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Foundation Committee is ready to help

**By Gary Whiting, Centennial PDG and
District Foundation Committee Chair**

Your District Rotary Foundation Committee **TEAM** is fired up and ready to assist each of the 44 clubs through their Club

Rotary Foundation Committee Chair and Club President.

There are eight Subcommittees that make up your District Foundation Committee **Please continue reading on page 4**

Your Rotary club and TRVFA

By Bill McGrath

The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona (TRVFA) has money available for your club to help members of your community improve the quality of their and their family’s lives. Thanks to a tax program passed by the Arizona legislature, the Fund can provide money for vocational training that will allow the recipient to raise his or her earning potential, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty that traps many Arizonans.

Our mission is to provide up to \$2,000 per recipient toward the costs associated with getting a vocational certification. The funds can be used for tuition, books, supplies, uniforms and tools.

We are looking for people who wish to receive training in vocations such as nursing, cosmetology, computer technology, auto mechanics, EMT certifications and other similar fields. (Because the source of our funds is a state tax credit, the law says that we cannot support study for a four-year degree.) The recipient must meet certain financial criteria to be eligible, and must be a legal resident of the State of Arizona.



BILL McGRATH

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Rotary activities heating up

Fall is officially here which means that Rotary activities start to really accelerate. October is Vocational Month and November is Foundation Month.

The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona is entering into that time of year when they will be promoting the tax credit donations which are used to fund the grants they provide. These grants enable the recipient to receive training which then qualifies them to obtain employment to provide for their families and themselves.

If you pay State of Arizona income taxes, a donation to the Vocational Fund makes you money. This sounds absurd but it really does.

It works this way: First of all, you receive a credit on your State of Arizona income taxes. That is a credit not a deduction, so, for example, if you have a tax liability of \$500 and you donate \$400 to the Vocational Fund you only owe \$100 when you file your tax return. In addition, your donation is a deduction on your Federal tax return so you owe less money to the IRS. The amount of savings on your Federal tax return depends on your tax bracket.

Furthermore, your Rotary club should take advantage of this program by seeking out applicants for grants. For more detailed information on The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona, go to their web site at www.TRVFA.org.

With only a few clubs left to visit, the number one area where it is felt that the District can help is in the area of membership. The District can offer suggestions and give examples of what other clubs have done in the area of membership but the final responsibility rests with the individual club members. That means that the club leadership needs to keep the issue before the members throughout the year and the individual members must **GET YOUR ASK IN GEAR!!**

The GSE team is making their final preparations for their departure to Niigata, Japan on October 17, 2007. Under the able leadership of Dan Hill, the team has had numerous meetings and has struggled to learn some Japanese. They will have the most eye-opening and exhaustive four weeks of their lives. By the same token, they will have an opportunity to be exposed to a little of the culture of Japan, see some of their beautiful country, and probably taste some new and different cuisine.

The team members are four extremely lucky individuals who will have an experience that money cannot buy. All of the clubs in the District should remember to contact these individuals after their return for programs and potential membership in Rotary. This is especially true of the clubs that sponsored them.

The Foundation Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 10, at Pinnacle Peak Country Club. The setting is beautiful, the program will be fun and fast-moving, and the food is outstanding. All of this for only \$50 per person.

Registration is available through SPORG on-line at the District web site: www.rotary5510.org. For more information on the Foundation Dinner, see the info on page 6.

Two of the most recent events that should improve the communications and efficiency of the District and the clubs are contracting with ClubRunner and the posting of the minutes of the



T's Ts (Tom's Thoughts)



By Tom Burns, District Governor

District Finance Committee minutes on the District web site. We are missing the minutes from the meetings prior to July, 2005. If anyone has any of those minutes and/or the budgets, please supply them to the District webmaster, Chris Schiffhauser.

All of the clubs will be hearing more about ClubRunner. The more clubs that contract with ClubRunner the lower the setup fee will be. The cost for clubs with less than 50 members will be \$24.95 per month and for those 50-100 members it will be \$31.95 per month.

ClubRunner is developing an accounting feature for implementation in the very near future. Linda Wright and Don LaBarge will be spearheading the District's efforts in this area.

Finally, the Rotary year is one-third over. Now is the time to take stock of where your club is in relation to the goals you have set. Make the rest of the year the best your club has ever had.

Phoenix Squaw Peak plans 13th annual RINO Plop Bingo Party

The Phoenix Squaw Peak Rotary Club will stage its 13th annual RINO Plop Bingo Party, which has become a popular Valley tradition, October 27, at the Chris-Town YMCA located on the NE corner of 17th Avenue and Missouri, starting at 1 p.m.

A fenced-in area on the field at the Chris-Town YMCA will be divided into 1,600 two-foot by two-foot plots. Deeds to these plots, good during the event, can be purchased for \$10 each.

Four to six cows will be released into the area to pasture and "let the chips fall where they may." The deed holder of the first plot to be plopped upon will win \$500. The second one wins \$1,000 and the third \$1,500.

Food, drink and live music are also included, and, there is a Halloween costume contest for the kids with a wonderful prize for the winner.

This unique event is always a lot of fun and a great way to benefit the Phoenix Squaw Peak charities.

For more information, contact Rotarian Ann Gosselin at 602-370-2227.

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IT'S NO CLICHÉ: *First impression is very important*

By Robin Craig

District Membership Chair

Minutes or seconds? Regardless if you think it takes minutes or seconds to make a first impression, the bottom line is...it happens fast. What's the first impression your guests have of your club? Remember they are your prospective members!

When asked how they found out about my club, some guests will say they found us on the Internet. So let's start with your club's Internet presence. If you don't have a website, you should; especially in this day and time. If you do, does your site



ROBIN CRAIG

make a good first impression? Is it accurate and up-to-date? Does it look inviting?

Do you list a current phone number and e-mail address informing visitors on whom to contact to learn

more about attending a meeting? Do you have clear directions to the club meeting location? That first impression starts to form at this very moment. It's arrival time! Does your club assign members to "meet and greet?" Do they arrive early enough to ensure everyone is greeted? This is the first critical step in making a great first impression at the meeting.

Offer a warm greeting by helping them find a seat. Let them know how the food will be served. Is it buffet, menu selection or pre-set menu? Introduce them to another Rotarian in the club and have them act as a buddy for the meeting.

They're seated at the table, now what? How many times have you seen members around the table look at each other wondering who is going to take ownership

Membership Focus

of the introduction? That's another perfect reason to assign a buddy. The buddy has now chatted with them and has learned enough about them to make an easy and interesting introduction.

If a buddy isn't assigned, make sure your club's members understand they should take responsibility to make the introduction. Perhaps it is understood that any member seated to the right of the guest always makes the introduction. A simple system to make a warm first impression!

If a guest is interested in your club is there information for them to take with them such as a club brochure, prospective new member packet or a Rotarian magazine? More importantly, did you ask for their contact information so you can reach out to them and invite them back?

These thoughts may seem very basic, but I'm sure all of us have experienced a club that seemed cold, aloof and uninviting. Don't let that be your club! Put the focus on making sure your club is making a great first impression.

Are you a "knife and fork" club? That's the topic for next month. Until then, keep the focus!

Dates to Remember

October 1-31

Vocational Service Month

October 2

WHITE MOUNTAIN

63rd Anniversary

October 10

TEMPE EAST

District Governor Official Visit

October 11

SUN LAKES CROWN

District Governor Official Visit

October 15

PAYSON

50th Anniversary

October 15

MESA EAST

District Governor Official Visit

October 16

SUN LAKES

District Governor Official Visit

October 17

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN

District Governor Official Visit

October 17

GSE Team leaves for Japan

October 18

MESA WEST

District Governor Official Visit

October 20-27

Mexican Riviera Cruise

October 31 – November 6

World Interact Week

November 1-30

Rotary Foundation Month

November 1

Applications Due for

2008-09 Youth Exchange students

November 10

District Seminar Day

& Foundation Celebration

Membership priority for Scottsdale Sunrise

By John D. Burgraff, Scottsdale Sunrise Rotary Club President

At the Scottsdale Sunrise Rotary Club, one of our goals for this year is membership. As president, I have made this one of our top priorities.

I am fortunate to have a great membership chairperson, Gayla Doucet. We started the year with 34 members, and hope to finish this year having added some good quality Rotarians to our club; so far we have four new members.

We are doing a few things to increase



JOHN BURGRAFF

our membership, the most obvious is to ask existing members. We are also trying a few new ideas.

We did have a booth at the Scottsdale Chamber Business Showcase on Sep-

tember 6th. This was a great way to meet potential new members; approximately 500 people attended this function.

We set up a table, had information on our club, and on Rotary International, and we had the club banner hung behind our table. Many people came by asking about Rotary and our club; lots of them were former Rotarians. I feel confident we should get a few new members from this event.

I would encourage any club to consider setting up a Rotary booth at a similar event. If anyone has any questions on this, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at johnburgraff@cox.net or at 602-809-6592.

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

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

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TEAM and you are encouraged to make contact for assistance and information:

Annual Fund and Paul Harris Society

John Pennypacker, Mesa Boeing

Permanent Fund, Major Gifts and Nifty Fifty

PDG Barb Feder, Kyrene Corridor

PolioPlus Partners

Dr. Ruth Lim, M. D., Mesa Sunrise

Grants

Gary Law, Tempe South

Committee Member

PDG Jim Freeman, Chandler Horizon

Scholarships (Ambassadorial, University Teacher Grants)

Chris Schiffhauer, Pinnacle Peak

World Peace Fellows

Walter Thompson, Phoenix Arcadia

Group Study Exchange

PDG Lucinda Rose, Mesa West

Foundation Alumni

Maria Brandenburg, Phoenix El Puente.

This **ROTARY SHARES** year, there are **four Rotary Foundation GOALS** that Rotary International is asking each Rotarian and Rotary Club to help achieve:

1. Polio eradication is realistic;
2. Every Rotarian Every Year \$100;
3. Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution...Peace is possible; and
4. Reconnecting with Rotary Foundation Alumni...Our forgotten assets.

In support of these **Rotary Foundation GOALS**, we have aligned the District 5510 Subcommittee **TEAM** in support and to help achieve the following **District GOALS**:

1. **Annual Fund "unrestricted" Paul Harris:**
 - a. \$150,500 based on Every Rotarian Every Year \$100;
 - b. 44 Club Foundation GOAL Forms registered with Rotary International.
2. **Permanent Fund and Major Gifts:**
 - a. One Benefactor per club;
 - b. \$250,000+ for Nifty Fifty.
3. **PolioPlus Partners:**
 - a. \$22,723 achieved through Rotarians, District Designated Funds and Rotary Foundation Matching.
4. **Grants:**
 - a. \$18,953 District Simplified Grant Funds Awarded;
 - b. \$100,000+ District Designated Funds Awarded and Pledged.
5. **Scholarship:**
 - a. Two Ambassadorial Scholars;
 - b. One University Teacher Grant.
6. **World Peace Scholars:**
 - a. One Rotary Peace Fellow to be chosen from District 5510 by the Rotary Foundation.
7. **Rotary Foundation Alumni:**
 - a. 10% Membership achieved from reconnecting.

Together, as a **TEAM**, we can accomplish these Rotary Foundation and District Foundation Goals with the overall results helping each Rotarian and Rotary Club to become stronger

participants in the local community and the international aspect of Rotary programs and projects as we all put into practice Service above Self.

Is the Foundation temperature rising?

By Gary Whiting, Centennial DG and District Foundation Committee Chair

Through August 31, District 5510 Rotarians have contributed \$22,033 toward our goal of \$150,500 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund in the 2007-08 Rotary year.

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**.



Members of the District Finance Committee are (left to right): front row – DGN Ken Oakes, Sandi Alexander-Anderson, PDG Lucinda Rose, DG Tom Burns, Chairman PDG David Cocanower, Kathie Carolin and PDG Gary Whiting.

District 5510 Finance Committee has new members every year

Each Rotary year, there are Committee Members both arriving and departing the District Finance Committee and, in too many cases, Rotarians across the district do not know who is serving on this committee from year to year. The structured rotation within this committee is organized and is subject to the Bylaws of Rotary International District 5510.

The District Finance Committee members for Rotary Year 2007-2008:

- PDG David Cocanower, Chairman;
- PDG Gary Whiting;
- PDG Lucinda Rose;
- District Treasurer and Past Club President, Kathie Carolin;
- DGN and Past Club President, Ken Oakes; and
- AG and Past Club President, Sandi Alexander-Anderson.

We encourage you to find out more about the responsibilities and how this committee is organized and functions. Please go to the District 5510 website www.rotary5510.org and review the District Bylaws.

District 5510 PolioPlus Partner Club has offer for you

We will win our battle against polio and fulfill our promise to the children of the world, but not without the continued support of each and every Rotarian.

We must continue to remain focused on polio eradication as Rotary's #1 priority.



Rotary District 5510 PolioPlus Partner Club Program



RUTH LIM, M.D.

Polio Plus Partners is our way of supporting Rotarians conducting vital immunization projects in endemic or high-risk countries by providing them the tools they need to make those projects succeed.

Please consider this step-by-step plan to make your club a **District 5510 Polio Plus Partner Club**:

- We're asking every Rotary Club member in District 5510 to make an **individual** donation of just \$5 to PolioPlus Partners. One hundred percent participation will earn your club a **District 5510 Polio Plus Partner Club** patch for your club banner to be presented at our District Conference.

- Your Club Treasurer writes one check payable to **The Rotary Foundation-Polio Plus Partners**. The check is accompanied by a completed 123 EN donation form with the **Polio Plus Partners** box checked and mailed to: The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Dr.
Chicago, Illinois 60693

- E-mail or fax a copy of the donation form to District 5510 Polio Plus Chair, Dr. Ruth Lim, M.D. (e-mail: milnat02@yahoo.com or fax 480-491-2439) stating that 100% of your members have made their \$5 donation to Polio Plus Partners.



PDG BARB FEDER

Now here's a touch of Rotary MAGIC:

Once 100% of your club's members have donated \$5, that \$5 will be matched \$5 by District 5510 for a total of \$10. The \$10 will then be matched by The Rotary Foundation 50¢ to the \$1 for another \$5.

That means that every \$5 donation will grow to \$15 and help purchase much needed supplies for National Immunization Days!

There are projects listed on the Open Project List (visit www.rotary.org) that are in need of immediate funding.

Become a **District 5510 Polio Plus Partner Club** today!

NOTE: Remember when making contributions, it is **very important that the check must reflect PolioPlus Partners** and not just PolioPlus. This is the detail that must be micro-managed so that the club's contribution goes to the proper "pot."

Dr. Ruth Lim, M.D., District 5510 PolioPlus Partner Chair
PDG Barb Feder, Zone 25 Polio Plus Partners Task Force Coordinator

In memory of 'Dr. Bob'

By PDG Ron Roderique

With deep sadness we report the death on September 3 of Dr. Robert Cuthbertson who served as DG of our district in 1985-86. Fondly known as "Dr. Bob," he was a family doctor, a dedicated Rotarian and a wonderful humanitarian.

Born December 15, 1929, he graduated from North Phoenix High School, attended Phoenix Junior College, then Cal-Berkeley prior to graduating from USC School of Medicine. Following medical school, he joined the US Navy, earning his aviator wings and becoming a flight surgeon. His love of flying, as well as "flying low" on a motorcycle, continued the rest of his life.

He began his private medical practice known as Saguaro Medical Center in Phoenix in 1958 and later opened a second practice in Scottsdale. Among his many patients was the Bil Keane family of "Family Circus" fame and Dr. Bob was memorialized in several cartoons in the early '70's. Looking forward to retirement near the end of the century, he established the Ponderosa Medical Center in Payson where he helped to start the Rim Country Rotary Club.

His year as governor in 1985-86 was an extremely busy one as Dr. Bob called early rising club presidents at 5 or 6 a.m. and night owl presidents between 10 and 11 p.m. following a long day of seeing sick patients. He once remarked that he had seen more patients that year than at any other time because he was better organized due to his Rotary responsibilities. During that year he traveled more than 7,000 miles, many on his motorcycle with his first wife, Shirley, on the back seat, as he visited 54 clubs and nearly 3,000 Rotarians in the northern half of Arizona.

The initial PolioPlus fundraising campaign kicked off that year so Bob planned a district-wide auction at the Phoenix Civic Plaza to raise funds and make the public aware of Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. Our district went on to raise a half million dollars in that first campaign.

The new Gift of Life project, under the guidance of incoming governor John Van Houten, saw successful surgeries on the first four children from South Korea that year. RI President Ed Cadman was hosted at a gala dinner in the Phoenix Civic Plaza with GOL founder Tony Zino also in attendance.

Dr. Bob's newsletter was called the "Governor's Prescription" and his prescription for the district conference was to hold it at the Vacation Village Resort in San Diego. It was at that conference that the district directory was at long last distributed.

In the early '90's, Dr. Bob worked to promote organ donations and he put on many moving presentations to this end. Always ethical in his medical practice and in his life, he lived the 4-Way Test to the fullest.

Dr. Bob lived a life of service to others and provides a shining example for all Rotarians to follow. His quiet dignity, dedication and respect for all is a great loss and he shall be greatly missed by his wife, Ginny, his four children, 21 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and his extended Rotarian family.

PDG Ben Eubank is 'on the mend'

By PDG Lucinda Rose

I thought you should know that we can no longer out-run PDG Ben Eubank. He got himself some new knees – bionic, I think. On Monday, September 10, he had both knees replaced that were painfully waaaaay overdue. He came through the long surgery well.

He was reported standing for 23 minutes, peeling peaches, 8 or 9 days post surgery. Way to go Ben! Dona reports that they want him in rehab for 2-3 weeks but she doubts he'll stand for that for that long. You can drop him a note at home: Ben Eubank, 3405 S. Oleander, Chandler, AZ 85248.

Meet two Youth Exchange students visiting District 5510 this year

District 5510 is hosting 11 Youth Exchange students this year. You are being given the opportunity to meet them in *5510 Together*. Two or three will be profiled each month. Each was asked the same

questions. Here is the first pair along with their age, home country, sponsoring club, high school they are attending and their answers to the questions.

Marie-Laure Kamatali, 17

Home: Belgium
Sponsor: Sun Lakes Crown
High School: Hamilton
E-mail: mommabearof3@cox.net

Q. What has been the best thing about being in Arizona up to this point in time?

A. The best thing...I can't think of just one right now. I think that everyday in some way has been great. Of course, this is the beginning and sometimes it's hard but still I'm very happy to be here.

Surprisingly, everything is going faster than I thought it would. But I have to say that going to Sedona during the first days I have been here was really great. I love that place. I also went camping with my family and that was really fun because it reminded me of my scouting years. Every night people talked around the fire and that was very fun. Other than that just getting to know more and more people at school, is one of the best things about being here.

Also the football games at school are fun...mainly because our team always wins! Just kidding! To be honest, I don't really understand all the rules but I'm sure that by the end of this year, I will love football! Still I can hardly wait for the basketball season!

I also had the best time meeting the other exchange students on September 8th. I really think we have a great group and can't wait to get to know you guys better!

By the way, I almost forgot, here the sunrises and sunsets are the best ever! So definitively one of the best things here is the sky! I love it!

Q. Tell us something that happened to you that you never expected to happen.

A. My answer may surprise you but it is the first thing that came to my mind: discovering more and more who I am and what I want in my life. I have been here for only two months and I have found more answers to the questions I ask myself than in the last few years. That is very important for me! So I'm feeling more and more confident.

Q. What food have you discovered that you like here? Is there any food item that you do not like at all?

A. Chicken Devon! My host mom cooks it and it is heavenly! I'm going to learn the receipt and cook it for you guys because it is just DELICIOUS! Plus it is healthy...at least it seems to me! By the way there are also biscuits called pop tarts! I am addicted to them! I also went to a Mexican food restaurant called Chipolte: burritos are yummy!

Q. List three wishes that you have about things you would like to do while you are in Arizona or places you would like to visit. (Maybe someone who reads this can make your wishes come true.)

A. Before coming here, all I wanted to do was to go to New-York City. When I thought about the U.S., I saw NYC. So I know
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MARIE-LAURE
KAMATALI

Herbert Ellerbusch, 16

Home: Germany
Sponsor: Scottsdale
High School: Coronado
E-mail: H.A.Ellerbusch@t-online.de

Q. What has been the best thing about being in Arizona up to this point in time?

A. My Host family and Rotary who care for me and give me the possibility to make all these wonderful experiences here in Arizona. In Arizona you can meet people with roots from all over the world. It is very interesting how they integrated their culture in the American everyday life.

Q. Tell us something that happened to you that you never expected to happen.

A. In my History book I discovered that many places are spelled wrong and that it deals with the important battles so short that you cannot make your own opinion on them.

Furthermore people made me to eat with the hands. Something what is not very casual in Germany.

Q. What food have you discovered that you like here? Is there any food item that you do not like at all?

A. I do not really like American food in general but the chicken is very good. I like Mexican food because it is very spicy and I never had something like that before. I really miss good bread and chocolate because most things are very, very sweet here.

Q. List three wishes that you have about things you would like to do while you are in Arizona or places you would like to visit. (Maybe someone who reads this can make your wishes come true.)

A. I like to travel and I visited many places in Germany and Europe. Now I am here and I would like to go to Las Vegas to see all the famous casinos and either San Francisco or Los Angeles because there are very big Metropolis.

Q. Tell us anything else that you would like the Rotarians of District 5510 to know about you.

A. I'm from northern Germany and I hate sauerkraut and most of the food from the south. Between the north and the south of Germany, there is a big difference. For example I cannot understand most of the people from Bayern. Therefore please do not think whole Germany is like a little part of it.



HERBERT ELLERBUSCH

District 5510 Foundation Dinner

Pinnacle Peak Country Club

Saturday, November 10

5:00 p.m. Piano Cocktail Hour

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Music by Rotary Blues Band

\$50 per person

MC: ABC 15 News Anchor Jon Dupre

For more info contact Alan Havir at 623-297-1541

Outbound Youth Exchange students tell of their experiences

Compiled by Tami Knudson

District Youth Exchange Co-Chair

What have the District 5510 outbound Youth Exchange students been doing? Following are September reports from most of them.

If you know someone who would be interested in the 2008-09 Youth Exchange program, applications are available now and are due by November 1 to Tami Knudson or Cindy Harrison. Applications and information may be found at www.rye5510.org.

Brittany Oakes (Brazil)

worldconqueror55@cox.net

This month has been unlike any other in my entire life. I like my family very much; they have been very helpful and affectionate which has made adjusting a lot easier. My host father speaks English relatively well, but my brother and host mom do not speak English, which I appreciate because I am forced to practice Portuguese at home but can speak with my dad when I need to explain a problem and don't have the vocabulary to make myself clear.

The food is different but not too strange or completely foreign. I am enjoying the variety of choices not available in the U.S., especially the desserts. There are several candy stores around the city that sell the most beautiful pastries, so I'm going to have to be extremely careful since I have a major sweet tooth. Speaking of sweets, however, two days ago my grandma did have to send me a package of peanut butter and Reese's since here they are nowhere to be found.

I had my seventeenth birthday this past Thursday. It was low-key, but very sweet. I went for a walk, my family sang "Happy Birthday" for me and bought me a delicious chocolate cake with strawberries, and later we went out for Mexican food, which looks the same but tastes extremely different from the Mexican food I am used to in Arizona. My parents surprised me with a ticket to Cirque de Soleil, and we are planning on going at the end of this month!

When it comes to the language, I am completely lost with the enormous amount of irregular verb conjugations, but I am attempting at speaking more, even though I know I'm butchering Portuguese. I think I'm beginning to make more progress, thankfully. I understand very basic, day-to-day phrases and sentences and now I'm working on pronunciation and (of course) conjugating verbs.

I have gone to a Rotary orientation for the inbounds as well as begun Portuguese classes. I still can't get over the fact that I am able to sit in the same room with people from all over the world. I have also visited my host Rotary club and am planning on visiting again tomorrow.

School is more or less going well. I'm making more friends and I've already gone out several times with various amigos. The "less" part would be the whole waking up so early and not understanding my professors, but I know I'll adjust to that with time. I've already visited the botanical garden, a few parks and a museum. I have been extremely tired so most days I take a two hour nap, but I realize this is all part of the adapting process.

I have tickets to a jazz concert tomorrow night, and this Friday is Brazil's Independence Day, so I'm looking forward to a lovely three day vacation at the beach. Next week I'm planning on finding a dance class and a guitar class. I am extremely excited to be here and look forward to making the most of this amazing opportunity.

Janelle Brown (Argentina)

skyblue0189@yahoo.com

I love Argentina! This is definitely the best place to be! My new

city is small and the people here are great. My family lives above a pharmacy (which is where they work). I have been staying busy with lots of different things. Another exchange student from Denmark and I go to a ceramics class and a tango class, and we go to the gym everyday. I also have lots of new friends. I am in the same class at school as my host sister and all of her friends are my new friends.

School here is really different from what I'm used to. The girls have to wear uniforms, or a long white, somewhat restricting blouse. School is from 7 to 1 and afterwards everyone goes home to have a big lunch. School is not very demanding and students don't have very much homework.

The food here is amazing. They eat a lot of meat and they like sweets (thank goodness!). One of my favorites are alfajores, which are like cookie sandwiches with dulce de leche or carmel between the cookies. It is somewhat cold here right now, and I'm so glad I brought a coat!

My biggest problem is definitely the language. They speak so fast and it is really difficult to understand (they have a distinct accent).

A couple of weeks ago I came home from an all night dance and day in the country and the family told me that we were going to Buenos Aires. My host sister and brother live in Buenos Aires and we were going to take them back to their apartment after the weekend. So, I hurried and got ready for what I thought would be a short trip. However, Buenos Aires is 2 hours away and when you go you stay for a time.

After we got there and had dinner I walked into the room and everyone was lying down and going to sleep! I had no idea that we were staying for a while! I wear contacts that must be stored for the night but I didn't have anything with me (nada!). They are really easy-going people and they themselves didn't bring much for the night (otherwise I probably would've noticed!). So, I went with the flow, too, threw away my contacts and just laid down to go to sleep for the night.

The next day they took me sight-seeing in Buenos Aires. Unfortunately, I couldn't see much because I wasn't wearing my contacts. However, I still enjoyed the trip and I'll get to go to Buenos Aires again sometime. I will be so glad when I can understand everything that they say!

I still don't have any business cards, but I am expecting them anytime in the mail. Everything else is going pretty well and I'm enjoying it all!

Christine Weeks (Japan)

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So far my exchange is going great! I've just been getting used to my city and trying to learn Japanese. I start school on Monday, which is excitingly scary.

I've been eating a lot of really strange food...most of which is surprisingly good! I went to the beach and to a water park that would be about the equivalent of Sunsplash shoved inside a foot ball arena. I don't really have any problems that you can help me with, unless you know how to control the weather...because its soooo hot and humid here!

Ethan Rogers (Germany)

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My exchange is going absolutely wonderful! I honestly have not had any problems. I am fitting in phenomenally with my family, and I am picking up German quickly. No problems with Rotary or the school.

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YOUTH EXCHANGE

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Everyone here is so nice. I have already made some good friends, they are so interested to here about life in America. So far this has been a wonderful experience!

Sophie Aigner (Brazil)

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It is very good here. The language is going really well, I think. †It is starting to feel a lot like home. Also, I am just letting you know that I got my insurance card in the mail from Chuck Flint. Thank you.

Taryn Beus (Ecuador)

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Ecuador is amazing and I love it here! I keep super busy and have no time for anything other than what they have me doing. I have lots of family and everyone is really kind and sweet.

Siobhan Edwards (Sweden)

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It's been a very busy start to the new month. I started school and it's so much fun; everyone is very nice and I love my new class.

Rotary organized a Wilderness camp from August 31 – September 2; we slept in tents and cooked our own food. They let us jump off of a cliff into the ocean and afterwards we went into a sauna.

Another exchange student from Canada came and stayed at my host family's house for the weekend and we went to Liseberg (Scandinavia's largest amusement park). It was so much scary to go on some of the roller coasters but I had a great time. On the 22nd of September all of the exchange students in my district will be going on a seal rescue boat and touring around the west coast of Sweden...it looks like so much fun!

Hollie Gibson (Germany)

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My exchange is going very well. Everyone here is very nice and trying to integrate me with them as much as possible. Last Thursday was the first day of school. I am in the eleventh grade here because this is the grade that Nele (host sister) was in and her friends also, so it's easier for me to get to know people.

In school I have 22 classes throughout the week. On Mondays I have Math, German, History and a lesson in English. On Tuesdays, I have double Ethics, German, Biology and English. Wednesdays I have Polotik (economics?), Biology and English. I have a lot of free time in my schedule because I'm not taking Chemistry, Physics, French or Spanish. Thursdays I have Polotik, Math and a double lesson in Sports. Friday, Math, German, double History and double Art.

I was thinking I could take more art classes while I'm here because I don't have many afternoon lessons. I hear there are many hobby schools in the area and some that are very good in art, so maybe when I get used to everything in school I can see about going to a private school for lessons or something. School is nice, but I am still a little skiddish around people I don't know. Although I think everyday I understand more, I still struggle a lot.

I wrote such a long report yesterday and now I cannot find where I saved it in the computer! Oh, well. Last weekend was the last showing of Footloose! for the season. Afterwards there was a very big party and lots of dancing. It's a lot of fun here, no one is really thinking about if they look stupid while they are dancing and I think life in general is much more relaxed and carefree.

Yesterday I met with my German teacher that Rotary has set up for me. I will go to her house twice a week and have more lessons in writing and speaking to help accelerate my understanding of the language.

All of my teachers are very understanding and speak slowly for me. Even my history teacher printed out a map of Arizona and New Mexico and such and asked me to mark on the map where I was from and what it is like. Very cool. Anyway I'm having a great time here so Thank you, Thank You, Thank you!

Riana Del Vecchio (Italy)

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Everyone is sooo nice and accepting! I love it!

These Four Students have either just arrived in their countries, or are just leaving. We will hear from them next month!

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Valeria Estrada Saenz (Brazil)

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Savanna Garr (Spain)

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Heather Johnson (Spain)

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MARIE-LAURE KAMATALI

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that it's not in Arizona but that is my very top dream. So that is my first wish; going to NYC! I also would like to go to San Diego, there seem to be a flourishing culture life there. My third wish would be to go to musical festival, concerts, little bars where they play folk, blues or any type of music! Those places have always fascinated me because I love music, especially acoustic, and I dream to go see artists that are not very known (I think you say underground artists) and make very good music!

Other than that, I would be very very, very happy to visit any place I'm invited to because I don't know all the good things about Arizona or the area around here and I want to discover everything there is to see! I have also heard that the basketball team here is really good, so I definitively have to go see at least one game!

Q. Tell us anything else that you would like the Rotarians of District 5510 to know about you.

A. First of all, I want to thank them for this opportunity they give to all of us, teenagers around the world to go to another country and live an unforgettable journey! It may sound clichÉ but it is sincere. There are no words to describe it, really. I think more and more people are being informed about the different exchange programs and I meet a lot of people saying they would like to be exchange students. I always encourage them because these programs bring the understanding between different cultures and that is what our world needs to grow peacefully! So thanks the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, you are the best!

By the way, this summer, to end our year, there are Summer Tours organized and I would like to go to the Eastern trip! But it is too expensive for my parents. So I thought that if anyone of the Rotary members needs help for anything, I would be very glad to help. My friend Lotty, from Italy, is in the same situation. We can do some amazing team work so just let us know and we will be right there.

Partnership produces amazing results: financial success for fundraising effort

By Monica Tipton

Mesa Baseline Rotary Club

Rotarians and community members dug deep in their pockets for the 5th annual "Rotary Night" held recently at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre for a showing of *Beehive* on Saturday, August 25th. The event promised an evening of live entertainment, great food and a silent auction with a variety of great items – all in support of the many great community projects Rotary helps sustain every year.

The clubs involved in the annual fundraiser were: Mesa, Mesa Baseline, Mesa West, Mesa Sunrise, and Mesa East. More than \$22,000 was raised at the "sold out" evening from the silent auction alone. High bid items included braces, concrete, and The Jack Nicklaus Royal Bank of Scotland 5 Pound Commemorative Note which went for \$1,500. A portion of the event ticket sales will also go toward the fundraising effort.

Monies raised will benefit the local community with projects like the Dictionary Project to benefit thousands of 3rd graders in the Mesa Public School District; Junior Achievement; Salvation Army; Save the Family; and international projects such as Guaymas, Mexico; Hearing Aid Project; RYLA International; Afghanistan Literacy; and Entrepreneurial Project. Local scholarships are also awarded as a result of the monies raised from this event.

Christian Mendivil, Director of Operations at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater was ecstatic at the success of the event. "Will Prather, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre owner, and his family, have been Rotary members and huge supporters for over twenty years. It is this long-standing relationship between Will, his family and their commitment to Rotary, that makes this whole evening possible," states Christian.

For additional information on Rotary Night at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, contact Monica Tipton at 602-708-0843 or Rodney Kinney at 480-325-6700.

When was the last time you told a friend about Rotary?

Kyrene Corridor

Tempe family saved by donated smoke alarm



Kyrene Corridor Rotary installed smoke alarms recently, one of which helped save lives.

One recent morning, the Tempe Fire Department responded to a call on East Curry Road from a woman reporting smoke throughout her house and a possible house fire.

When firefighters arrived, they found that a fire had started in an electrical outlet and had burned a couch in front of the outlet. The smoldering couch initially generated a significant amount of smoke. Open flames were extinguished by the awakened father with a hand-held fire extinguisher while the evacuation of a toddler was performed by the mother. The fire crew verified that the fire was out with minimal damage to the interior of the apartment.

What is significant about this event is that the resident told responding firefighters that she was alerted by a smoke alarm that had been installed for free this summer by volunteers who walked through

her neighborhood. The installation event was funded and coordinated by the Foundation for Burns and Trauma, a Valley non-profit organization. This particular alarm had been purchased with funds provided by the Rotary Club of the Kyrene Corridor through a District Simplified Grant and was installed by volunteers from the Tempe Fire Department during the outreach event. This was true community collaboration.

An estimated 70 percent of deaths resulting from house fires occur in homes with no functioning smoke alarms. The Foundation for Burns and Trauma and the Valley's fire departments are dedicated to making our communities safer through smoke alarm awareness. This incident is just one example of how volunteer organizations and fire departments are working together to provide families with free, high-quality smoke alarms to keep themselves safe.

Phoenix El Puente

2nd annual Texas Hold' Em Tournament set

The Phoenix El Puente Rotary Club will hold its Second Annual Texas Hold'Em Tournament and Silent Auction Saturday, October 13, at Phoenix Greyhound Park, 3801 East Washington in Phoenix. Registration begins at 6 p.m. The poker game begins promptly at 7 p.m.

The entry fee is a \$50 Buy-In (pay in advance to reserve your spot, although you may register at the event. The entry fee includes buffet appetizers. There are unlimited \$25 re-buys for the first hour. After one hour, anyone with chips can add on \$25.



There is a first place prize of \$1,000; second place, \$500; and third place, a \$250 prize package. There are additional prizes for flush, straight and four-of-a-kind.

Only 100 players can participate. To reserve your seat

contact any member of Phoenix El Puente Rotary. For more information, contact Joanne Kline at 602-686-8900 or jdltkline@aol.com.

Benefits will go toward the Mountain Park Health Center to equip a new pediatric exam room in conjunction with their latest expansion at their Baseline facility.

Scottsdale clubs honor youth



YOUTH SALUTE: Shown are (left to right): AG Sandi Alexander-Anderson, AG Honora Norton, DGE Don LaBarge, Emily Shiau, Chelsea Bergner, Allison Smeck, Gabrielle Hoyt, Scottsdale Airpark President Bob Myers and Scottsdale President Craig Miller.

By Dr. Honora Norton, Scottsdale Airpark Rotary

Youth Salute recognizes high ideals of leadership and integrity among the youth of America. In conjunction with the National Council on Youth Leadership, **Scottsdale Rotary** and **Scottsdale Airpark Rotary** were proud to present our community leaders of the high school class of 2008 at Scottsdale Community College.

On September 10, 88 teen leaders from 13 Scottsdale and Paradise Valley high schools and their parents were honored. The top 10 competed to win the top four positions.

Gabrielle Hoyt of Saguaro High School was the first place winner of a \$1,000 scholarship, Allison Smeck of Arcadia won the second place \$750 scholarship, Chelsea Bergner of Notre Dame Prep won the third place \$700 scholarship, and Emily Shiau won the fourth place \$500 scholarship.

These top four winners received an expense paid trip to attend the National Council on Youth Leadership Conference (Town Meeting on Tomorrow) hosted by Washington University, October 20-23 in St. Louis, MO.

John Kenny to be RI President

By Ed Futa, RI General Secretary

The 2007-08 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2009-10, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated: **John Kenny** of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth Central, Scotland, for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2009-10.

Biographical information for Rotarian Kenny is available on the RI website and in the next issue of *Rotary World*.

Officer Training Day set Nov. 10

By Lucinda Rose, District Trainer

Have you and your club mates registered for the Training and Foundation Day? Go to www.rotary5510.org and do so today! \$10 per person at Scottsdale Community College, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. November 10.

Here is Reason #1 Why You Should Go! MONEY!

The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona can supply your club with grant money to assist members of your community. TRVFA aim is to provide up to \$2,000 to individuals who wish to take vocational training to improve their economic status. They have a streamlined process that can get assistance into the hands of those who need it in a matter of weeks. Their presentation at the seminar will give you an overview of how they are funded, how you can find and assist candidates, and how you can personally benefit from participating in the program when you file your Arizona tax returns. They will have a handout that will point you and your Rotary club in the right direction to take advantage of this opportunity. Highly recommended for your Vocational Service chairperson and other club officers. See you there.

ROTARY VOCATIONAL FUND

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Where do you, as a Rotarian, come in? Each applicant for a grant must be sponsored by an Arizona Rotary club. You are in the best position to find members of your community who are in need of assistance. If you have an applicant who wants to receive vocational training, we have the money. Your club will do the initial screening of the prospect, and help him or her complete the forms.

The next step is to submit the application by mail. The Fund will review the paperwork, and, if the applicant qualifies, will send the funds to the training institution chosen by the candidate for disbursement toward his or her expenses. Applications may be submitted at any time.

For more detailed information, and to download the application package, visit <http://www.trvfa.org>. There you will find selection criteria, instructions and the forms needed to apply for a grant.

We receive our money directly from Arizonans who utilize a tax credit program passed by the state legislature. In a nutshell, you can donate up to \$200 per individual, or \$400 for a couple filing jointly, to The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona, and then deduct that amount from your Arizona state income tax. Note that this is a tax **credit** on your Arizona return, not a tax deduction. You reduce your tax liability by the amount that you contribute, dollar for dollar. Furthermore, the donation can also be used as a **deduction** on your Federal tax return, so you come out ahead. This program is open to any Arizona taxpayer who meets a few requirements that are spelled out in detail on our website, where instructions and forms are also available for download.

The Board of Directors of the Fund is made up of 10 Rotarians, three from each Arizona District, plus a board chairman who must be a Past District Governor. There are also board advisors, most of whom are Rotarians, who assist the Board with decision making. Wouldn't you rather see your tax money distributed through a Rotary educational program than through welfare?

What better way is there to improve the lives of those struggling on the edge of society than to give them the education needed to succeed? Isn't this ultimately the spirit and mission of Rotary? Visit <http://www.trvfa.org> for all the info you need to get started.

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Come and Celebrate
Rotary District 5510
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San Marcos Resort
in Chandler

Plan to be there!





District 5510 Attendance, Membership, Foundation Report

August, 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	80.77	88.46	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,605.00	114.64
Chandler	39	40	40	+ 1	87.00	86.00	3,900	1,700.00	43.59
Chandler Horizon	26	27	26	0	100.00	98.72	3,000	0.00	0.00
Chandler North	15	16	15	0	69.20	73.85	2,200	1,900.00	86.36
Total	94	98	95	+ 1	84.24	86.76	\$ 10,500	\$ 5,205.00	49.57
Flagstaff Region: Tom Mackin, AG									
Flagstaff	69	70	68	- 1	63.43	61.20	\$ 4,000	\$ 100.00	2.50
Flagstaff Route 66	17	18	16	- 1	82.00	81.00	2,000	0.00	0.00
Flagstaff Sunrise	8	9	8	0	90.20	85.85	800	650.00	81.25
Total	94	97	92	- 2	78.54	76.02	\$ 6,800	\$ 750.00	11.03
Gilbert/Sun Lakes Region: Ken Oakes, AG									
Gilbert	17	18	17	0	83.00	87.25	\$ 1,700	\$ 390.00	22.94
Sun Lakes	96	97	93	- 3	69.00	68.50	9,500	1,450.00	15.26
Sun Lakes Crown	42	43	43	+ 1	60.62	54.76	4,100	650.00	15.85
Superstition Mountain	38	39	38	0	72.00	68.85	4,000	25.00	0.63
Total	193	197	191	- 2	71.16	69.84	\$ 17,600	\$ 2,515.00	14.29
Mesa Region: Jim Tighe, AG									
Mesa	89	90	83	- 6	72.25	66.92	\$ 8,900	\$ 1,700.00	19.10
Mesa Baseline	75	76	77	+ 2	49.38	50.85	3,900	775.00	19.87
Mesa Boeing	12	13	12	0	60.00	55.00	6,050	220.00	3.64
Mesa East	20	21	21	+ 1	66.67	65.57	1,900	380.00	20.00
Mesa Sunrise	20	21	19	- 1	70.00	60.88	1,800	588.00	32.67
Mesa West	29	30	29	0	78.44	70.47	3,480	380.00	10.92
Total	245	251	241	- 4	66.12	61.62	\$ 26,230	\$ 4,043.00	15.41
North Central Region: Glenn Smith, AG									
Payson	34	35	36	+ 2	75.00	71.22	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,200.00	80.00
Payson Rim Country	27	28	26	- 1	89.43	85.92	2,800	0.00	0.00
Winslow	25	26	28	+ 3	56.40	56.40	3,000	0.00	0.00
Total	86	89	90	+ 4	73.61	71.18	\$ 9,800	\$ 3,200.00	32.65
North East Region: Ryan Reinhold, AG									
Show Low	13	14	13	0	NR	NR	\$ 1,200	\$ 0.00	0.00
Silver Creek	19	20	19	0	83.16	80.68	1,800	650.00	36.11
Southwest e-Club	30	31	35	+ 5	99.00	99.50	3,200	200.00	6.25
Springerville	18	19	18	0	72.00	64.00	1,800	440.00	24.44
White Mountain	13	14	11	- 2	86.00	85.00	900	360.00	40.00
Total	93	98	96	+ 3	85.04	82.30	\$ 8,900	\$ 1,650.00	18.54
North Valley Region: Anne Mickey, AG									
Carefree-Cave Creek	20	21	22	+ 2	76.00	77.00	\$ 2,100	\$ 340.00	16.19
Fountain Hills	61	62	62	+ 1	54.00	52.70	6,300	775.00	0.00
Four Peaks	44	45	42	- 2	68.00	68.90	4,100	0.00	0.00
Scottsdale	159	160	159	0	63.00	65.50	15,100	1,075.00	7.12
Total	284	288	285	+ 1	65.25	66.03	\$ 27,600	\$ 2,190.00	7.93
Northeast Valley Region: Alan Havir, AG									
Paradise Valley	33	34	32	- 1	68.00	69.50	\$ 3,000	0.00	0.00
Pinnacle Peak	35	36	35	0	73.52	68.80	3,500	\$ 100.00	2.86
Total	68	70	67	- 1	70.76	69.15	\$ 6,500	\$ 100.00	1.54
Phoenix Region: Honora Norton, AG									
Phoenix Arcadia	27	28	27	0	79.00	78.00	\$ 2,560	0.00	0.00
Phoenix Camelback	27	28	27	0	69.50	70.75	2,160	0.00	0.00
Phoenix East	22	23	24	+ 2	75.00	77.00	2,200	170.00	7.73
Phoenix Squaw Peak	25	26	24	- 1	61.67	69.51	2,300	175.00	7.61
Total	101	105	102	+ 1	71.28	73.82	\$ 9,220	\$ 345.00	3.74
Scottsdale Region: Sandi Alexander-Anderson, AG									
Phoenix El Puente	17	18	17	0	60.00	66.00	\$ 1,200	\$ 0.00	0.00
Scottsdale Airpark	16	17	16	0	85.42	84.11	1,600	205.00	12.81
Scottsdale Papago	29	30	22	- 7	75.00	74.00	600	200.00	33.33
Scottsdale Sunrise	34	35	36	+ 2	90.30	89.60	3,400	0.00	0.00
Total	96	100	91	- 5	77.68	78.43	\$ 6,800	\$ 405.00	5.96
Tempe Region: Gary Law, AG									
Kyrene Corridor	16	17	16	0	90.00	90.00	\$ 2,400	\$ 0.00	0.00
Tempe	32	33	28	- 4	65.08	60.05	2,500	1,155.00	46.20
Tempe East	14	15	10	- 4	100.00	100.00	1,300	0.00	0.00
Tempe Rio Salado	17	18	17	0	68.00	68.50	1,600	150.00	9.38
Tempe South	45	46	43	- 2	88.00	86.00	4,200	325.00	7.74
Total	124	129	114	-10	82.22	80.91	\$ 12,000	\$ 1,630.00	13.58
Total/Average/Goal	1,478	1,522	1,464	-14	74.99	74.02	\$150,500	\$ 22,033.00*	14.64

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* - includes District 5510 contributions

Tri-District Leadership Academy kicks off new year of training

By Gary Whiting, Centennial PDG and Leadership Academy Dean

On Saturday, August 25th at Scottsdale Community College, 19 Past Club Presidents from across Rotary Districts 5490, 5500 and 5510 along with eight Academy PDG Instructors gathered together to kick off Academy Class 2007-2008. During the next few months these nominated Past Club Presidents will embark on a venture that will allow them the opportunity to enhance their Rotary leadership knowledge and skills for use beyond the club level.



PDG GARY WHITING

The Leadership Academy is achieved via the Internet through the Academy website over a six-month period that is divided into two semesters consisting of the following courses that are taught by experienced Past District Governors from the three Districts:

- September: Leadership Beyond the Club Level;

- October: Collaboration and Funding to Meet Needs;
- November: Understanding and Utilizing The Rotary Foundation;
- December: No classes;
- January: Building on a Heritage of Leadership and Accomplishments;
- February: Club Membership Growth and Retention; and
- March: Rotary's Fiduciary Responsibilities.



The Class of 2007-2008 consists of the following Past Club Presidents who come from the metro and rural area of our three districts which covers a large amount of geography and more than 135 Rotary Clubs:

• **District 5490:** Sara Jane Feldman, White Tanks; Lee Metheny, Grand Canyon; Jeanie Morgan, London Bridge; and Larry Thornton, Kingman Route 66.

• **District 5500:** Randy Brooks, Marana; Anne Griffen, Casa Grande; Ken Kermode, Ajo; Jay McCall, Marana; and Ernie Montagne, Sierra Vista.

• **District 5510:** Sandra Alexander-Anderson, Four Peaks; Robin Craig, Pinnacle Peak; Alan Havir, Pinnacle Peak; Sandy Hellems, Four Peaks; Dr. Ruth Lim, M.D., Mesa Sunrise; Bruce Peterson, Tempe South; Sandie Sickels, Fountain Hills; Glenn Smith, Payson Rim Country; Brenda Thomas, White Mountains; and Walter Thompson, Phoenix Arcadia.

The Instructors consist of the following Past District Governors:

- **District 5490:** Art Harrington and Ron Roderique;
- **District 5500:** Phil Silvers; and
- **District 5510:** Roger Bonngard, Barb Feder, Greg Podd, Mel Taunt and Gary Whiting.

Additionally, the instructors are supported by Academy Webmaster, Chris Schiffhauer of the Pinnacle Peak Rotary Club, in making the courses Internet deliverable, building chat rooms, a message center and providing security.

The Academy is entering its fourth year and has thus far graduated **29** from the past three Rotary years. Most of these graduates have gone on to serve their district as a District Committee Chair, GSE Leader, Assistant Governor, District Governor Elect, District Governor Nominee, and District Governor. Additionally, they have been able to provide much additional Rotary knowledge to their own clubs.

We invite any Past Club President to look into the Academy, talk to the graduates and the present Class of 2007-2008 to learn more about this opportunity to enhance their Rotary Leadership knowledge and skills for use beyond the club level. Even if the time to put these advanced skills and knowledge to use may be off a few years because of family and/or career obligations, you are encouraged to consider being nominated to the Tri-District Leadership Academy for next Rotary Year 2008-2009.

Take a look at the Leadership Academy by visiting website www.azrotaryleadership.org to see if it could be right for you as a Past Club President. Nominations will start being accepted in the spring of 2008. Watch for the announcement in your District Newsletter and District website.



DISTRICT 5490 (left to right): Jeanie Morgan, Larry Thornton, Lee Metheny, Sara Jane Feldman.



DISTRICT 5500 (left to right): Randy Brooks, Ken Kermode, Anne Griffen, Ernie Montagne, Jay McCall.



DISTRICT 5510 (left to right): Alan Havir, Sandie Sickels, Robin Craig, Brenda Thomas, Walter Thompson, Ruth Lim, M.D., Glenn Smith, Sandra Alexander-Anderson, Sandy Hellems, Bruce Peterson.

**Remember your Rotary pin...
Wear it daily with pride.**