



ROTARY OF YUMA

# THE BIG WHEEL

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**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**

## WELCOME

## TONI BADONE

The addition of Toni Badone as a member, really strengthens our club in the field of Education Administration. A most valued goal of Rotary International and Yuma Rotary Club is educational opportunity. Toni and husband Rich (who works at Yuma High). Toni hails from Tiffin, Ohio (a small town just outside Toledo) where she went to high school and then on to Bowling Green State University. BGSU is where she met husband Rich and they moved to Yuma in 1983. They have four children: Gina, the oldest teaches in Los Angeles and is a choreographer. Not surprising since Toni has been involved with dance for many years. Son Daniel is second as is a police officer in Mesa, and Abby is at the U of A. Finally, son Steven is exploring many educational opportunities while managing a cinema in Tucson. Whew! Toni started at Kofa High in 1984 as an English and Speech teacher and has worked her way up to Superintendent of Yuma Union High School District #70.



*That name is Ba-don with a short o, not Ba-don-a as I suggested and certainly not Bad-One, because Toni is as passionate about education as a person can be.*

**BW:** Why did you join Rotary?

**TB:** After my years on the YBT Board I knew I wanted to something with a service organization, and I’m still a great believer in the arts, but I wanted to be involved with an organization that was a bit more broad.

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## THE WORLD OF ROTARY

[WWW.YUMAROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.YUMAROTARY.ORG)

This a very special year for the Walt Kammann Sausage Fry as it turns 50 years old. Only Al Face was a member for the start of this important traditional Yuma event. By now everyone should have had their first round of tickets sold (or given away) and their first group of raffle tickets sold (or given away) and are ready for more. Jason Sullivan has plenty so be sure to ask for more.

This year’s Christmas dinner will be different in that it is not at the Country Club. It will be held on December 16th at the Old St. Paul’s on 2nd Avenue starting at 6 PM. I believe there are only 60 spaces available so you might want to get your place reserved as soon as possible. Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. The menu looks pretty incredible so you might not want to miss this one. That day’s lunch meeting is cancelled.

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS . .

- 50th Annual Walt Kammann Sausage Fry on Friday, December 5, 2008. Get your tickets and raffle tickets now.
- Yuma Rotary Club Christmas Party at Old St. Paul’s. December 16, starting at 6PM and running to 9PM. Cost will be \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. There will be an additional benefit for the Salvation Army.

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### A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARK

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS  
WE THINK, SAY  
OR DO . . .

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,

*(Editor's Note: I forgot to tell President Mark to send me a message before he left for Phoenix to share Thanksgiving with wife Jenna and twin daughters Hillary and Kaitlin, so this is mine.)*

At lunch on November 25th we passed the hat for the Crossroads Mission and of course, you went above and beyond with generosity donating \$857, to which Don Schoening added \$500. President Mark waited until the 6 o'clock hour and took the money to a KYMA sponsored event at the Wal-Mart on Pacific Avenue and was live on the air for the dinner hour newscast. His segment was repeated during the 10 o'clock hour. Just a bit of exposure for the club and for the fantastic things you, the members, do.

President Mark participated in Assistant Governor training over the weekend of November 22-23. Our area is expanding from two Assistant Governors to three AG's. Speaking of Rotary positions we have some elections within the club coming up. If it is your desire to serve the club as an officer please contact someone on the Nominating Committee (Past President Denise, Past President Kevin or Past President Gary) or any club officer. The positions open are Secretary, Service Projects, Treasurer, Club Projects, Membership, Director At-Large, and Public Relations. Of course, incumbents have the right to retain their position but their may be openings by people who have served their two years and would like to step off the board.

Yours in Rotary, Chuck Nordquist, Secretary

## TONI BADONE (CONTINUED)

**BW:** Why did you join Yuma Rotary Club?

**TB:** Two reasons—I felt there were more people who could have a positive effect on education in this club than any other, and the other reason is every time I've been here there has been great generosity. But . . . I've noticed there aren't a lot of female members here so I told Candice (Orduno) if you sponsor me I join.

**BW:** What do you offer Yuma Rotary Club?

**TB:** Well, I hope I'm fun. (at this point Toni

dissolved into a discussion about sitting at a table with David Montoya). I hope I bring some clarity about educational issues.

**BW:** What can Rotary do for you?

**TB:** *(Followed was an extended discussion of a plan that Toni has that I told her to make a board presentation for).*

I think Toni will be a great Rotarian and I'll tell you why. At one point in the interview she said "I've always loved the Four-Way Test". Now that is a Rotarian.

## VIC'S PROGRAM PICKS

Last week we were honored to have one of our own Rotarians Don Schoening speak on AWC and their new development plans at their campus.

Today we have with us Chuck Coughlin, President, who founded HighGround, Inc. in January of 1996 after gaining experience in various public affairs/lobbying capacities in Arizona since 1985. Coughlin's lengthy background in public affairs combined with his honest, straightforward style has helped him develop a popular media following. Coughlin is frequently asked to offer his professional opinion on political issues that affect the state and the nation. Coughlin is often asked to contribute articles and opinions to the Arizona Republic. Before founding HighGround, Coughlin was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Fife Symington. He was responsible for day-to-day management and implementation of all

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media, legislative and community relations programs for the Administration. Prior to joining the Governor's staff, Coughlin managed the Governor's 1994 re-election campaign. Prior to joining Symington, Coughlin was the Regional Government Relations Manager for Waste Management of North America (1992-94), Coughlin is currently engaged in various client projects, utilizing a full palette of communications skills and strategies: From grassroots coordination via the world-wide web, to polling, advertising, and face to face lobbying. Coughlin's extensive background and keen sense of Arizona's political pulse has resulted in many important campaign and public affairs victories.

Next week we will have with us the Civil Air Patrol Youth Program.

# MEMBER’S PAGE

## VITAL STATISTICS

**BIRTHDAYS:** Perry Pensky (11/20), Bob Stull (11/30), Lonie Ross-Misenhimer (12/1), Rick Quinlan (12/2), Eve Scarff (12/6)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Steve and Chrysti Rubisch (11/25, 27 Years), Mark and Diane Hansberger (12/3; 32 Years)

**MEMBERSHIP:** George Davis (11/28; 2 Years), Jesus Quintana (12/1; 14 Years), Steve Rubisch (12/1; 24 Years), Rich Quinlan (12/7; 4 Years)

**PROUD MOMENTS:** I’m going to go out on a limb here and say that the November 25th meeting was a proud moment for the club. We raised \$857 for the Crossroads Mission and that was increased by a \$500 donation from Don Schoening in order to reach \$1,357 total donation. Thanks!

## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



*Why is this man smiling? About two minutes after this picture was taken Don Schoening was “Jacked” for \$500. Having Jack Puckett show up at your table is like going to the office and finding 60 minutes waiting for you.*



*Here’s Page Misenhimer giving his shortened course on tax credit donations and Steve Moore knows just the place to put it.*



*Dave Montoya, being generous. Now, bucket or bag?*

## YUMA AREA ROTARY CLUBS

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

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Jack Puckett  
Jack McArthur

## THE BIG WHEEL “WHEELY”

### HERE'S JOHNNY . . .



*Please Lord, don't let me get into a situation where I'm introduced at a public gathering by Johnny Rodriguez.*

*Prospective member Christine Polston gets "Johnnyed" at our last meeting.*

*Hang in there Christine. We'll try and make it up to you.*

## DECEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 B: Lonie Ross M: Jesus Quintana, Steve Rubisch	2 B: Rick Quinlan <b>MEETING</b>	3 A: Mark & Diane Hansberger	4	5	6 B: Eve Scarff
7 M: Rick Quinlan	8 M: Dennis Booth B: Bobbi Ukura	9 <b>MEETING</b> <b>CHRISTMAS BOARD MEETING</b>	10	11	12	13 A: Ned & Joanne Foss
14 B: Jerry Paulin	15	16 <b>NO MEETING</b> <b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	17	18	19	20
21 B: Jesus Quintana	22	23 <b>NO MEETING</b>	24	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26	27 M: Myra Garlit
28	29	30 <b>MEETING</b>				