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Today

March 10, 2009

Program: *George Hanson*, Music Director and Conductor of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra, will be our honored guest today.

Program chair:

- *Anndrea Blackshear* (2008-2009)
 - *David Appleton* (March 2009)
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Next week

March 17, 2009

Program: *Dr. Joe Vigil*, Green Valley resident and coach of the USA long distance track team in the Beijing Olympics will revisit the Beijing experience. Vigil's pre-Olympic visit here was February 26, 2008

Last week

March 3, 2009

Visiting Rotarians:

- *Don Wachholz* (Minocqua, WI)
- *Joe Butcher* (Cimarron, KA)
- *David Underwood* (Elgin, IL)

Sojourners:

- Eleven of the 26 registered Sojourners were with us today

Makeups:

- *Joyce Finkelstein* (Valle Verde)
- *Phil Brooke* (Webster Grove, MO)

Students of the Month (introductions by *David Polsky*)

- *Katie Tingle* (Sahuarita H.S. for February offered some farewell comments and thanked the club for hosting her. Katie said she hopes to be a psychologist or a therapist. Although only a Junior at SHS, Katie is already looking into NAU, Northwestern or Brown University)
- *John Long* - A Sahuarita H.S. student for March, was introduced and offered a short commentary. His sponsor noted John has a great rapport among both students and faculty. John would like to enter the law enforcement field some day

Guests:

- *Denise Long* (John's mother and "his transportation)
 - *Natasha Smith* (Melissa's daughter)
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Announcements

Rotary Minute: *Dr. Tom Bunting* began with the comment "This is all about polio." Vaccines were first administered in 1952. In 1985 Rotary International

began a program to eradicate polio worldwide. In the 17 years up to 2002, the case rate dropped from 350,000 to 541. But, by 2008 the numbers had risen to 1,600. Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria still cannot proclaim themselves "polio-free." The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that the failure to complete the eradication effort could return the world to the previous rates of infection. To date, R.I. has funded polio eradication \$825 million. Another \$685 million is to be raised over the next five years.

The Golden Pencil Award - Sojourners, who worked the Spaghetti Spree, received this award exemplifying Rotarianesque service. President *Jerry Ochs* said the Sojourners are a vital part of our club while they enjoy Green Valley during the winter months.

Adapt a Village (Niger) An amount of \$1,250 has been secured for a District 5500 Governor's promotion centered in the Agadez region of Niger, Africa. This amount has built upon \$250 approved by the board on February 17th as well as other anonymous and publicly solicited contributions secured later.

To clarify possible confusion

.....a board member suggested the need to secure clarification as to why funding was again being directed to the Agadez region when funding for our own project, that began during *Dr. Tom Bunting's* 2006-07 term, had been frozen due to internal Niger turmoil. As late as July 1, 2008 when *Sidi Mamame*, President of the Rotary Club of Agadez, Niger, Africa, and *Ernie* and *Sally Montagne*, Sierra Vista Rotarians visited Green Valley, it was reported the funding was in the bank and the project was on "hold." The Montagnes coordinated the project with Past President Bunting.

A bit of history as reported in TDW:

In April 2005, immediately prior to Dr. Tom Bunting's 2006-07 presidency, Bunting proposed a Plumpy'nut® project and 14 GV Rotarians contributed \$12,177.

On February 27, 2007 our club heard that R.I. had rejected the Plumpy'nut® nutritional aspect of the Bunting project in publicly stating: "We can not feed people in perpetuity." The emphasis of our club's project then turned to one involving a deep well (and plumbing) to serve a malnutrition clinic, an irrigated garden and the provision of 160 milk goats.

Enter our own *Father Mike* this week, wearing the hat of Assistant District Governor, who contacted the Montagnes for clarification. They stated the frozen

funds have been released, the project has been completed, and there is no apparent conflict with the present Governor's initiative. Father Shay heard that a final report is forthcoming.

Dr. Tom will offer a report to our club on the 2006-07 project in May 2009. It is hoped we can secure some publicity about our program when the clinkers have been ironed out.

An Evening of Antiques, a KGVY/Rotary fund raising wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres event to benefit the Green Valley Food Bank and the Amado Food Bank, will be at the Community Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 13 between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. An antiques appraiser from the PBS "Antiques Road Show" will be on site. Cost is \$25 each. For tickets call 399-1000 or see *Mitch Salyers*.

The 2009 Spaghetti Spree - Chair *Arleen Boyuls* offered special thanks to *Becky Roberts* and *Lori Tyler* as well as thanking all for their participation. Arleen reported the purchasing of some supplies was negotiated and expenses were cut. There was a surplus of cookies and soda, which were donated to the Food Bank. Net to date is around \$2,000.

A Club Social will be held March 27th at LaPosada's Recreation Center. Chair *Dr. Bill Miller* updated the club on the planning of this event. A "get acquainted" theme is to prevail. We will listen to the history of anonymous Sojourners and then guess Who's Who! Hors de oeuvres will be available, but BYOB. An evening of camaraderie is expected.

"Food, Fun and Art" G.V. Food Bank administrator and Rotarian *Mary Jane Goodrick* touted this event, which is to be held at the Valley Presbyterian Church on Saturday March 28th. Think of this as three venues:

- **Family activities**, including a jumping castle and slide, vocal groups, storytelling, face painting a petting zoo, etc. that will be free between 10:00 and 2:00.
- **Empty Bowls** is a comparable program to emphasize fighting hunger. There will be a \$10 adult admission fee. During the 11:00 to 2:00 time slot, soup, bread, beverages and desserts, donated by local restaurants and caterers, will be served to emulate a soup kitchen. Proceeds are to go to the Green Valley Assistance Services
- **Green Valley Community Bank** food drive - Bring non-perishable items and citrus products.

All this, in partnership with the Green Valley Assistance Services and the Green Valley Community Food Bank

The Program

March 3, 2009

Our speaker was **Fire Chief Simon Davis** of the Green Valley Fire Department. G.V. Fire District Board Member and **Rotarian David Appleton** introduced Chief Davis. The introduction revealed a most interesting biography about this local celebrity, who is readily identified by his apparent British accent that really is to be associated with another continent.

- Born in southwest England
- At an early age, the family moved to Zambia, Southern Africa where his father worked for a copper and gold mining company
- In 1981, Davis left Southern Africa to attend the University of Arizona as a mining engineer
- While attending the University, he volunteered as a firefighter for Rural Metro "and found the perfect career."
- In 1987, Davis began working in Green Valley as an EMT/ Firefighter and worked up the ranks to become chief in 1996
- The G.V. Fire District Board hired Chief Davis in 2000 to take the Fire District from a contract operation under Rural Metro to an independent operation overseen by a five member Board of Directors.

Davis's thrust was to acknowledge the Fire District's concern about the trying economy and "to make sure we get through it." In addition to going over the history and functions of the Fire Department, Chief Davis pointed out cost cutting features and changes under advisement.

The raffle

\$100 credit to a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) award

- Unidentified

Drawing for the PHF awards today

- Unidentified

Winner of the wine

- Unidentified

Editor: **Noble Rose**

Assisting this week in taking notes, securing flyers and playing a tape recorder was **David Smith - Thanks Dave!**

Rotary Club of Green Valley

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General Information

District 5500

- **Tom Tilton**, District Governor (Tucson Sunrise Club)

District 5500 - locally involved

- **Father Michael Shay**, Ass't District Governor
- **Arleen Boyuls**, District Membership Chair
- **Dick Roberts**, District Celebration Chair

Club website

- <http://www.rotaryclubofgreenvalley.org>

2008- 09 Green Valley Rotary Foundation Trustees:

Bill McGibbon, David Appleton, Andy Heideman, Becky Roberts, Dr. Tom Bunting and Jerry Ochs

Makeup locations

To make up on-line

- <http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

Monday @ 12:10 PM - Tucson Old Pueblo Club

- McMahon's Steak House - Swan @ Ft. Lowell

Tuesday @ 5:30 PM - Sahuarita Rotary Club

- Ashley Home Store's Community Room

Wednesday @ 6:45 AM - Rio Rico Rotary Club

- Esplendor Resort at Rio Rico - I-19 Exit 17 West

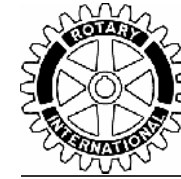
Thursday @ 6:45 AM - Valle Verde Rotary Club

- GV Community Church - Esperanza at LaCan~ada

Friday @ 8:00 AM - Tubac Rotary Club

- Tubac Country Club - 65 Avenida De Otero

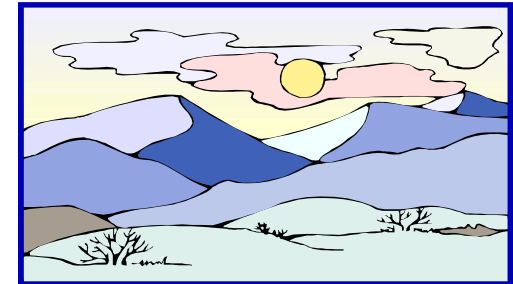
The Desert Wheel



Dong Kurn Lee (D.K.)

R.I. President

Rotary Club of Yangdong, South Korea



The Rotary Club of Green Valley meets
On Tuesdays @ 11:45 AM at the
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