



ROTARY OF YUMA

THE BIG WHEEL

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

WELCOME

DARWIN STIFFLER

Darwin calls Yuma home, but he grew up in Phoenix. He went high school in Phoenix and is quick to point out that he is a proud Wildcat from the University of Arizona with a bit of N.A. U. along the way. Darwin is also quick to point out that he has avoided ASU at all costs. He ran cross country at Shadow Mountain in high school.

A middle school teaching job in Yuma brought Darwin south 22 years ago. From a history teacher to District One Superintendent.

Darwin is happily married to Susan for almost 20 years, with three kids (two boys and a girl). Daughter Lauren is in the seventh grade, Jake is a sophomore and Colin is a senior; both at Cibola High School.



BW: Why did you join Rotary?

DS: I have always appreciated Rotary. The Teacher of the Year event is where I originally became aware of it. I was a former Teacher of the Year and David Hossler has been working on me since '92. It was an honor and I'm glad he never gave up. My jobs have always been focused in and my job now is focused out. I'm glad for the opportunity to finally step up.

BW: Why the Yuma Rotary Club?

DS: Because the contacts I've had with people over the years *(continued on page 2)*

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS . .

- 2009 *Midnight at the Oasis: March 6—8.*
- 2009 *Winter Sports Banquet: March 9*
- 2009 *St. Patrick's Day Auction: March 14*
- 2009 *Yuma County Fair: March 31—April 5*
- 2009 *Teacher of the Year: April 21*

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THE WORLD OF ROTARY WWW.YUMAROTARY.ORG

Things are really heating up as they always do in spring. There are sign-up sheets everywhere. We need help in all areas. For all of the newer members this is chance to get your feet wet right out of the gate. I can tell you this; all of these events are a kick to work at. As Rotarians we all try to have a good time while making other people happy.

President Mark wanted me to give our club a heads up on activities being sponsored by other Rotary Clubs in the area. Yuma Crossing is putting on a golf tournament on Saturday, April 25 with proceeds to benefit Amberly's Place and scholarships. The entry fee is \$70 per golfer and the tournament is being held at Desert Hills Golf Course. It is an 8 AM shotgun start. If you need more information call Desert Hills at 344.4653 or Mike Lundy at 446.8711. Let's get out and support our fellow area clubs.



**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,

This past week, we heard from Ernie and Sally Montagne of Sierra Vista. What fantastic Rotarians they are! Their presentation on the Rotary projects of Niger were fascinating and showed the power of the Rotary Foundation and how we can make a difference in people's lives anywhere in the world! I know that many of you walked up to them after their presentation and thanked them for making a difference.

This is the special quality of Rotary: Service Above Self. Even in retirement, the Montagnes have chosen to make an impact on these special people. As they said, the townspeople of Niger are now raising their quality of life

and impacting child mortality. In effect, they are making dreams real.

In the next few weeks, Kevin Burge will be advising members of how they can make a difference through the Rotary Foundation. We have a number of credits for the club that can be converted into matching points for a Paul Harris fellowship. Kevin has been authorized to work with members who are not far from completing their Paul Harris Fellowship and giving them that extra "boost" with the Club points to insure completion particularly those completing their first. Please talk to Kevin for more information.

YIR, Mark Watson, President

WELCOME *DARWIN STIFFLER* (CON'T)

have been members of this club . . . Dr. Gary Knox and Dave . . .

BW: Dr. Knox . . . Name a school after someone and they get respect.

DS: You know what though, all of the garbage cans at that school say Gary A. Knox on them so it brings you right back. In fact, they are embossed. My wife works at that school.

BW: What can you do for Yuma Rotary?

DS: Ahhh! I can participate fully. I can help make sure that the programs directed at youth

that that message gets out to the youth and to their families.

BW: What can Rotary do for you?

DS: Rotary has already don a lot for me. It really has. The Teacher of the Year spreads through the community the fellowship here. I'm not sure I have an answer bigger than that.

You don't need an answer bigger than that. We are fortunate to have so many educational leaders in our club and Darwin is an important leader in that group. We're lucky to have him.

VIC'S PROGRAM PICKS

Last week we had with us Ernie and Sally Montagne. They shared about their two visits to West Africa on Rotary Volunteer Service Grants and have seen first hand the need for clean water and sustainable projects. For more information, visit www.rotarysv.org. Click on Committee Pages/ International Service/ Africa Projects.

BY *VICKY SCHRAM*

Rotarians tell us about their first date with their spouse.

Next week our guest speaker will be one of our own Rotarians, Brett Bybee, who will share with us about Boys Scouts of America.

Today we will have a few of our own

MEMBER’S PAGE

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHDAYS: Robert McNeece (2/3), Bill Jewett (2/4)

ANNIVERSARIES: None

MEMBERSHIP: Gary Gist (2/1; 14 Years), Jason Sullivan (2/1; 7 Years), Terry Frydenlund (2/1; 7 Years), Mikel Smith (2/1; 6 Years), Donny Covey (2/10; 5 Years)

PROUD MOMENTS: Dan Shay had a very proud moment with the birth of granddaughter Jacqueline. Hey Dan, we both graduated the same year from high school and I’m not old enough to have grandkids.

I found out just before sending the newsletter to be published that Dave Hossler was in ICU at the Yuma Regional Medical Center. No more detailed than that. Our prayers and best wishes to our friend Dave for a speedy recovery.

PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Meet the head of Thais’ new home family, Jeanne Grogan.



Newest member Selina Martinez knows how to do it throwing out a peace sign on her induction. Far out, Selina.

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

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THE BIG WHEEL “WHEELY”



Congratulations Larry Gould, you have just been made a senior partner in the firm of Montoya, Lines, Kammann, Ross-Misenhimer and Gill.

FEBRUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 M: G. Gist, J. Sullivan, M. Smith. T. Frydenlund	2	3 B: R. McNeece MEETING	4 B: B. Jewett	5	6	7
8	9	10 B: D. Covey MEETING BOARD MEETING	11	12	13	14 M: D. Fox
15	16	17 B: J. Conlee MEETING	18 B: R. Schalm	19 A: P. & S. Pensky	20	21
22	23	24 MEETING	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				