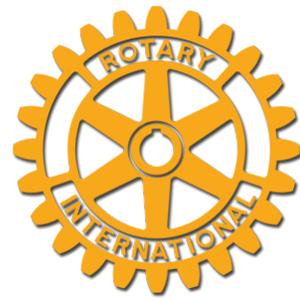


Rotary

Club of Valle Verde-Green Valley



Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael Paul Barker
September 11th
John A Yeager
October 2nd

Meeting Notes September 8, 2022

By Dean Tibbetts on Thursday, September 8, 2022

Attendance - There were 33 members attending in person, 5 active and honorary members on ZOOM, and 5 guests. Guests included Assistant District Governor, Joyce Finkelstein, former Valle Verde member, Cynthia Valencia and her invited guests Silvia Cuevas and niece Isania Lopeaux, and Ken Strocsher, husband of new member, Leslie.

Moment of Reflection - Phil Silvers provided a thoughtful message centered on the Four Way Test. Rotary is a tribe welcoming all religious groups, all nations, and all ethnicities. We are tied together by the belief in service not self and the Four Way Test. As we recite the Four Way Test at the close of our meeting, how do we utilize the Four Way Test? We may wish to shift the Preamble of the Four Way Test in our minds to the things "I" think, say, or do.

Retirement Announcement - Esther Corrales announced today is her final day at The Salvation Army. She also provided a signup sheet for Christmas bell ringing. Congratulations Esther.

New Member Induction - Leslie Strocsher became the new newest member of Valle Verde Rotary. The ceremony was assisted by Assistant District Governor Joyce Finkelstein, Membership Chairperson Michele Lewis, Sponsor Kathleen Silvers, and President Sue Horton. Leslie is a nurse working in Green Valley and a resident of Sahuarita. Daughter of a military family, she has lived in various Arizona communities. She has an interest in other cultures, diversity, and in doing service projects in Mexico as well as here. She has a background of volunteering in medical missions and building houses in Mexico and with Habitat for Humanity. Her mentor is Ann Marsh.

Board Meeting Summary - Sue Horton summarized the action items from the September 5, 2022 Valle Verde Board Meeting. These include the purchase of new club signs with updated branding, financial support to the Nogales Jazz band to assist their fundraising for a Disneyland Music Days event, and the decision to not participate as a club in Warmth From the Heart in 2022. Members are encouraged to support this project with donations. Steve will post the complete Minutes of the Valle Verde Rotary Club Board meeting on the website.

50/50 Raffle - JP's ticket was drawn. His card was a Jack, so the pot continues to grow for next week.

Announcements -

September 8 Sopori School dictionaries given out
10 Hunger Walk

13 Tasty Tuesday
14 Delivery of donations to Sahuarita Food Bank
17 Dress for Success
21 Jazz Management Team meeting
23,24 District Conference

October 21 35th Anniversary Party

Michele Lewis announced on September 29, October 6, and October 13 members will have the opportunity to present a videotape message about their Rotary experience to be presented at the 35th Anniversary Celebration. The theme is "Remember When-Our Story."

Joyce Finkelstein has tickets to the Green Valley Rotary Club's Octoberfest on October 22 at the Canoa Ranch Lake Park. A hot German lunch will be served. Tickets are \$25.

Kathleen Silvers - Imagine: Rotary Creating Peace Through Education

Kathleen's introduction set a new record in Valle Verde speaker intros. Her lifetime contributions in the fields of education and Rotary leadership included ten paragraphs. In summary she has led an active productive life.

As chairperson of the Valle Verde Peace Committee, Kathleen has been active in leading the committee in developing its purpose and path towards Rotary's goal of creating a more peaceful world.

Kathleen described experiences in her life as a teacher and Rotarian—how education has impacted lives leading to peace and understanding.

In her first day as a first-grade teacher the children were eager to learn and to learn how to read. She began to write on the board beginning to teach reading. She knew her students were going to be successful with the knowledge they gained and the support of their families.

A trip to Russia resulted in meeting a Russian woman who had never met an American and thanked her for bring Rotary to her community.

In India, she could not understand the languages, but could read the gratitude on the face of a mother whose child born blind had been given the gift of sight by surgery provided by Rotary.

In Santiago, Chile she visited a rural school in an impoverished area outside the city. After the visit, children took her outside, held her hands together, and placed a flimsy cardboard box with fresh warm eggs just collected minutes before.

In Nairobi, Kenya, Rotarians took them to the largest poverty area in the city. At the school the students learned in Swahili and English. The children sang a song for her. "We are the children of Nairobi. We are proud. We are strong. We are good. We are intelligent. We work hard. We never give up. We are children of today. We are hope for tomorrow. We are the children of Nairobi. We are the future of the world."

Thank you Kathleen for sharing how through service in Rotary we are the future of the world creating peace through education.

Next week's program - Rebecca Oravec, Community Share Program

