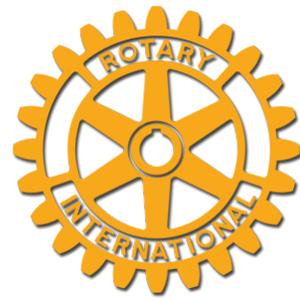


Rotary

Club of Valle Verde-Green Valley



Birthdays

Gwen M. Lamb
August 20th
Michele Lewis
August 21st
John M. Pilger
August 21st
David B Wickstrom
August 23rd
Sharon Gaipman
August 30th
John A Yeager
September 3rd
Mary L. Fisher
September 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

James Blackburn
September 4th
Mark A. Horton
September 6th
Susan J. Horton
September 6th
Ron George Darrah
September 7th
Mary L. Fisher
September 8th
Michael Paul Barker
September 11th

Meeting Notes August 18, 2022

By Dean Tibbetts

Nancy Green served as Sue Horton's replacement and provided the **Moment of Reflection**, encouraging **kindness and a special heart that listens**.

Attendance - There were 28 Rotary members attending in person, 6 members attending via ZOOM, and three guests including Assistant District Governor Bruce Monro, Leslie Stroescher, and Marie Mantia. Leslie and Marie are both considering applying for membership in Valle Verde. Today was the second occurrence of the rare "Rotary Double". Last week the award went to Roxana Rico and this week to Charlotte Gates. Each attended via ZOOM and also made an in-person appearance in the meeting room!

Announcements:

- Bruce Monro announced the approval of the District Grant for the cleft palate surgery program through St Andrew's Clinic to be held September 23-24. There is room for one volunteer to go to Hermosillo and assist families on the date of surgery. See Bruce, Joyce, or Sue.
- Second, Bruce announced Warmth From the Heart will be held with coat distribution November 5 and 12. Bruce is looking for financial support from the I-19 clubs and help collecting and sorting coats.
- Gary Friedman noted the District Grant for the Continental School pergola project was also approved.
- Mary Fisher announced Dress for Success will be held September 17, but without kids being present. There has already been a significant occurrence of Covid infection at Sopori School.
- Craig Altschul announced the Jazz committee met at the casino and all is going well. Those who are selling sponsorships or on the committee or who just want to have one, new Jazz sport shirts will be ordered from Sport Authority at a cost of \$35 and up depending on size. To place the order, we will need to purchase at least 12 shirts.
- Ron Darrah has 2023 calendars for sale at \$5 each with proceeds going to the Valle Verde Foundation. See Ron for the calendars and pay Gary Friedman.
- A signup sheet for the Thirsty Thursday with pizza and beer at the Ramada next Thursday was circulated.
- JP announced he has Jim Click tickets to sell benefitting St Andrew's Clinic.
- Frances received a donation of scrap aluminum from the man who repaired his skylight. Frances recycled the aluminum generating \$580 which he donated to the Valle Verde Rotary Foundation.
- Gary Friedman reported the Micro Credit program will again be

operating, putting to use \$5,500 in their account.

50/50 Raffle - Frances conducted the raffle valued at \$286. Ann Marsh's ticket was drawn by our speaker, Kimberly Ely. Ann did not find the Joker.

Speaker Kimberly Ely - Patronato San Xavier

Kimberly is the first Development Director at San Xavier, a non-profit dedicated to saving historic architecture. She has held this position since July 2018. Previously she was the Vice President for Development of the Tucson Symphony and has been involved in fundraising over 20 years. She has been a Rotarian in Nashville and Tucson.

San Xavier Del Bac was founded as a Catholic Mission. San Xavier is the only surviving mission in Arizona and is the finest example of Spanish Ultra-Baroque Architecture. It is an active church serving the local community. The World Monuments Fund recognizes it as a culturally significant historical building. Father Kino established the original mission in 1692.

Patronato San Xavier is a non-profit involved in scientific research interpreting the significance of Mission San Xavier Del Bac. It is part of the Tohono O'odham Reservation. They hope to resume walk up tours in October.

A full conservation management plan has been delivered to begin long term restoration. Starr Herr-Carrillo serves as project manager of restoration. Art conservators are Matilde Rubio and husband Tim Lewis. Susie Moreno serves as an intern, and Luke Addington is a wood conservator.

During the pandemic, restoration of statues took place, including the statue of St Frances of Assisi. Through their work, they have developed techniques which they share with other restorers.

The East Tower was also restored during the pandemic. The church bells are rung by the community bell ringer to announce events in the community such as deaths. The bells are also being restored.

Future projects include the facade and interior dome work which will require hiring additional restorers.

The restoration plan is an 8-year, \$8 million planned program of continued maintenance to avoid having to react to problems as they occur.

There is only one tower because there were not funds in 1797 to build a second tower. Early restoration in the 1950's used Portland cement which held moisture and needed to be removed in a later restoration which used original materials such as the juice from the Nopal cactus.

The school at the mission has needed to close due to declining enrollment and lack of staff.

Next Week- Sue Horton and Steve Sibulsky - Review of Rotary International Convention