



ROTARY OF YUMA

THE BIG WHEEL

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

WELCOME

THAIS GERMANO

A very warm welcome to our newest exchange student Thais (Tie-us) Germano who comes to us from Natal, Brazil. Thais speaks both Portuguese and Spanish and is working on her English. She is a junior at Cibola High School and is 16 years old. Her mother is an oncologist and her father owns a medical lab. Remember, if you wish to take an active part in Thais' life you need to submit a clearance form to Candice Orduno.

President Mark exchanges banners with Thais. Jon Matheus' family will be the first host family for her.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS . .

- *The District 5500 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.*
- *Yuma Rotary Club Social on October 14th at Hunter's Steakhouse. This will count as a make-up.*

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THE WORLD OF ROTARY

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Could we all keep Joann Linville in our prayers. The Big Wheel learned that Joann's husband passed away recently and it was unexpected. Please keep Joann, a member of our Rotary family, in your thoughts and prayers.

We have a rather odd schedule coming up. The country Club is closing on October 7, 14 and 21. What that means is we will have a regular meeting on September 30 (being the fifth Tuesday in September it normally would be dark). We are meeting October 7 at a location to be determined. October 14 will be an evening social and October 21 we will be traveling to MCAS for lunch and a presentation by the base commander. Now, that being said, keep in mind that any of this is subject to change on short notice. There will be email messages to direct us through this choppy water.



**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,

This week, another hurricane landed in the United States in Houston. Usually these events are far away and have little impact upon us here in Southwest Arizona. However, this time, I was a little more interested because my son lives in Northwest Houston. He has survived the event unscathed but his apartment will be without power and water for several weeks. During this time, he is staying with other friends who were more fortunate and are helping him out during this time of need.

Last week, Jonathan Harvey passed the hat for the Salvation Army and the Yuma Rotary Club responded with donations of \$348. We asked for nothing in return, but knew that it was our job to help others during their time of need. Whether in Yuma or across the country, Yuma Rotary Club is part of the solution.

This year, the Yuma Rotary Club will also participate in the Shelterbox Program, an international emergency organization that can provide complete kits with tools, medical supplies, cooking utensils and water purification equipment for a self contained home for refugees during their time of need. One box is provided for \$1000 and last year, Yuma Rotary supported the purchase of two units. We will participate again in the coming year.

Emergency situations can occur at any time and Rotary is there. Like the 4-Way Test says: Will it promote goodwill and better friendships? Helping others is the Rotary way. Thanks for all you're doing to help others during their time of need.

Yours, in Rotary,

Mark Watson

President

ALL ABOUT RYLA



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants can be ages 14-30, but most clubs and districts choose to

focus on a narrower age range, such as 14-18 or 19-30.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

VIC'S PROGRAM PICKS

Our last meeting on September 9th Maria Andre and Dian Evancho was with us and talked about Crime Victim Advocate. Maria's background and field experience comes from Child Protective Services. She was the first and only full time advocate when she started with The Yuma County Attorney's Office. Dina's background and field experience also comes from Child Protective Services, and has been an advocate for Crime Victims since 2000.

BY VICKY SCHRAM

Today Keith Boyd is with us and will be speaking on RYLA 2009. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Next week Kia Cellestine the Business Development Manager with the Yuma International Airport will be with us to talk about what is happening at the airport.

MEMBER’S PAGE

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHDAYS: Denise Sweet-McGregor (9/17; 29 Years), Jeanine Rhea (9/18, 28 Years), Gary Gist (9/19, ? Years), Mark Hansberger 9/21, ? Years)

ANNIVERSARIES: Too hot to get married in Yuma.

MEMBERSHIP: Jean Dunstan (9/14; 9 Years)

PROUD MOMENTS: On a personal note, I would like to thank President Elect Bob Stull for filling in for me while I was on vacation. I realize that Bob can do this stuff in his sleep, but it was nice to know it was being done so well while I was gone. Thanks Bob.

We really need to dig deep and come up with more proud moments.

PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Al Face gets ready to give Ray Face his weekly allowance. Hey Al, how about the photographer?



President Mark Watson presents Arizona Town Hall President Tara Jackson with a 4-way Test paper weight. Tara can hardly conceal her excitement.

Ross Hieb has done so much public speaking it seems he can do it in his sleep.



YUMA AREA ROTARY CLUBS

YUMA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB:	Wednesday,	6:45 AM	Ramada Inn
FOOTHILLS ROTARY CLUB:	Wednesday,	NOON	Daybreakers 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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Mark Watson
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DIRECTOR
Lonie Ross-Misenhimer
SERGEANT AT ARMS
Jack Puckett
Jack McArthur



This is what happens when you let rank amateurs handle professional photographic equipment. When I went to present Past President Denise with her Memory Book, Past President Kevin jumped at the chance to add to the meager photographic catalogue of yours truly. Kevin recovered to take two very nice images of the presentation. Thanks for jumping in Kevin, but seriously, don't quit your day job just yet.

SEPTEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 M: Bobby Brooks, Chad Noble, Jim Bradford	2 MEETING	3 A: Steve & Irene Moore	4	5 B: Gary Knox	6
7 A: Steve & Bobbie Shadle	8 A: Bobby & Roberta Brooks	9 MEETING BOARD MEETING	10 A: Mina & Wendell Girard	11	12	13 B: Mark Watson
14 M: Jean Dunstan	15	16 MEETING BOARD MEETING	17 B: Denise Sweet-McGregor	18 B: Jeanine Rhea	19 B: Gary Gist	20
21 B: Mark Hansberger	22 B: Jeff Kammann	23 MEETING	24	25 A: Vonne & Karen Nicklaus	26 M: Jonathan Harvey, Larry Boyer	27
28 B: Wayne Wagner	29	30 MEETING				