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Today

May 12, 2009

Program: Courtesy of the La Frontera Center (a Tucson behavioral health agency,) a program of mariachi music will be offered.

Program chair:

- **Anndrea Blackshear** (2008-2009)
- **Father Mike Shay** (May 2009 programs)

Next week

May 19, 2009

Program: **President Jerry** has announced a special program is planned relating to our club's foundation. In addition, the Green Valley Rotary Chorus will perform

Last week

May 5, 2009

Sojourners:

- Those still with us: **Dr. Bill Miller**, **Bob Benight**, **Will Files** and **Dr. Wayne Zook**

Rotarians:

- **Sally Miglianti** (Oneonta, NY)

Guest:

- **Mort Einstein** (Margot -spelled with a "t")
- **Natasha Smith** (Melissa)

Makeups:

- **Dick Brown** (e-Club)

Announcements

Greeter substitute - President Jerry noted the scheduled greeter, **Robert Lehnhardt**, was a "no show." Robert was fined \$1 for each point the DJI went up (or down.) Within a minute, **Larry DeLong** flashed his Blackberry to the editor revealing the current DJI was down 36.8. Negotiable - don't know? The arithmetic is \$36.80. And! Thanks to **Phil Brooke** for filling in as our greeter today.

Natasha Smith thanked the club for its financial help to send her, as Arizona's representative in the Basketball Shoot-Out, to Italy. While there, Natasha plans on writing a daily journal and would welcome the opportunity to present a program afterwards to our club.

The Golden Pencil Award - Two of them: One to **Donna Gallagher** for serving as Program Chair for April.



Donna Gallagher President Jerry Ochs Dr. Zook
Wayne Zook, a Sojourner who was spending his last Rotary meeting this year with us received the second pencil. Later, Wayne revealed he has had 50 years of perfect attendance.

Assistant District Governor's report to our club -

Father Mike Shay, Ass't DG speaks for and represents **DG Tom Tilton** at all the clubs along the I-19 corridor (plus Sonoita/Patagonia on the other side of the Santa Ritas.) Consequently, he has visited each club once or twice this year, and in our case 43 times. Father Mike refers to his duties as, "responsibilities and pleasures," as he assists the club presidents to make certain their clubs are successful. Forthcoming 5500 events include:

- **District picnic** - May 30th, between 1 and 4 at the Sonoita Fairgrounds. This free event (food and all) is oriented to families. Games are to be provided for kids and there will be "other things for the more mature" according to Father Mike. **Reservations are due this Friday, May 15th** See the Mikes (Shay and Pease.)
- Pencil in June 30th, when District officers will pass the torch and recognition will be given to President Jerry and our club.

National History Day competition - Mitch Salyers

informed the club he received a memo soliciting funds to send a Cholla Magnet H.S. student to represent Arizona in the National History Day competition finals this June in Washington, DC. The U. of A. and the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) sponsor a Middle Eastern Studies class at Cholla. Student **Stephanie Medina** won the state competition with an exhibit on "Lebanese Immigration into Mexico." A check payable to **Cholla Magnet H.S.** is to be mailed to L. Adeli, CMES, 845 N. Park Ave, Rm 470, Tucson 85721. To receive an Arizona school tax credit, go online at www.tusd1.org/contents/distinfo/aztaxcredit/printform.asp

A week late now, but did you know? **Cinco de Mayo**, is not only a Mexican holiday, but might be considered an American holiday as well. Father Mike reviewed how France had designs on ruling a Mexican empire at the same time they were supplying arms to Confederate rebels in our country (circa 1862.) At a site 100 miles east of Mexico City, Mexican defenders "proceeded to butcher" the charging French infantrymen. This Mexican victory, incorrectly thought of as Mexico's Independence Day, stopped the French from further action in Mexico and in the U.S., as the defeat halted the French from further supplying the Confederate rebels. Result! The Union forces prevailed; causing some to wonder what our country would have looked like today had the French support of the Confederacy allowed the South to be the victor.

Service to Rotary



Sojourner Will Files, from Homer, Alaska is known by most club members for his service in establishing District 5010 health fairs in Russia. Will's district is the largest geographical district in R.I. and includes Alaska, the Yukon Territory (Canada) and the parts of Russia.

Since we met last week (May 5th), Will has flown into Anchorage and then over to Talkeetna, in the foothills of Mt. McKinley, to chair a District 5010 Grants meeting to process 1) Matching Grants, 2) District Service Grants, 3) Volunteer Service Grants and 4) 3H Grants. Participants were tutored on how to write grants for Rotary instigated programs. Rotary does not discourage clubs from supporting local agencies, but grants are intended to support only new programs developed by Rotary.

A quick trip to Alaska and back to the warmth of Green Valley is truly being of service to Rotary.

The Program

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SHS Robot team member Veronica Madison demonstrates the robots. Watching are: Ernesto Celava, Carlos Martinez and Harry Fancher

Rotarians and their guest did not know what to expect. There were questions. Does each competing team build the same Robot? Where do they get the materials?

It was found that Vex Robotics is a division of Innovation First, Inc., a company that provides the erector set type structural elements, motors, gears, wheels, cables, programming software and even advice on fund raising. Vex's aggressive marketing plan promotes the competitions held around the world. Their literature notes, "As a team, students work from kits and learn about areas in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM.)"

So! What value comes to the students from Vex's promotion efforts? To put this in perspective, Rotary member and Continental Supt. of Schools **Jim Nelson** recently summed up the robotics phenomena in the Green Valley News. Jim said, "The competition promotes science and math education and critical life skills such as teamwork and problem solving. "

So! Here are some specifics about the Sahuarita High School Robotics Team, our guests last week. The club started in 2004 with six members. Since then, the program has grown to over 50 members and they have branched into eight teams. They have competed in Las Vegas, San Diego, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Omaha and most recently in Dallas for the World Competition. They have placed in many of these tournaments.

The team won the right to qualify for the World Competition after placing in the recently held Arizona Vex Robotics Tournament here in Sahuarita.



Veronica Madison and Katie Tingle

Led by **Katie Tingle**, our February student of the month, each member outlined their responsibilities as a team member and the personal value received through their participation in the Robotic Club.

- **Katie Tingle** - The public relations person and a design team member in addition to a hefty involvement in other extra curricular events
- **Harry Fancher** - The video expert
- **Ernesto Celava** - An interesting story - self-described as "destructive in the past," the Robotics coach (**Enrique Santa Cruz**) influenced Ernesto to join the Robotics Club which Ernesto claims "kept him to stay in line." A 4.0 student now, Celava is looking at a career in mechanical engineering
- **Carlos Martinez** - The Robotic Club has allowed him to gain social skills, become a team member and see beautiful cities. He is considering an electrical engineering career

The raffle

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

- **Mary Jane Goodrick**

May 12, 2009 drawing for the PHF awards

- **Father Mike Shay (2), Steve Britts and Mary Jane Goodrick**

Winner of the wine

- **Dave Polsky**

Noble Rose, Editor
Bill McGibbon, Photographer

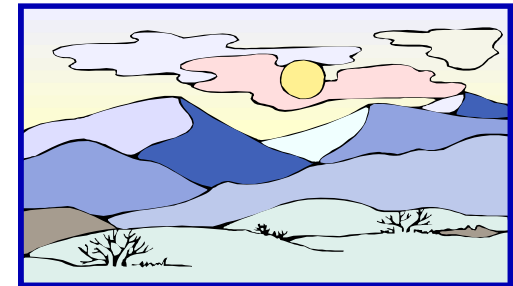
The Desert Wheel



Dong Kurn Lee (D.K.)

R.I. President

Rotary Club of Yangdong, South Korea



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