

**Today** **April 3, 2018**

**Program:** *Community Service Awards*  
**Greeter:** Joyce Finkelstein  
**Invoker:** Charlie Reppenhagen

**Next Meeting** **April 10, 2018**

**Program:** *Erin Santsche-Thomas – Sahuarita Park*  
**Greeter:** Bill Miller  
**Invoker:** Chet Davis

**Last Meeting** **March 27, 2018**

**Visiting Rotarians / Sojourners –**

**Guests –**

**Roxanne Rico** CS Superintendent  
**Nathan Bacall** PC Sup. Asst.

**Birthdays / Anniversaries –**

7-Apr **Clement Nick** birthday  
 8-Apr **Pease Mike** birthday

**Make-ups –**

**R Update from March 27**

**Pot:** \$606  
**Cards:** 41  
**Club ytd:** \$2544



*Invite a Friend to  
Lunch*

Paul Harris / Wine / Raffle Winners		
March	Marvin Hass	
April		
Card Drawing	Bill McGibbon	Qh
Wine	Ken Frahm	

**Foundation Report**



In early March RI Representative **Chris Ashcraft** told us money was still coming in for the Sports Challenge. He reminded us the money supports things like the South Africa group study exchange with Zambia, from which some great stories have emerged.

Remember there are many ways to donate, including bequest.

**Bacchanal Well Done**

Not only does our 3<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser of the year promise to be our most lucrative, it gives members a chance to connect with our community and with one another in a non-meeting setting. Secretary **Michael Pease** chatted about teaching with special ed teacher **Erin Santsche-Thomas**, who will be speaking next week about establishing a fully accessible park in Sahuarita. The Club especially thanks **Jill Leach**, **Paul Loomans**, and **Marvin Hass** for their hard work, GVR for making the West Center available, and La Posada for providing the food.



**County School Superintendent**



**Dustin Williams**, who is an alumnus of Amphi High, U of A, and NAU, started his career teaching elementary school, most recently 6<sup>th</sup> grade math, but his passion for education led him to run successfully for County Superintendent of Schools. Even though he knew nothing about the job when he ran, it was clear he has

learned a lot in just 1½ years. He said distribution of state money is determined by a complicated 25-year-old algorithm (there's a math word for you), that 85% of the state's school children live in Maricopa and Pima Counties, and that besides dealing with the money he also deals with people, having the authority to appoint school board members in non-election years. His 1<sup>st</sup> priority is kids; his 2<sup>nd</sup> is a good fit for the community involved.

He had criticisms for the Arizona Merit Test, the state-mandated test in math and English given to all students in grades 3 – 12, either on paper or on computer. He said it is a very serious test, since it is a measure of student progress and the success (or not) of the educational system, but the system is flawed. The test is given just once a year, and that puts too much stress on students and is a poor snapshot of kids and programs. Another flaw, largely due to funding, is the poorest student to counselor ratio in the country, 900:1, where 225:1 is recommended. He added that the recent election that extended the 0.6¢ sales tax (for education) for another 20 years was crucial: failure would have cut teacher salaries (already low) by \$8000 per year. **Williams** was also critical of charter schools, pointing out their finances are not nearly as transparent as public schools even though they are using public tax money.

## The Rotary Club of Green Valley

### Board of Directors 2017-2018

President:	<b>Julie Reppenhagen</b>
President-elect:	<b>Jill Leach</b>
President-nominee	<b>Paul Loomans</b>
Secretary:	<b>Michael Pease</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Becky Roberts</b>
Past President:	<b>Andy Heideman</b>
Member	<b>Jack Carter</b>
Member	<b>Marvin Hass</b>
Member	<b>Katie Carter</b>
Member	<b>Charlie Reppenhagen</b>
Member	<b>Jerry Kriebel</b>

### General Information

- **Joe Hentges**, District 5500 Governor (RC of Marana-Dove Mountain)
- **Joyce Finkelstein**, ADG (RC of Green Valley)

**Club website:** [www.rotaryclubofgreenvalley.org](http://www.rotaryclubofgreenvalley.org)

**Secretary email:** [gvrotary@yahoo.com](mailto:gvrotary@yahoo.com)

**Facebook:** Rotary Club of Green Valley. *Like us.*

### Green Valley Rotary Foundation Trustees: 2017-2018

President	<b>Joyce Finkelstein</b>
Vice President	<b>Bill McCreery</b>
Treasurer	<b>Paul Loomans</b>
Secretary	<b>Katie Carter</b>
Club President	<b>Julie Reppenhagen</b>
Club Past President	<b>Andy Heideman</b>
Member	<b>Nick Clement</b>
Member	<b>Frank Coggins</b>
Member	<b>Chet Davis</b>
Member	<b>Justin Dodds</b>
Member	

### Make-up Locations

**On-line - [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)  
[www.recswusa.org](http://www.recswusa.org)**

**Wednesday @ 6:45 AM** - Rio Rico Rotary Club,  
Rio Rico Golf Club - I-19 Exit 17 West

**Wednesday @ 12:00 noon** – Tucson Rotary  
Club, Double Tree Hotel, Alvernon

**Thursday @ 6:45 AM** - Valle Verde Rotary Club,  
GV Community Church - Esperanza at La Cañada

**Thursday @ 7:00 AM** – Tucson Sunrise Rotary  
Club, Arizona Inn

**Thursday @ Noon**, Nogales Rotary Club,  
Americana Hotel

**Friday @ 8:00 AM** - Tubac Rotary Club, Tubac  
Country Club



**Club President Julieanne Reppenhagen**

*Service is love made  
visible.*

# The Desert Wheel



**RI President – Ian Risely  
Rotary Club of Sandringham,  
Australia**

The Rotary Club of Green Valley  
meets on Tuesdays @ 11:30 AM at the  
Grill on the Green  
5800 S Camino Del Sol  
Green Valley, AZ

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