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Today

March 24, 2009

Program: *Rev. Larry DeLong*, newly installed senior pastor of the Valley Presbyterian Church, will speak about "The Chaplaincy in the Military."

Program chair:

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

Next week

March 31, 2009

Program: *Dick Walden*, President of Farmers Investment Co (FICO) "think pecans" will talk about "FICO Past, Present and Future."

Last week

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Visiting Rotarians:

- *Gene Holthofer* (Midland, MI)
- *PDG Bob Peterson* (Bismarck, ND)
- *Don Walchholz* (Minocqua, WI)

Sojourners: 11 previously introduced Sojourners were with us

Makeups:

- *Dick Brown* (e-club)
- *Andy Heideman* (e-club)

Guests:

- *Denise Long* (John's mother and chauffer)
- *Jarred Polsky* (David)
- *Blythe Clement* (Nick)

Student of the Month: *John Long* - Sahuarita High School

Announcements

Foundation Minute: *Joyce Finkelstein* reviewed a Rotary Foundation entity that has the "mission to encourage world understanding and peace." Named the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, this offers active professionals opportunities to relate to other countries in the interest of world understanding. Joyce mentioned *Pamela DuChard*, an educator and traveler in 30 countries, who has seized the opportunity to live in Afghanistan this summer.

The Golden Pencil Award - For Rotarianesque service, President *Jerry Ochs* presented Sojourner *Bob Tucker* a golden pencil for entertaining the club with folk singing attuned to St. Patrick's Day.

Club auctioneer *Jack Carter* raffled off Classic and Pops tickets to the Tucson Symphony Orchestra. Proceeds from the sale of these tickets (provided by our TSO guests last week) went to the club.



Jack Carter - file photo by Bill McGibbon

Welcome back Phil Brooke

Phil had been the club treasurer until July of 2008 when he moved back to St. Louis to be close to an extended care facility where his wife Betsy took up residence. Betsy died in September 2008 and Phil has been cleaning up details since then. He said home is Green Valley and he would visit a recently acquired home in the St. Louis area during the warmer seasons here.

District Assembly April 11 - President Jerry commented this assembly is structured for current board members, but new board members and the general membership are most encouraged to attend. Again, this is in town at the Community Church, and the club will pay fees. Advise Club Secretary *Mike Pease* if you are planning on attending. Seriously consider this!

Coming up

- A club social will be held March 27th at LaPosada's Recreation Center. Chair *Dr. Bill Miller* informed the membership to bring a hors d'oeuvres plate to share and BYOB. Look for sign up sheets today (03/24/09)
- *Mary Jane Goodrick* again touted Food, Fun and Art. Sponsored by the G.V. Food Bank, Green Valley Assistance Services, KGVY and Green Valley Rotary, the event will be next Saturday (03/28/09) at the Valley Presbyterian Church
- A Group Study Exchange (GSE) dinner, acknowledging inbound GSE participants, will be April 24th at the Americana in Nogales, AZ

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Annalyn Censky



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Annalyn Censky
File photo by Bill McGibbon

Dick Roberts continues to maintain e-mail communications with Annalyn who was first introduced to our club in 2001. Dick shared her latest e-mail dated March 12, 2009.

Annalyn has been involved with a Rotaract group in Praha, the native name for the capital city of Prague, Czech Republic. Rotaract "is a professional service, leadership and community service organization for young men and women between the ages 18-30." Rotaract Praha had raised a few hundred dollars through a variety of fundraisers and had been given the opportunity to adopt a child for one year by funding his or her primary school education and the purchase of essentials like basic clothing, shoes and food.

Annalyn indicated some concern on making a hurried decision to select one person only among a hundred or so applicants. Her choice was "scary," as she realized it was likely she was also denying future opportunities to those rejected.

Green Valley Rotary is proud of its association with Annalyn and is pleased to hear from her from time to time.

The Program

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This first section is a reprint from the introduction of Dr. Vigil, as was offered to the club on February 26, 2008

The biography of our esteemed speaker, and local resident, Coach *Dr. Joe Vigil*, is as interesting as was his program. *Jerry Ochs* introduced him this way:

- Senior long distance track coach in the world.
- Coached the world games in Kenya last February.
- Coached Adams State College in Alamosa, CO for 28 years.
- His teams have won 18 national championships.
- A 14-time national "Coach of the Year."
- Coached 10 individual national champions.
- 350 of his athletes received All American honors.
- Has served as US International Coach for the Olympic games, Pan American Games and World University Games.

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Coach Dr. Joe Vigil and now President Jerry Ochs
File photo by Bill McGibbon 02/26/08

Vigil's message - pre Beijing 02/26/08

- Explained he is a physiologist and has taught at the college level.
- Sea level training for cross-country runners was to be held in San Diego. High altitude training was to be held at Mammoth Lake, CA.
- Physiological profiles (enzyme panels, internal ecology) are run on each athlete.
- Vigil is part of a training club based in California. The athletes have international aspirations.
 - The staff is dedicated to determine the potential of each athlete and develop their skills for international competition.
 - Included in the package is a goal to get agents for top-of-the-line athletes.

Vigil's message today (03/17/09)

- Been through a lot this past year - Some good, some bad.
- It appears some "just can't seem to get anything perfect"
- Rigorous track and field qualifying tryouts were held around the world pre-Beijing, causing many of the 138 men and women involved to be simply tired out by the time of the Olympics
- Amount of money the US provides to their athletes "is almost criminal"
- Had to contend with athlete's agents who took their clients from country to country to compete, reacted to the idea of a week of rest and forced attendance at what Vigil called "ambassador's schools"
- Vigil could never count on the complete US team being in one place at one time for training purposes
- Arrived in Beijing two weeks prior to the Olympics, having been assigned training facilities at an outlying Chinese city.
- Vigil noted the Chinese went all out, spending \$44.7 billion for the facilities (The Birds Nest, National Stadium and surrounding buildings) Comparably, London plans on spending \$16 billion in 2012

The raffle

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

- **Dr. Tom Bunting**

Drawing for the PHF awards March 24, 2009

- **Arleen Boyuls, Jim Pletcher, Jim Nelson and David Sirota**

Winner of the wine

- **Barry Parks**
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Proposed member

Rev. Larry DeLong



Rev. Larry DeLong, Sr. Pastor of the Valley Presbyterian Church
Photo by Bill McGibbon

Meet **Larry DeLong**. **David Appleton** is his sponsor. Questions are to be directed to the Secretary, **Mike Pease**

Proposed V.P.

Jim Nelson

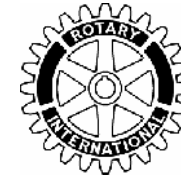


Jim Nelson, Supt. of Schools - Continental School District
File photo by Bill McGibbon dated 08/19/08

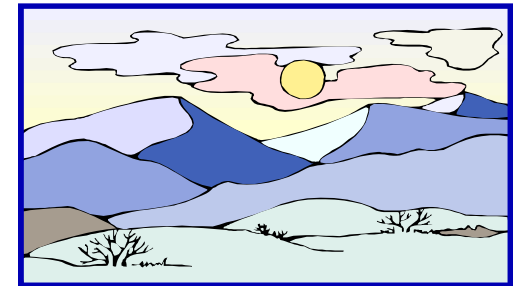
The Board has nominated **Jim Nelson** as a candidate for Vice President for the 2009-10 year. President **Jerry Ochs** has noted the vote will take place in early April

Noble Rose - Editor

The Desert Wheel



Dong Kurn Lee (D.K.)
R.I. President
Rotary Club of Yangdong, South Korea



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