



ROTARY OF YUMA

THE BIG WHEEL

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

WELCOME *DISTRICT GOVERNOR TOM TILTON*

Today we have the honor of welcoming District 5500 Governor Tom Tilton as he joins us for lunch. Tom is familiar with our meeting location as he attended our auction in March. Of course, he was just a lowly District Governor Elect then. Both Mark and I have had great fun with Tom and his wife, Maria, since our first meeting at last year’s PETS/SETS seminars.

With Yuma being rather isolated, the district leadership often seems to be removed. It is with that in mind that we are always grateful for contact from the outside which is, in fact,



Tom and wife Maria joined for our last St. Patrick’s Day Auction.



Tom doesn’t always look this sneaky. Wait a minute . . . What am I saying? Of course he does, he’s a lawyer.

the inside. Take some time to introduce your self to Tom. Remember, don’t loan him any money and keep you hands and fingers away from his head at all times. With these few precautions you will have a fantastic experience. Welcome Tom (and Maria if you are along). Have a great stay in Yuma.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS . .

- *The District 550 Conference is on a Carnival cruise ship. The “Cruise with a Cause” is being held October 31 thru November 3. The cruise on MS Carnival Paradise will visit Ensenada, Mexico.*
- *The District 5500 Leadership Institute resumes in Casa Grande on Saturday, August 23. This is your chance to learn more about the World of Rotary.*

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THE WORLD OF ROTARY WWW.YUMAROTARY.ORG

One of the things we would really like to see is the entire membership making regular trips to our web site (listed above) and to the District 5500 web site at www.rotaryd5500.org and the Rotary International web site at www.rotary.org. In fact, to make the entire process very easy, all you need do is access the club’s web site (see above) and there are links to the District and International sites. With a great deal of time and effort on the part of Kevin Burge, the club web site (note above) is getting better and a bit more current.

I can’t get all of the pictures I take into the Big Wheel so we are in the process of getting them on our web site (in the headline above). This is a tool for you to use to encourage prospective members. I might also mention that we have not had a new member in some time and that is something we should all be working on.



**A MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT MARK**

**THE
FOUR-WAY
TEST**

OF THE THINGS
WE THINK, DO
OR SAY

IS IT THE
TRUTH?

IS IT **FAIR** TO
ALL
CONCERNED?

WILL IT BUILD
GOODWILL
AND BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL IT BE
BENEFICIAL
TO ALL
CONCERNED?

FELLOW ROTARIANS,

One of the aspects of the 4-Way Test is the question: Will it promote good will and better friendships? The Yuma Rotary Club took that tenet to heart last week as we held our first "Fifth Tuesday" Social of the Rotary year. After all, you can't work together at the Fair Booth in the Spring if you don't play together during the year.

Yuma Rotarians took time out of their busy weeks to mix and mingle with each other. I heard a little business going on, some moaning about the challenges of the day, but mainly good conversation and some good eats. We had a turnout of over 30 members!

I hope you will join us at our next one. It

gives you a great opportunity to meet our new members and even meet some us "old-timers".

Also, this is a great opportunity to bring in some prospective members of which there were two this past week. Take time to meet them and tell them about the good things that Rotary does in Yuma and around the world.

Don't forget to come this week and welcome Thomas Tilton, our District Governor! Let's give a good showing and have perfect attendance by all!

Sharing Rotary, Making Dreams Real,

Mark

INDY FINDS A HOME

We adopted Indy from the Humane Society as a result of a presentation 2 weeks ago. He is very good mannered, good natured and house broken. He quickly learned to use the doggie door.

Indy gets along well with his three "brothers", also poodles. He plays fetch with a tennis ball, pillow "bone" and Frisbee. He sometimes "steam rolls" the little guy, Tater. My wife likes little dogs, and I like big ones so Indy is kind of a compromise. He has a deep, manly bark, much different than the other three

BY DOUG RICHEY

dogs. They say he is about two years old, but he acts like a big puppy! Thank you Humane Society for allowing us to adopt and care for Indy!



VIC'S PROGRAM PICKS

In our last Rotary meeting on July 22nd Kevin Burge talked about our Rotary Foundation Program. To find out how you as a Rotarian can help, please ask Kevin Burge or Steve Moore.

Today District Governor-Elect Tom Tilton. Tom was born in Billings, Montana, the third of three boys, and raised in Los Altos, California. He went away to do his high school studies in London, England, and then returned to California earning a B.A. degree from Stanford University in 1970. His graduate work took him to the University of Arizona, where he earned a Jurist Doctor degree, and where the best thing in his life happened, he met Maria DeRosa. Tom has been practicing law in Tucson since 1974.

BY VICKY SCHRAM

He married Maria and they have two sons, Adam and Jeffrey. The family has hosted 10 Rotary youth exchange students in their home over a period of 15 years and 10 GSE teams. Jeffrey also attended RYLA.

Tom is a member of the Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise since 1980. He has served the club in various positions from Sgt-at-Arms (4 years) to Community Service Chair, Vocational Service Chair, International Service Chair, Club Youth Exchange Coordinator, Secretary, Vice-President and President (1992-93).

Next week, the Community Justice Board will be with us to share how they positively reach juveniles in trouble in the Greater Yuma Area.

MEMBER’S PAGE

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHDAYS: Ken Brandon (8/2), Vonne Nicklaus (8/3), Jonathan Harvey (8/7)
ANNIVERSARIES: Chuck Nordquist and Bobbi Ukura (8/8; 10 Years)
MEMBERSHIP: Denise Sweet-McGregor (8/1; 8 Years), Doug Richey (8/1; 5 Years), Fred Earle (8/1; 26 Years), Jack Puckett (8/1; 17 Years), Roger Schalm (8/1; 16 Years)

PROUD MOMENTS:



We’ve had a few proud moments since the last we saw The Big Wheel, but one that seemed particularly nice (and the only one I have a picture of) was Jesus Quintana with his oldest daughter Teri.

PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Attending an after work Rotary Social at Hunter’s Steakhouse my only suggestion to Jerry Paulin is to relax a bit more. You can’t see it, but those are shorts.



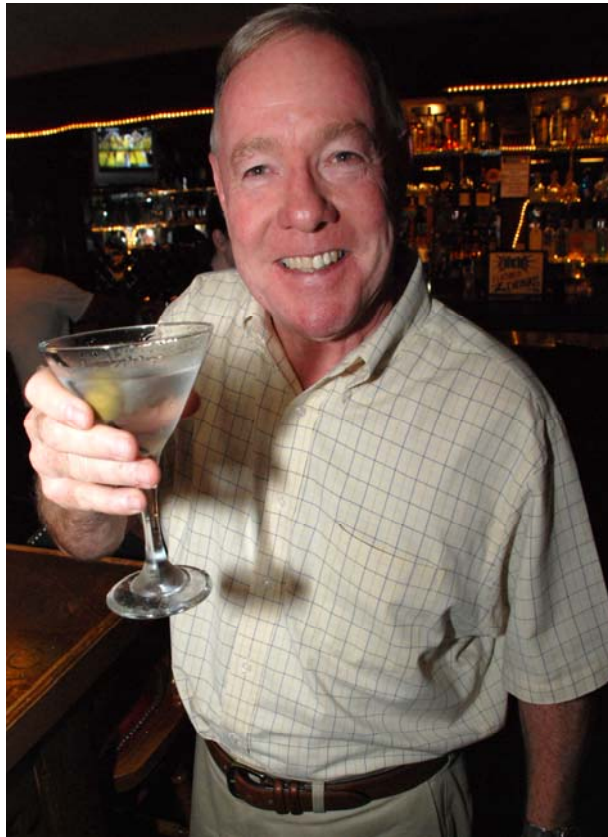
Hey Brent, don’t worry about being caught with you eyes closed. Most people drift off when talking to Dave Montoya.

YUMA AREA ROTARY CLUBS

YUMA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB:	Wednesday,	6:45 AM	Ramada Inn
FOOTHILLS ROTARY CLUB:	Wednesday,	NOON	Daybreaker’s Cafe
SOMERTON ROTARY CLUB:	Wednesday,	6:00 PM	El Dragon Restaurant
SAN LUIS ROTARY CLUB:	Thursday,	NOON	San Luis Community Center
YUMA CROSSING ROTARY CLUB:	Thursday,	5:30 PM	Desert Hills Clubhouse
FORT YUMA ROTARY CLUB:	Thursday,	NOON	Desert Hills Clubhouse
YUMA NORTH END ROTARY CLUB:	Tuesday,	5:45 PM	La Fonda Restaurant

THE BIG WHEEL “WHEELY”

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SERGEANT AT ARMS
Jack Puckett
Jack McArthur



I hate to say this, but Dan Shay really knows how to get in to the “Spirits” of the Rotary Social.

One more time the Social was a hit. The crowd gathered early at Hunter’s Steakhouse and stayed until past my bedtime.

We had 32 Rotarians show up for the Social. Now if we could only get that many to a summer meeting we’d be in great shape!!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 M: Denise Sweet-McGregor, Doug Richey, Fred Earle, Jack Puckett, Roger Schalm	2 B: Ken Brandon
3 B: Vonne Nicklaus	4	5 MEETING DIST. GOV. VISIT	6	7 B: Jonathan Harvey	8 M: Chuck Nordquist A: Chuck Nordquist & Bobbi Ukura	9
10	11 A: Mark & Jenna Watson	12 MEETING BOARD MEETING	13	14 B: Jim Bradford	15 M: Eve Scarff	16
17 A: Dan & Kim Fauth; Phil & Suzy Courtney	18 A: Jonathan & Rosalie Lines	19 MEETING	20	21 A: Bob & Cynthia Marshall	22 A: Don & Louise Schoening B: Johnny Rico	23 M: Jeanine Rhea, Jim Conlee, Steve Shadle
24 A: Dave and Gretchen Hossler	25 B: Jack Puckett	26 MEETING	27 A: Jon & Lynn Matheus	28 A: Gary & Pat Knox	29	30