, District Governor

questions and answers. Keep in mind that Rotary International members are comprised from people of many faiths as well as those with none.

5. Give your members advanced notice of the programs you have scheduled. This will allow them to invite prospective members to a program in which they might have a particular interest.

6. Don't forget about publicity. Someone in your club should write an article about the program complete with pictures. Even though your article may not always appear in the paper, do not give up. You just might catch them on a slow news day. Always provide some sort of contact information in the article, such as the program chair, president, membership chair, etc.

7. Keep your local politicians, city, school district, county and state employees in mind when looking for programs. Programs on identity theft are particularly timely.

8. If you should have a program no show, have some of your members get up and tell something about themselves; i.e., the occupation, hobbies, funny or embarrassing things that have happened to them.

9. Finally, be creative and think outside the box for programs. Get ideas from other club members and ask those who make up at other Rotary clubs or who see an interesting program at their trade association, etc., to tell you about it.

In an effort to assist in this area, the District is working toward having a speaker's bureau on the District web site. Cheryl Murray is the Club Service Director for the District this year. The speaker's bureau will be in her area. Anyone interested in working in this area or anyone with suggestions about how the bureau should be set up, please contact Cheryl or myself.

Program idea

The Arizona Department of Transportation has a very interesting program on the new "511" hot line that motorists can access to get current travel information fast! "511" uses voice-activated technology to provide current reports about road conditions and detours, major airports, plus other information in Arizona and many other states. To book a program, contact Penny Anderson at 602-712-6086 or mail PMAnderson@azdot.gov.

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RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson

Mesa West planning multi-club membership event September 21

By Pam Cohen

Mesa West Rotary would like to invite all the Southeast Valley clubs to participate in a multi-club membership event. We did this several years ago with a handful of Mesa, Tempe and Gilbert clubs and it proved to be very successful.



PAM COHEN

As you all know, membership in Rotary

is always our toughest issue. Mesa West thinks we have an innovative idea of how to address this in a fun, informative and open venue.

We are planning a social event to be held at the **Mesa Hilton East (NE corner of Alma School and US-60) on Friday, September 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fiesta Room.** There will be a nice spread of hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and space for any club who wants a display.

The basic premise is to have club members invite prospective members to sample a little of what Rotary is about. Every club that participates would have the opportunity to showcase their favorite project(s) on display tables and we would ask a few people to say a few things about specific Rotary topics. Nothing long-winded or dry, but something to peak the interest of prospective members. We will also have a main speaker.

The idea is to introduce prospective members to Rotary in a friendly, no-pressure social atmosphere to experience the fellowship aspects of Rotary in addition to the business atmosphere of our regular meetings. Another benefit of multiple club participation is the greater number of people attending always makes the organization appear very vibrant to prospective members.

Here is how it would work financially: Each club would pay equally for the food, non-alcoholic beverages and advertising in local publications. We would like to have free publicity, but will probably have to pay for some mentions in local papers (maybe even press releases would be picked up by various publications). The hotel is donating the room and giving us a good rate on food and beverage.

The last time we did this with only a few clubs it was about \$200 per club, but with more clubs participating, the cost may be less. I won't have a budget until I know

how many clubs are interested and what you think your head count would be.

Last time we did this, the participating clubs ended up with eleven new members total. Not bad for one event. We had people respond to the ads in the papers as well as people visiting the hotel!

Please let me know as soon as possible if your club would like to join in this membership drive. Once I know who the players are, I will send out a flyer to be used by the clubs with more detailed information. This is a wonderful event to work toward the greater good of Rotary.

FOCUS

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Membership Development Resource Guide (417-EN) on www.Rotary.org under Membership in the Download section. Look for Appendix 1: *Membership Satisfaction Questionnaire* within the guide.

Next month we'll focus on your club's first impression and the impact that can have on prospective new members and guests. Until then, keep the focus!

Is the Foundation temperature rising?

By Gary Whiting, Centennial DG and District Foundation Committee Chair

Our District 5510 GOAL to the **Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, "unrestricted,"** is **\$150,500** for Rotary Year 2007-2008. This is not the highest Foundation Goal that our district has faced, but is one that we will need to work together and ask every Rotary Club and Rotarian for their help as we move forward to achieving \$100 per Rotarian. I am confident that we will be successful.

In an effort to tell how we are quickly doing, a thermometer will be up-dated each month. The end of each quarter will be our bench mark for YTD results. The history in our district is that if we are not at least **60%** there by the end of December, we have not made our GOAL in each of those years. So, we need to watch our progress.



In short, every Rotarian is needed to heat the Foundation Thermometer and get the temperatures rising. Please help us achieve the theme of **Every Rotarian Every Year...\$100.**

If your club has not submitted its goal for this Rotary year, please do so...TODAY!

Your District Rotary Foundation Committee is committed to helping whenever and wherever we are needed. Thanks for your support.

Dates to Remember

September 1-30

New Generations Month

September 11

MESA BASELINE

District Governor Official Visit

September 11

AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS

District Governor Official Visit

September 13

SCOTTSDALE SUNRISE

District Governor Official Visit

September 18

PHOENIX EL PUENTE

District Governor Official Visit

September 20

SILVER CREEK

District Governor Official Visit

September 24-30

Zone Institute

Austin, Teexas

September 26

MESA EAST

32nd Anniversary

October 1-31

Vocational Service Month

5510 Leadership

Tom Burns, Governor

CHANDLER

Don LaBarge, Governor Elect

MESA WEST

Ken Oakes, Governor Nominee

AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS

Linda Wright, Secretary

FOUR PEAKS

Kathleen Carolin, Treasurer

SCOTTSDALE AIRPARK

11th year of Dry Heat Classic benefits Rotary Gift of Life – Arizona

By Gary Whiting, Centennial PDG and GOL-AZ Board Member

On August 5-7 the Michael Finney's Dry Heat Classic hosted both a two day Golf Tournament at The Raven and The Legacy Country Clubs, and an All-Star Comedy/Variety show at the Phoenix Dodge Theater. The Golf Tournament was a sellout and there were more than 1,800 attending the Comedy/Variety show.

Each event was supported with both a live and silent auction with many outstanding items. One such item that went for \$5,000 was a beautifully framed and signed football jersey with pictures by **Chicago Bears Dick Butkus**, All-NFL six years, eight straight Pro Bowls and elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979. Yes, he was there personally to present and have his picture taken with the winner.

During these 11 years, this fund raising event has provided more than \$600,000 for the Michael Finney Foundation and many local charities that benefit Arizona children. During the last six years, the Rotary Gift of Life-Arizona has been a recipient of some of these funds.

For example, last year \$20,000 was presented to GOL-AZ. This year the named recipients are The Michael Finney Foundation, VistaCare Hospice Foundation and Gift of Life-Arizona. Michael Finney and his wife, Lori, have a very large soft spot in their hearts for children, especially those in need of an extra boost to have a normal and productive life. As Michael says, "It's for the kids and we must all care."

For those of you that ask "Who is Michael Finney?" Michael and Lori live in Glendale, Arizona. Michael brings fun and laughter to TV audiences around the world, Las Vegas and many Comedy Clubs with his act of Magic and Comedy. As a TV celebrity, he was named the **Comedy Magician for 2004** and the **Parlor Magician for 2005**.

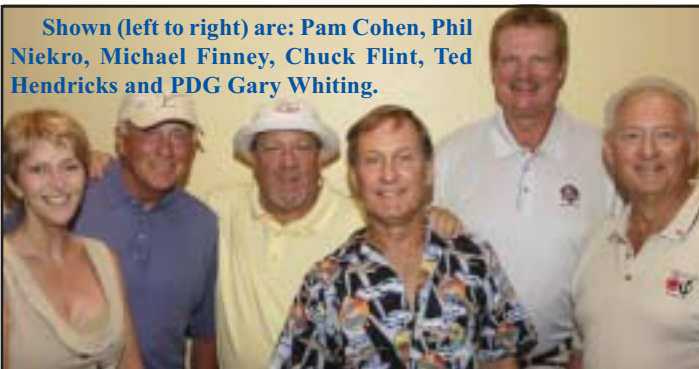
With this celebrity status and a burning desire to help needy children and families, he has been able to bring the support of many celebrities and professional athletes to the Dry Heat Classic during these many years. We Rotarians are fortunate to have them support our project of Arizona Districts 5490, 5500 and 5510 — Gift of Life-Arizona through this annual fund raising event.

Who are some of the celebrities and entertainers that played golf (one with each foursome) and were in attendance at the Comedy and Variety Show? There is not enough space for all, but here are a few: **Dick Butkus**, Pro Football Hall of Fame; **Ozzie Smith**,

"The Wizard" a record 13 consecutive Gold Glove Awards and Pro Baseball Hall of Fame; **Ted Hendricks**, a member of four winning Super Bowl teams and Pro Football Hall of Fame; **Phil Nie-**



Michael Finney, Ozzie Smith and PDG Gary Whiting (left to right).



Shown (left to right) are: Pam Cohen, Phil Niekro, Michael Finney, Chuck Flint, Ted Hendricks and PDG Gary Whiting.

kro, the most successful "knuckleball" pitcher of all time and Pro Baseball Hall of Fame; **Dan Majerle**, "Thunder Dan" with the Phoenix Suns; **Arte Johnson**, of LAUGH IN and more than 40 movies and winner of an Emmy Award; **Bruce Baum**, co-author of the bestselling "Letters From A Nut" and known as "a 210 pound circus with a moustache;" **Thad Daber**, Guinness world record holder; and **Stephen Bargatz**, internationally acclaimed comedian, TV personality and award winning magician.

The Gift of Life-Arizona Board expresses their **THANK YOU** to those Rotarians from Districts 5490, 5500 and 5510 who provided their support by giving of their time and energy, and in providing auction items. Speaking of support, as the **Dry Heat Classic Golf Tournament and All-Star Comedy and Variety Show** continues its growth, there will be a greater need for Rotarian support from across the three Rotary Districts.

For example: A Rotary Golf Foursome from each District, more auction items and helping at both the golf tournament and the comedy show. Please keep this in mind for next year's event which will be held in August, 2008. More details at www.dryheatclassic.com.

Rotary Gift of Life–Arizona recognizes Rotarian support

By Gary Whiting, Centennial PDG and GOL-AZ Board Director

As we move into Rotary Year 2007-2008, the Gift of Life-Arizona Board of Directors wants to express its appreciation for the badly needed financial support provided by Rotary clubs, Rotarians and friends of Rotarians from across our three districts. *Please continue reading on page 5*

Dance for the Kids: Scottsdale Papago Rotary sets fundraiser

By Terri Leveton, Scottsdale Papago Rotary Club

On Saturday, September 29, the **Scottsdale Papago Rotary Club** and **Arthur Murray Dance Studio** are hosting the inaugural **Dance for the Kids** event to raise funds to support **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona**, a private non-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in children's lives by providing mentorship programs. The event will be held at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 1210 North Indian School Road in Phoenix.

Established in 1904, Big Brothers Big Sisters is one of the oldest non-profit organizations, serving all of Maricopa County and Northern Gila County. Due to the long history of advancing caring and selfless individuals who volunteer their time, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been able to grow interest in and nurture the children of today so that they may become good citizens of tomorrow.

If you love watching Dancing with the Stars, you will not want to miss this event. Dancers, including our own District 5510 Centurion, Ms. Teddy Shalow, will delight supporters and attendees as she glides across the dance floor. Those of us who know Teddy, know there is one thing she loves as much as Rotary and her family

GIFT OF LIFE

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We all should be proud of this wonderful project.

Who would have thought back in 1985 when the Rotary clubs of Districts 5490, 5500 and 5510 took on this life-saving project of providing medical intervention and open heart surgery to needy children from around the world, who are suffering from congenital heart defects, that we all would have a hand in helping more than 200 children from 20 different countries go on to live a "normal" and "productive" life. This includes 22 from Arizona.

To help kick off this Rotary year with a theme of **ROTARY SHARES**, Jim Crutcher of the Mesa Baseline Rotary Club was recognized for a generous financial donation during their club meeting on August 21st with a beautifully framed Certificate of Appreciation. In accepting this recognition on behalf of him and his wife, Cheryl, Jim encouraged other Rotarians and friends to join them in supporting the Gift of Life-AZ because it is not often that we all have a chance to help make a "life saving" difference in a child's life somewhere on this earth.

If your Rotary club would like to have a Gift of Life-Arizona presentation as your club program, please send an e-mail to PDG Gary Whiting at glw602bmw@wbhsi.com with a couple of suggested dates and one will be scheduled. The presentation takes 22 minutes using Power Point and a DVD. To learn more about your Rotary project, visit the GOL-AZ website at www.giftoflife-az.com.



Jim Crutcher (right) is congratulated by Mesa Baseline President Ray Smith (left) and PDG Gary Whiting.

— and that is dancing!

This event welcomes all dancers, from three to 103 to higher aspirations, as they have committed their time and talent, and have agreed to raise pledges, to perform their best, to benefit children and youth in need. Pledges will support services provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona and youth programs supported by Scottsdale Papago Rotary Club. Dancers interested in participating, are responsible for a \$25 entry fee, due no later than September 21. Dancer Registration Forms and Pledge Forms are available at www.scottsdalepapago.org.

Community members interested in attending the event, to enjoy the performances, choose and pledge support for their favorite dancers, are welcome to attend for a \$5 fee. (Children are admitted at no charge). There will be an afternoon event for children from 1-4 p.m. The Dance Marathon Performances will be from 7-11 p.m. Please RSVP to Donata Myer, dmyer@fineprop.com or 602-413-1899.

We are looking for many (not a few) good (naturally Rotarians and friends of Rotarians are automatically good) men and women! Please contact Donata Myer at 602-413-1899 or e-mail dmyer@fineprop.com, if you or anyone you know participates in dance competitions (or just loves to dance) and may be bummed if they were not aware of this opportunity.

Carefree/Cave Creek presents Franc D'Ambrosio in concert

By Melanie Ohm

Carefree Cave Creek Rotary presents Franc D'Ambrosio, acclaimed Broadway artist, with pianist Michael Grossman at the historic Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix, November 11, at 7 p.m.

D'Ambrosio, noted for his 2,600 performances as The Phantom of the Opera, will demonstrate his amazing vocal talents in a show of Broadway favorites. His touring production is a fantastic celebration of Broadway, featuring a wide range of music from traditional standards to contemporary signature songs. Come find out why he has garnered two Grammy nominations.

On hearing D'Ambrosio perform in April of this year, Steve Winn of *The San Francisco Chronicle* wrote, "Franc D'Ambrosio is a showman first and foremost, a Broadway leading man who knows how to shape and sell a song for maximum effect."

The Carefree Cave Creek Club is young but stepped into this production without hesitation. Four of the current members are career musicians, and a couple are wearing director's hats. In addition to the concert, the club arranged a dinner and private performance by D'Ambrosio for 40 people. Proceeds from the dinner and sale of tickets will benefit the many local and international humanitarian projects of the Carefree Cave Creek Rotary Club. Visit www.cccrotary.org.

Tickets are available for \$42 and \$55 through the Civic Plaza Ticket Office at 602-262-6225 or Ticketmaster at 480-764-4444, starting September 24.



FRANC D'AMBROSIO

Scottsdale Airpark partners in \$16,000 humanitarian project

Following is an update of a \$16,000 Humanitarian Project initiated by Scottsdale Airpark Rotary based on donations from Scottsdale Airpark Rotary (\$1,500), Tapachula Centenario Rotary Club (\$1,000), District 4200 (\$1,000), District 5510 (\$2,000), District 5490 (\$2,000), Pinnacle Peak Rotary Club (\$1,500) and \$7,000 from The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

Scottsdale Airpark wishes to acknowledge John Mather of the Peace & Justice Center (Phoenix, Arizona) for his gifts of time and talent to coordinate this exceptional humanitarian project. Additionally, a special thank you to Linda Bliss, Scottsdale Airpark Rotarian, who gave tirelessly of her time and talents for training and to be on site during the installation of the water systems in July, 2008.

Hello Friend and family,

It has been over three weeks since I have been in Chiapas and this is the first opportunity that I have had to sit and write. So much has happened that it is hard to reflect on all of the activities of the past three weeks.

I traveled here with a group of 10. Some were friends, some acquaintances and some people I have never met. Today, I call them my friends! We shared an incredible journey.

We traveled together to work on the

Airpark conducts summer water project



On July 30th, St/ Mary's/Westside Food Bank Alliance came to pick up of 3.5 tons of water donations in support of the Valley of the Sun United Way, in cooperation with United Food Bank and St. Mary's Food Alliance. Scottsdale Airpark Rotarians partnered with the Community of the Blessed Sacrament, a faith community in Scottsdale, in this summer project through Aug. 12. The water was provided to local food banks for distribution to non-profit organizations throughout Maricopa County.

installation of potable water systems in four communities here in Chiapas. I am very excited to say that water flows in all four communities of El Aguila, Carrillo Puerto, Cacahoatan and Tapachula. These systems can provide water to over 8,000 people.

The journey through these villages has been incredible. I have never met more kinder, honest, loving people than here in these villages. We were provided such great hospitality and fed all of the time. (That was not always a good thing especially for some of us picky eaters). While working in Carrillo Puerto, two women and a young boy came to the site with three live chickens under their arms. I told the team that lunch had arrived and all laughed, not realizing that in 45 minutes they would be having chicken for lunch.

It was a difficult trip for most. Adjusting to the heat and humidity and unfortunately to the

Airpark welcomes home Youth Exchange student



Airpark Rotary YE liaison Karl Zeier (left) and Foundation Chair Dr. Honora Norton (right) welcome home Regina Little.

By Honora Norton

Scottsdale Airpark Rotary members welcomed home Regina Little, their 2006-07 Rotary Youth Exchange student. Regina was an exchange student in Japan and attended a high school 50 miles north of Tokyo. While abroad, Regina met Rotary exchange students from all over the world, evidenced by the varied pins and buttons she collected for her blazer.

When Regina arrived in Japan, her only way to communicate was to point at a Japanese/English dictionary. She now speaks fluent Japanese, having mastered more than 400 key Japanese phrases. Regina will be attending ASU majoring in world studies and foreign languages.

Scottsdale Airpark Rotarians thanked Regina for representing Rotary International and the USA so well, and extended a special thank you to her parents for their exceptional support.

illnesses that almost all of us encountered was challenging. Many were sick from bacteria and others were ill from what a doctor believed to be Dengue Fever. Many of us including myself had fevers and other symptoms that came with Dengue. It is from the mosquitoes and there were many!

The headlines in the paper a few days after most of us recovered, declared a terrible problem with the rise of Dengue Fever in Chiapas. I am pleased to state all are well. (Almost). We hope to install 4-5 more systems in January and then an additional eight later in 2008. By year-end 2008, we hope there will be water systems in 18 communities serving over 30,000 people.

Most had a chance to spend a good deal of time with the children at Mission Mexico, the orphanage we have grown to know and love. They have 35 children, beautiful children. Little Sammy, the youngest, is growing incredibly. Sammy is the little boy who had little chance of survival and now thrives. He enjoyed sleeping at the beach in a hammock.

We went to the beach, we shared meals and we had the honor of attending the graduation of three of the children from primary school. Primary school finishes at 6th grade. The graduation is a big deal because 6th grade is the legal requirement for education here. Many children go no further (if they made it this far), so graduation at this point would almost be the equivalent of our High School graduation. Fortunately, these children are at Mission Mexico because their dream is for every child to receive a complete education with hopes having as many children attend universities as possible.

The new orphanage is closer to reality. The land is in the Mission name and now it is raising the remaining money needed and getting donations of materials. My time left this trip will be spent helping to finalize the plan to get donations of materials and supplies for the orphanage. I will also work with the five new communities for water system installations in January.

Our hope is in our children and it is these children and the children in the villages that motivate us to do the work that has brought us here. No child should be without clean drinking water. No child should be left orphaned or abandoned.

I extend my deepest gratitude to many people. Thanks to the team that traveled here, the many supporters and contributors who have helped to make clean drinking water available to thousands of people and our friends and families who give us the strength and encouragement to live this journey. You have literally helped to transform the lives of many people here in Chiapas.

Gracias a todo!

In Peace, John L. Mather

Cathedral Health Services &

The Peace & Justice Center

www.cathedralhealthservices.com



District 5510 Attendance, Membership, Foundation Report

July, 2007

	Membership			Attendance		Foundation Annual Goal	Annual Giving (as of 7/31)	% of Goal	
	7/1/07	Goal	Current	Change	Monthly %				YTD %
Chandler Region: Walter Thompson, AG									
Ahwatukee Foothills	14	15	14	0	96.15	96.15	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,230.00	87.86
Chandler	39	40	39	0	85.00	85.00	3,900	700.00	17.95
Chandler Horizon	26	27	26	0	97.44	97.44	3,000	0.00	0.00
Chandler North	15	16	16	+ 1	78.50	78.50	2,200	0.00	0.00
Total	94	98	95	+ 1	89.27	89.27	\$ 10,500	\$ 1,930.00	18.38
Flagstaff Region: Tom Mackin, AG									
Flagstaff	69	70	68	- 1	58.96	58.96	\$ 4,000	\$ 100.00	2.50
Flagstaff Route 66	17	18	17	0	NR	NR	2,000	0.00	0.00
Flagstaff Sunrise	8	9	8	0	81.50	81.50	800	0.00	0.00
Total	94	97	93	- 1	70.23	70.23	\$ 6,800	\$ 100.00	1.47
Gilbert/Sun Lakes Region: Ken Oakes, AG									
Gilbert	17	18	17	0	91.50	91.50	\$ 0	\$ 390.00	0.00
Sun Lakes	96	97	93	- 3	68.00	68.00	9,500	1,350.00	14.21
Sun Lakes Crown	42	43	43	+ 1	48.89	48.89	4,100	200.00	4.88
Superstition Mountain	38	39	38	0	65.70	65.70	4,000	25.00	0.63
Total	193	197	191	- 2	68.52	68.52	\$ 17,600	\$ 1,965.00	11.16
Mesa Region: Jim Tighe, AG									
Mesa	89	90	83	- 6	61.58	61.58	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	0.00
Mesa Baseline	75	76	76	+ 1	52.32	52.32	3,900	0.00	0.00
Mesa Boeing	12	13	12	0	50.00	50.00	6,050	220.00	3.64
Mesa East	20	21	21	+ 1	64.46	64.46	1,900	200.00	10.53
Mesa Sunrise	20	21	19	- 1	51.75	51.75	1,800	0.00	0.00
Mesa West	29	30	29	0	62.50	62.50	3,480	200.00	5.75
Total	245	251	240	- 5	57.10	57.10	\$ 17,130	\$ 620.00	3.62
North Central Region: Glenn Smith, AG									
Payson	34	35	35	+ 1	67.44	67.44	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,200.00	80.00
Payson Rim Country	27	28	27	0	82.41	82.41	2,800	0.00	0.00
Winslow	25	26	25	0	NR	NR	3,000	0.00	0.00
Total	86	89	87	+ 1	74.93	74.93	\$ 9,800	\$ 3,200.00	32.65
North East Region: Ryan Reinhold, AG									
Show Low	13	14	13	0	NR	NR	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	0.00
Silver Creek	19	20	19	0	78.20	78.20	0	650.00	0.00
Southwest e-Club	30	31	30	0	100.00	100.00	0	100.00	0.00
Springerville	18	19	18	0	56.00	56.00	1,800	440.00	24.44
White Mountain	13	14	13	0	NR	NR	0	360.00	0.00
Total	93	98	93	0	78.07	78.07	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,550.00	86.11
North Valley Region: Anne Mickey, AG									
Carefree-Cave Creek	20	21	21	+ 1	78.00	78.00	\$ 2,100	\$ 340.00	16.19
Fountain Hills	61	62	61	0	51.40	51.40	0	775.00	0.00
Four Peaks	44	45	42	- 2	69.80	69.80	0	0.00	0.00
Scottsdale	159	160	161	+ 2	68.00	68.00	0	0.00	0.00
Total	284	288	285	+ 1	66.80	66.80	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,115.00	53.10
Northeast Valley Region: Alan Havir, AG									
Paradise Valley	33	34	32	- 1	71.00	71.00	3,000	0.00	0.00
Pinnacle Peak	35	36	35	0	64.07	64.07	\$ 3,500	\$ 0.00	0.00
Total	68	70	67	- 1	67.54	67.54	\$ 6,500	\$ 0.00	0.00
Phoenix Region: Honora Norton, AG									
Phoenix Arcadia	27	28	27	0	77.00	77.00	\$ 2,560	0.00	0.00
Phoenix Camelback	27	28	27	0	72.00	72.00	2,160	0.00	0.00
Phoenix East	22	23	23	+ 1	79.00	79.00	2,200	0.00	0.00
Phoenix Squaw Peak	25	26	24	- 1	77.35	77.35	0	175.00	0.00
Total	101	105	101	0	76.34	76.34	\$ 6,920	\$ 175.00	0.00
Scottsdale Region: Sandi Alexander-Anderson, AG									
Phoenix El Puente	17	18	16	- 1	72.00	72.00	\$ 0	\$ 0.00	0.00
Scottsdale Airpark	16	17	19	+ 3	82.80	82.80	1,600	180.00	11.25
Scottsdale Papago	29	30	22	- 7	73.00	73.00	0	200.00	0.00
Scottsdale Sunrise	34	35	35	+ 1	88.89	88.89	3,400	0.00	0.00
Total	96	100	92	- 4	79.17	79.17	\$ 5,000	\$ 380.00	7.60
Tempe Region: Gary Law, AG									
Kyrene Corridor	16	17	16	0	NR	NR	\$ 2,400	\$ 0.00	0.00
Tempe	32	33	29	- 3	55.02	55.02	2,500	30.00	1.20
Tempe East	14	15	14	0	NR	76.86	0	0.00	0.00
Tempe Rio Salado	17	18	17	0	NR	NR	0	150.00	0.00
Tempe South	45	46	43	- 2	84.00	84.00	4,200	325.00	7.74
Total	124	129	119	- 5	76.31	75.74	\$ 9,100	\$ 505.00	5.55
Total/Average/Goal	1,478	1,522	1,463	-15	71.94	71.94	\$150,500	\$ 11,540.00*	7.67

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* - includes District 5510 contributions

Hurricane Katrina: AND THE REBUILDING EFFORTS KEEP ON CLICKING!

By AG Sandi Alexander-Anderson

Hurricane Katrina landed on the Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005. Since then Cheryl Murray, a member of the Four Peaks Rotary Club in Fountain Hills, has been going down to help with relief efforts. Her earliest trip was within the first weeks after Katrina landed. That trip was to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Since then, she has gone back every six months.

The past three trips were made to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Hurricane Katrina's damage to the Gulf Coast cities of Gulfport, Biloxi, Pass Christian, Long Beach, etc., is not reported on as widely as the damage to New Orleans; 64,000 homes in Harrison County, Mississippi, alone were destroyed.

The last two trips, September, 2006, and April, 2007, Cheryl enlisted the help of other members of her club as well as Rotary District 5510. The September trip included Cheryl, Don Doty, Chris Peer, Jim Anderson and Sandi Alexander along with Brazilian Youth Exchange Student Carol Vergaças, all members of Four Peaks Rotary in Fountain Hills. Also on the trip were Tami Knudson from Sun Lakes



Photo above shows team with homeowner while photo below shows Jamezz working on doors, both from April, 2007, trip.



Photo above shows outside of home built on stilts and FEMA trailer, middle photo shows damage of home, and bottom photo shows team with homeowner, all from September, 2006, trip.



Rotary and Daniel Eastburn and Brian Carson, together with his sons, Keegan and Coleman, from the Pinnacle Peak club.

The trip was funded thru the Carefree/Cave Creek Rotary Foundation by the generosity of an anonymous donor. During that trip, we insulated and dry-walled a house that was six miles inland but on Wolf Creek. Even though the house was built five feet off the ground, the storm surge created flooding into the attic.

The April, 2007, trip included Cheryl, Sandi, Jim and PDG Roy Tuttle, all members from Four Peaks, as well as Cheryl's nephew, Jamezz, and his friend, Dorian. This trip was funded through the Four

Peaks Rotary Foundation. Our task for that trip was to wire electrical outlets and light switches, and install windows and doors in a house that lost the complete roof due to the accompanying tornadoes.

Cheryl coordinated the last two trips through Trinity United Methodist Church of Gulfport, MS. What started as feeding those who needed meals the day after Katrina hit and a cleanup effort has transitioned into a rebuilding effort. As of April of this year, they have served more than 35,000 meals, provided lodging for more than 4,644 volunteers and those volunteers from across the country have logged almost 500,000 hours. With the help of a \$100,000 Grant from Rotary as well as other donations, more than 570 homes have been rebuilt in part or completely through volunteer efforts.

That first trip we went on, Jim and I were not prepared for the amount of devastation that still existed. We had thought that things would be pretty much back to normal after one year and that there would be some work that was still needed. We discovered that it will take several years for the area to get back to some semblance of normalcy.

As long as we can help, we plan to go back every six months with Cheryl. We are preparing for our next trip in late September. From our perspective, knowing that we have helped people get on with their lives is well worth the cost and the effort.

I have been involved with mission work for many years but must admit that the gratitude shown by the homeowners, church members and area residents has been overwhelming. Being a skilled craftsperson is not a requirement. Out of the 14 people who have been on these two trips, only a few of them were experienced in home repairs or rebuilding. The rest of us learned new skills.

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