



Valle Verde
Rotary
 Green Valley



CACTUS CHRONICLES

Birthdays

Francis
 Howe
 February
 15th
 Susan J.
 Horton
 February
 19th
 Nicole
 Raymond
 March 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

Richard
 Buckman
 March 9th
 Martin
 Gomez
 March 10th

Years of Service

Thomas E.
 Cooke
 02-02-2006
 18 Years
 James E.
 Rusk
 02-16-2006
 18 Years
 Sharon
 Gaipman
 02-08-2016
 8 Years
 Deborah
 McGhie
 Wright
 02-16-2017
 7 Years

Judy
 Lindsey
 02-13-2020
 4 Years

Sarah C.
 Sheehan
 02-01-2022
 2 Years

Flavia
 Nakayima
 Miuro
 01-26-2023
 1 Year

Joyce A.
 Edelson
 01-26-2023
 1 Year

Maureen
 Kelly Raso
 01-26-2023
 1 Year

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Meeting Notes by Dean Tibbetts

Reflection: Joyce Edelson - The origin of Valentines was thought to be from St Valentine. She reminded us to spread spread love, compassion and respect on Valentine's Day.



Attendance: 42 Rotarians present

Announcements:

- Roxanna Rico reviewed plans for the Peace Committee. Primary Focus - Positive Peace. Focus efforts on Be Kind, conflict resolution and anti-bullying. She shared many possible programs that encourage peace in the community and schools. Let Roxanna know if you would like to join the committee.





- Jazz in the Desert still needs about 90 tickets purchased for the evening show and dinner.
- Rotarian Leadership Inst will begin April 27 which can be attended on zoom. Club will cover the cost of registration.
- PETS conference - Michelle reported on her attendance. Rotary Theme for the incoming Pres. Stephanie Urchick will be "Magic of Rotary" - believe, spread and build Rotary; Help to build Magic in our communities.
- Sue Horton presented Michelle with a Paul Harris plus three pin.





50/50 - Ernie Boll had the winning ticket but drew the 2 of diamonds. The total is up to \$2428.

Coin Jars - Joyce Edelson had the winning ticket and chose to donate the winnings to Valle Verde Rotary Club Foundation.

Program: TED talk on YouTube. YouTube is an online video sharing and social media platform owned by Google. Web videos that we can all make can go viral and make you famous. How many videos are uploaded to YouTube every day? As of January 2024, it's estimated that around 3.7m new videos are uploaded to YouTube every day - that's around 271,330 hours of video content based on an average length of 4.4 minutes. But how do they become famous? It happens in three different ways - Tastemakers like Jimmy Kimmel will highlight a video on his show which causes a sudden surge in video viewers, Communities of Participation where people start making parodies or copying it, and unexpectedness.

The next video was instruction on a better way to tie your shoes. You will have to ask John Knutsen how to tie your shoes because I can't put it into words,

John finished off the program by interviewing Ron Darrah. Ron shared that he retired from the fire service after 32yrs as a Battalion Chief. He met his now wife Sherri when she was a new dispatcher. After he failed to retire, he did many jobs at Quail Creek. He has continued his joy of gardening, which is very different in the desert compared to California. If he could be a superhero, he would be Captain Rotary, so he could serve all the people in the community.

Next week: David Caballero (retired Marine & retired UA Police)-Devil Pups

Greeter: Bill Grantham

Reflection:

Jazz in the Desert Helper needed!

Several weeks ago, I asked for help picking up musical instruments at Chicago Music in Tucson on Friday, March 1, and returning them on Monday, March 4. I have one volunteer with a covered pickup, and I remember someone else, possibly with a van, but I can't remember who that was. Please e-mail me at steve@sibulsky.com if you can help.

What's Happening in the Future:

Breakfast offerings: Order full breakfast (\$13) or continental breakfast (\$8) for this Thursday's meeting by letting Charlotte Gates Chargates1012@gmail.com know of your breakfast order for this week's meeting. **Deadline to order is Tuesday, February 13, by 1:00p.m.**

Tasty Tuesday - Feb 20 at 4:30 will be a potluck at Moe's house. Sign up with your choice of what to bring.

Jazz in the Desert is less than three weeks away - March 2, 2024. Have you purchased tickets to attend? Have you expressed your interest in volunteering to help with so many tasks to be done? A special thank you to all members who have donated so many items for the silent auction. You should see the wonderful collection of items that Nancy Green and JoAnne Sapp are assembling - they have taken over a room in Nancy's house.

There are so many members that have been instrumental in the success of Jazz - too many to mention here lest I omit a name. Just a deeply felt sense of gratitude for the dedication of those individuals.

Micro-Credit Program: Dates are available but with limited seating to travel to Mexico to observe the Microcredit Program. The dates of future trips are March 22-24, and April 26-28. All expenses are paid for the bus ticket, hotel and meals. Please let Gary Friedman know of your interest in going. Seating is limited.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Continental School - monthly cleaning of outdoor musical instruments - contact Bill Grantham

Fisher House - The Airborne team will cook on Thursday, February 15. Donations of gift cards, coffee pods and cleaning supplies are all greatly appreciated. Let John Yeager know of your interest in participating.

Books for Classrooms is seeking volunteers to help sort and prepare books on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00pm. They are also seeking drivers to deliver the books. If you can help, please contact Linda Laird at lindalaird@booksforclassroom.org.

The Continental School Love of Reading program will be held this week. Last minute volunteers, please contact Roxana Rico at roxana.rico@csd39.org

Valle Verde Rotary Club Information

Valle Verde Rotary Club meets:

Thursdays, 6:45 AM

La Posada Rec Center

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ZOOM Information

Meeting ID: 968 0975 7847

Passcode: 832338