

Rotary

Club of Valle Verde-Green Valley



Birthdays

JoAnne Sapp
August 9th
Raymond L. Cook
August 13th
Tim Campbell
August 14th
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

Wedding Anniversaries

Judy Lindsey
August 15th
James Blackburn
September 4th

Meeting Notes August 4, 2022

By Dean Tibbetts on Thursday, August 4, 2022

Moment of Reflection - Kathleen Silvers opened the meeting with the thought from Liz Cohn's memorial service and John Wesley, "Do all the good you can by all the means you can in all ways you can in all the places you can to all the people you can as long as ever you can."

Attendance - Mary Fisher subbed for President Sue Horton. There were 31 Rotarians attending in person, 5 members on ZOOM, and guest Angel Allen.

Announcements -

- Mary Fisher honored all members with birthdays and anniversaries in August.
- Craig Altschul announced news from Jazz. Thank you to those who have responded to requests to solicit sponsorships. There will be a brunch at the morning show featuring the elementary and middle schools. CPAC is the matinee sponsor for the event. A \$25 gift certificate to CPAC will be given to every Matinee show adult attendee.
- James Taylor announced the 232nd anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard is today. Veterans of the Coast Guard are being honored at Fry's from 10:00 AM to Noon today. Free cake is being given to everyone attending.
- The Valle Verde Rotary Foundation met today after the morning meeting. The District 5500 Peace Committee will meet next Wednesday at 6:00 PM via ZOOM. All are invited to attend. Kathleen will send out more information.
- Mary Fisher mentioned the Books For Classrooms book donation was delivered last Friday by Valle Verde Rotary members and friends Michele Lewis, Charlotte Gates, Nancy Green, Phil Silvers, Mary Fisher, Flavia Nakayima Miuro, and Marie Mantia. Look to page A4 in the Green Valley News August 3 for the story submitted by Steve Sibulsky.

Member Installation - Kathy Dean became Valle Verde Rotary's newest member in a ceremony led by Michele Lewis, Gary Friedman, and sponsor, Ann Marsh. Kathy's Rotary mentor is Mary Fisher. Kathy moved to Green Valley two years ago and has resided in Oregon and many other places. She has had a variety of career experiences ranging from jail matron, accountant, city clerk, technical editor, assistant to a CEO, and organizing community activities. Kathy enjoys red wine, quilting, and rescuing runaway dogs. Welcome Kathy.

50/50 Raffle - We have a winner. Ray Cook (we had no idea he once had a magic act with a deck of cards) drew the Joker and received half the \$501 pot.

PROGRAM GUEST: Sahuarita Chief of Police John Nolan

John came to Sahuarita as its Chief of Police in 2014 after 30 years in law enforcement in Santa Rosa, CA. He had a wide variety of experiences in California, filling many different roles there. John has a Master's Degree in Organizational Development from California State University Sonoma.

John told us the Sahuarita Police Department employs 74 people with 57 police officers among them. The communities of Green Valley and Sahuarita, being next to each other, leads to sharing responsibilities between the Sahuarita Police Department and Pima County Sheriff's Department. Sometimes the Sahuarita police will respond to Green Valley calls to assist and the Sheriff will assist in Sahuarita as needed.

Training of police officers and investigators is at a high level going wherever the best training is available. The department strives to provide the best training available to remain current in all areas. Finding people wanting to serve in the police department is a challenge and as is funding.

The department is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Following best practices leads to becoming an accredited department eligible for federal grants to assist running programs and training.

Responding to questions from club members, John indicated his officers are trained to go, go, go into an active shooter situation as occurred in Uvalde, TX. The Sahuarita Police Department has School Resource Officers working in Sahuarita schools to work with kids, teach, respond, and be a source of enforcement.

The mental health hotline will be a big assist to the police providing assistance to those in need of counseling. There will still need to be police involvement in many cases.

Traffic citations are the most frequent crimes in our communities. Next is theft, domestic violence, drugs, assault, and homicide. Our communities are among the safest communities in Arizona.

The Stone Garden Grant program provides funds for overtime allowing three to four patrols per week to deal with the crimes of human trafficking, drugs, and illegal weapons.

NEXT WEEK: Scott Somers - Green Valley Recreation Update