

All you need to know about the Rotary Club of Green Valley!!

Then

How the club began

On November 19, 1970, Fredrich G. Behner, Jr., a Rotarian from Monroe, Michigan, placed ad In the Green Valley news for Rotarians to meet and discuss a new club for Green Valley.

The sponsoring club was the Old Pueblo Club of Tucson, Arizona, J. Walter Nelson, President.

Behner and District Governor William E. Craig prepared the formal application, which was hand carried to RI Evanston, Illinois by Fred Behner.

Provisional Acceptance

On January 12, 1971, official recognition of the formation of a provisional club in Green Valley was received from RI, and the first meeting was held at the Que Paso Restaurant in Green Valley.

Provisional officers included:

- Fred Behner, President
- Ed Karn, Vice President
- Ray Marks, Secretary
- Bill Parks, Treasurer

Chartered

The official date of the charter was January 21, 1971. Charter Night ceremonial pomp and circumstance occurred at the Ramada Inn in Tucson, Arizona on February 23, 1971, coinciding with R.I. 66th birthday. Tucson Rotarians and guests numbered 196m two of who were R.I. Past Directors, Al McKeown and Reginald Smith.

Original Members

Fredrich G. Behner, Jr.; Edward F. Karn; Arthur B. Heiberg; Paul Carmi Smith; George H. Bowman.; William S. Parks; John T. Crawford; Howard J. Rustanik; Hersel Wendell Hudson; Edward C. Bryden; Charles Frederic Bonnet; G. George Baldwin; Raymond C. Marks; George E. Olmstead; Rev. Rector W. Johnson; Joe H. Canfield; Warren E. Culbertson; Robert Swerny, DDS; Kyle C. Hawkins, MD; Dallas Larsen; David Wesley Barns; Robert D. Lynn; John P. Sinclair; Clifford A. Teufel and Rev. Monsignor John F. Burns.

Meeting Places over the Years

- Que Paso Restaurant
- Green Valley Country Club
- St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church
- Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
- West Center Auditorium
- Canoa Hills Social Center
- St. Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Now

Community participation

Many of the agencies in Green Valley have Rotarians as founding members or serving on their Boards - whether it is Casa de Esperanza, Valley Assistance Services, the Food Bank, White Elephant, the Community Foundation or any of the other scores of volunteer and service organizations that are in the Community, we take care of one another.

We support our schools with mentors and volunteers and we provide scholarships to help the next generation to succeed

We have served meals to the homeless and have visited those who are alone

We provide coats and shoes to those who are in need and food for their tables

International participation

We have sent shelter boxes to disaster area, provided those who cannot walk with wheelchairs, provided hearing aids to children in Argentina and other South American countries

With particular local pride, we have been the pilot club in working with other clubs internationally in providing clean water filtering systems in schools in northern Thailand.

Through our local support to Rotary International (RI) and the Rotary Foundation, the club is working to eradicate polio in the world. Along with all 1,200,000 Rotarians world-wide, we have given funds to match those donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in the quest to eradicate polio.,

Women in Rotary

Since R.I.'s admittance of women into membership in 1987, the Club has been presided over by three women. Approximately 25% of the club's members are women. Women have been District Governors of District 5500, the R.I. district inclusive the clubs in the lower 1/3rd of the State of Arizona.

Camaraderie, Networking and Sojourners

Social events are held during the year to include spouses or significant others.

Wintering Rotarians from the upper 48, Alaska and Canada are warmly welcomed as "Sojourners." This group represents about 50% of the club's regular membership. The Sojourners participate in all the club's activities.

Presidents of the Rotary Club of Green Valley

Fredrich G. Behner	1971 – 1972	Herbert Morgan	1997 – 1998
Edwin Karn	1972 – 1973	John H. Ehrenfeld	1998 – 1999
Roger W. Baxter	1973 – 1974	R. Scott Jacobson	1998 – 1999
Charles F. Bonnet	1974 – 1975	Richard Roberts	1999 – 2000
William S. Parks	1975 – 1976	Arleen Boyuls	2000 – 2001
Robert B. McGhee	1976 – 1977	Robert Lehnhardt	2001 – 2002
James R. Livingston	1977 – 1978	Kenneth Swiniuch	2002 – 2003
Olaf Solstad	1978 – 1979	Nick Clement	2003 – 2004
Leo Rummell	1979 – 1980	Father Mike Shay	2004 – 2005
Irving G. Reamer	1980 – 1981	William Bennett	2005 – 2006
Donald W. Gray & Richard B. McKnight	1981 – 1982	Thomas C. Bunting, MD	2006 – 2007
Richard B. McKnight	1982 – 1983	Mark Dugan	2007 – 2008
Robert C. Gelbach	1983 – 1984	Jerome Ochs	2008 – 2009
William A. McGibbon	1984 – 1985	Mitch Salyers	2009 – 2010
Albert J Altar, MD	1985 – 1986	Joyce Finkelstein	2010 – 2011
Robert M. Fleury	1986 – 1987	Jim Nelson	2011 – 2012
Gerald Sanders	1987 – 1988	Dave Polsky	2012 – 2013
James D. Wright, DDS	1988 – 1989	Jack Carter	2013 – 2014
Joseph N. Crystall	1989 – 1990	Dick Roberts	2014 – 2015
Charles E. Gabrielson	1990 – 1991	Katie Carter	2015 – 2016
James D. Schafer	1991 – 1992	Andy Heideman	2016 – 2017
Alan W. Grayban	1992 – 1993		
James E. Pfenning	1993 – 1994		
Areta D. Finch	1994 – 1995		
Timothy A. Olcott	1995 – 1996		
Frank Arrotta	1996 – 1997		