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***Club Assembly Recap***

*Our recent Club Assembly was a remarkable demonstration of "service above self".  Each committee chair reported on their respective committee's plans, accomplishments, hard work, and hopes for the future.  Our club's impact in the community is grounded in the work of each of our committees.  The following is a recap of what has been accomplished during the first quarter of this Rotary year.*

**International Services:**  Chair, Harvey Smith, reported on the following projects:

* Hands-on International project, Corazon “Build a house in a Day” in Tecate, MX, coming up on October 26th.
* Participation in Global Grants
  + Ninas Sabias, Lake Chapala, Mexico
  + Wash for Kundiawa College of Nursing, Papua New Guinea (PNG)
  + Die Eiland Care Facility upgrade, Cape Town, South Africa
  + Vaatjie Mor primary School upgrade, Cape Town, South Africa; non participating partner.
  + Opportunity to improve Economic Opportunities for youth and community members living in poverty, especially women in Senegal, West Africa
* ShelterBox: Our club renewed as a Silver Hero  club to  assist in emergency  habitation worldwide.
* MicroCredit Partner:  Our club joined as a new partner to assist small business owners in Nogales and Hermosillo, MX

**Community Services**: Leslie Castner (reporting on behalf of committee chair, John Howard) reminded us that our club brings significant time, talent, and treasure to the community by participating in both service and financial giving.  Our service objectives are to make sure our projects are meaningful and impactful.  Since July 1st, we have directly and indirectly impacted 2,390 people!  We have many partners in this work, such as Oracle Community Center, San Manuel Revitalization Coalition, IMPACT, SaddleBrooke Community Outreach, Tri-Community Food Bank, and YMCA Oracle

We also have many service project types.  For example:

* Occasional, one time opportunities
  + Senior Holiday Luncheon
  + Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution
  + Wreaths Across America
  + SMRC National Night Out
* Ongoing, recurring opportunities
  + Packing IMPACT bags
  + OCC Monthly Monday Luncheon
  + American Avenue Roadside Cleanup

Members are encouraged to get involved and help make a difference!

**New Generations:**Chair, Roger Bailey, reported on committee activities.  Plans include:

* Focus on youth and support other committee activities that relate to youth, i.e.,
  + Vocational:  Career Pathways
  + Community Service: Service projects that serve youth and families
  + Environmental: Youth Environmental Education @ Oracle State Park
  + Peace & Conflict Resolution: SMART and Peace Pole with Interact
  + International:  Youth related global grant - Care Facility/CapeTown
* Strengthen existing programs, leverage to build partner relationships, and engage more members to help with:
  + Interact - Service club for youth
  + RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) - Leadership camp for youth
* Perform needs assessment and determine greatest needs in the area of promoting literacy and other youth needs
  + Reviewing proposed Book Mobile project with SBCO
* Make youth related funding recommendations
  + Academic Scholarships
  + FFK (Golf Tournament) Grants
  + Emerging Community Youth Needs

There is much work to be done and the committee is looking for more help!

**Peace & Conflict Resolution**: Chair, Doug May, reported on the Youth Diversion Training Program that we support in partnership with Arizona Youth Partnership.  Students who have been suspended are required to participate in student/family meetings.  Results of the program look promising as students have measurable academic growth as a result.  In addition, there is a 0% recidivism rate.

The committee is also reviewing a new initiative, Project SMART in partnership with the Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention(RAG AP).  The SMART program has the following elements and the committee is working to determine which element to tackle first:

* ***S****-school education*=12-14-month implementation/requires school contacts/school board/teachers union
* ***M****-Medicine and drug disposal*=14-month implementation/requires contact with City officials/mayor/city manager/city attorney/meeting with city officials
* ***A****-awareness* is 2 parts Naloxone training/Steri-Clean drug clean up=2 months implementation. Naloxone Training can start within 60 days and hold classes on a regular basis throughout the community/TV/Radio/News coverage immediately,  Steri-Clean Drug Clean=2 months making community aware of clean up of contaminated Police,Fire,EMS,Hotels,Motels, Police Departments, Patrol Cars, EMS vehicles
* ***R****-recovery*=3 months implementation of database on our website or RAG AP website providing our community with ability to see actual success rate of Rehab Recovery Centers before they pay.
* ***T****-Treatment*=4 months implementation of cards/website and advertising of the availability or 24/7 telehealth for treatment.

The chair of the Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention North America Chapter will be presenting to our club on October 24th.  More to come!

**Environmental**: Tom Fraioli, reporting on behalf of chair, Bill Demeroutis, described the following activities of the committee:

* Soft Plastic Recycling
* Road Cleanup
* Support other recycling Programs
* Investigate Solar
* Look at Tucson hard plastic recycling program

The committee is thrilled to report that the club has already reached the first 1000 lb goal of the Soft Plastic Recycling Program.  We have received our first bench and will display it at the District Conference in the Hall of Friendship.  We are now collecting for our partner, SaddleBrooke Community Outreach (SBCO), for a second bench.

**Membership:**  Chair, Diane Demeroutis, reported that we currently have 64 members with the additions of our latest new members, Jan Baker, Dan Devou, and Bill Vetger.  The committee is always looking for more help and is especially in need of a mentor coordinator.  She reminded all of us to work on our "elevator speech" so we can help spread the word and recruit more new members.  Our pitch should:

* Connect to the listener
* Explain Rotary's value proposition
* Have a hook
* Incorporate a call to action

**Finance & Technology:** Committee Chair, Joe Guyton, also reporting as our Club's Foundation Treasurer, reviewed our financial status.  Questions about the Foundation's finances (charitable giving) can be directed to Joe.  Club finances (club operations) can be directed to Lynn Devou, Club Treasurer.

*I****f you haven't joined a committee yet, you are encouraged to do so.  Participating in a committee is where service begins.  Our club needs your ideas, passion, and talent to meet its mission to improve lives in ways that are beneficial to all concerned.***