

Birthdays

Gary R. Friedman
October 4th
Richard Deaver
October 5th
Ann W. Marsh
October 5th
Charlotte Gates
October 19th

Wedding Anniversaries

John A Yeager
October 2nd

Meeting Notes September 22, 2022

By Dean Tibbetts on Thursday, September 22, 2022

Attendance - There were 31 active members in attendance in person, 2 active or honorary members on ZOOM, and guests Eugene Friesen, Sahuarita School, District CFO Lizette Huie, and speaker and Sahuarita School District Superintendent Dr. Manuel Valenzuela.

Moment of Reflection - Kathleen Silvers presented excerpts from Robert Fulghum about everything he needed to know were learned in kindergarten—the really important essential things of life. Remember to have your cookies and milk right before your afternoon nap. Hold hands and stick together.

Presentations- Kathy Dean and Steve Sibulsky presented Rotary Club flags from their visits to clubs in Astoria, OR and Key West, FL. Gary Friedman presented Angelica Chavez with her well-earned Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pin.

President's Comments - Sue Horton thanked all who took part in Dress for Success. She also highlighted the September 21 International Peace Day noting Rotarians promote peace in the world in their roles as practitioners, educators, mediators, and advocates. Rotary creates an environment where peace can happen. Sue recognized Francis Howe for his donation of scrap aluminum to benefit youth.

Announcements -

* Craig Altschul reported LaPosada will be a Jazz in the Desert partner and Phil Silvers a half note sponsor

* District Conference 9/23 and 9/24

* Tell Your Story for 35th Anniversary 9/29, 10/6, and 10/13

* Board Meeting 10/3

* Club Assembly 10/6

* 35th Anniversary Celebration 10/21

* Oktoberfest Historic Canoa Ranch Green Valley Rotary 10/22

* World Polio Day 10/24

* Michele Lewis is leading the Andi Grantham indoor Ride to End Polio

* Calendars are available \$5

* Peace Committee meets 9/29

* JP will begin taking pledges for Ride to End Polio

* We will meet 9/29 on the fifth Thursday of September

* Roxana Rico qualified for the roping competition in Las Vegas in December

* Gary Friedman has received the District Grant check for the pergola project at Continental School

* Gary also announced six Rotarians will visit Hermosillo including Tim Dugan

* Charlotte Gates reported Bob and Virginia Juettner welcome all Rotary visitors

50/50 Raffle - Tom Cooke's ticket was drawn. The pot is now \$778. Tom drew a spade. Ohhh.

Dr. Manuel Valenzuela - Superintendent Sahuarita Unified School District

Dr. Valenzuela has served in his role as Superintendent since 2010. Prior to that, his roles included science teacher, coach, assistant principal, elementary principal, and assistant superintendent. He was valedictorian of Flowing Wells School and is a member of that school's Alumni Hall of Fame and Athletic Hall of Fame.

During the pandemic, the district lost 600 students, but has rebounded with a 2.6% increase in students over last year. Currently there are 6,349 students in ten schools as of August. The district made adjustments and managed to not lay off any employees in the past year. There are many challenges such as loss of revenue due to reduced numbers of students and students lost to other school options and lack of available bus drivers. He remains a strong advocate for the public school system.

In his estimation kids are doing well. There are many examples of kids who are achieving at high levels in athletics, academics such as law school and acceptance to military academies, and kids learning skills which will allow them to begin earning a living when they finish high school. \$15M in post high school scholarships was awarded this past school year.

On the November mid-term ballot there are two education initiatives, Propositions 492 and 493, which request approval of continued additional financial support for the District's programs and needs. Maintenance & Operations is a continuation of additional financing to support school counselors, fine arts, physical education, commercial technical education, NJROTC, smaller class sizes, safety monitors, and athletics. District Additional Assistance provides money for needed equipment and capital outlays. Included in this category are music instruments, athletic equipment, school buses, instructional technology, and classroom furniture and equipment. The school tax rate has decreased in the recent tax statement.

Next Week - John Knutsen interviews selected club members