



ROTARY OF YUMA

THE BIG WHEEL

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

WELCOME

LARRY GOULD

I knew there was something about Larry I liked. Not only is he a committed educator, but he just got a cat (I have two) and he named her Galadriel (my favorite Ring character). He is from Baton Rouge, and Robert E. Lee High School (the Rebels). Larry majored in Sociology and Criminology at L.S.U. and worked for a number of law enforcement agencies in Louisiana.

He fell in love with Arizona when took a job with N.A.U. and wound up in Yuma when this job opened up. Larry is married to a professor at N.A.U. and has a daughter named Chancey Lane who has provided him five grandchildren; Cane, Carson Carter, Margret Ann and Mary Alice and one on the way, a girl, and I'll bet her name begins with an M.

BW: Why did you join Rotary:

LG: My mother and my father taught me, not by words but by actions, that you really have to give. When I moved to Yuma Rotary seemed like a natural thing to do. Don Schoening brought me here and I saw the great things being done by this club and I just hoped they would let me join.

BW: Why did you join Yuma Rotary?



Larry Gould takes a moment to collect his thoughts before answering.

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- 2009 Yuma County Fair: March 31—April 5
- GSE Team from South Africa visits: April 13—April 16
- 2009 Teacher of the Year: April 21

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Certainly a lot has happened since the last Big Wheel was published. We had the food booth at MATO. Thanks to Wesley Splawn and Devly Fox and all of the Rotarians and Interact students who worked hard to make this event a success.

Then we had the Winter Sports Banquet. Ken Brandon does a great job fitting all of the pieces together to make this event go.

And as I write this message the St. Patty's Auction was last night. It was fantastic. So many people worked long hours to make this affair great. All I heard was positive comments. Thanks to Jill Burdge and Lonie Ross-Misenhimer for pulling this together. For people on the committee—GREAT JOB. Now, let's all sign up for the Fair Booth.



**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,

Well, the busiest time of the year has arrived for the Yuma Rotary Club! I know we are all seeing a big demand on our time and I want to say "Thanks" from your Board and all the Committee Chairs. As we always do, everyone chips in and makes it happen from MATO, to the Sports Banquets, to Teacher of the Year Awards, to the County Fair Booth. So much in a short amount of time

Last year, I saw one of our "senior" Rotarians at the Fair Booth taking a shift despite some physical ailments. I was concerned and urged him to take it easy, but his loyalty to what Rotary was doing was very important to him personally. If this "senior" is ready to do this,

we should all support him by volunteering and taking our turns. We know that not everybody can participate in everything, but I know we all should strive for "Service Above Self"

The projects sponsored by the Yuma Rotary Club provide wonderful service for our community and the region. I hope you will offer to support our Committee Chairs in your time and talents in the coming weeks.

Thank you all for your service.

YIR, Mark Watson, President

WELCOME *LARRY GOULD* (CON'T)

LG: I visited this one and several others—I go to the Somerton meetings several times a month to support Doug Rutan. But here it is the activities and having that creates momentum.

BW: What can you do for Yuma Rotary?

LG: I think that once I get the problems on campus sorted out I can be more active. But also trying to provide the connection between what Rotary does and the educational community. One of the things I would like to do is use our facilities to put on some of the pro-

grams here.

BW: What can Rotary do for you?

LG: They've already done it. They let me join. You get personal satisfaction; you get that smile on your face when you see one of these kids get a scholarship. You get that smile when you give a few bucks to see a well drilled in Africa. I love to get fined, because I know it helps. If you think of the collective effort in this room and be allowed to be part of that collective effort . . .

VIC'S PROGRAM PICKS

Today one of our guest speakers is our own Rotarian Jack McArthur Yuma's Fire Chief, and we will also have a short presentation on YFD new CPR skill. Continuous chest compression (CCC) said to be the most effective technique.

Next week we will have a group of Salvation Army cadets (trainee Salvation Army officers). They will talk about The Salvation Army training college and what the training consists of.

BY *VICKY SCHRAM*

(Editor's Note: Vicky and her committee are always looking for new ideas about programs. If there is some individual or group presentation you know of and think it would be valuable information for club members to have let Vicky know. Vicky has done a great job this year filling the programming job. Her enthusiasm and desire to get speakers that will entertain and enlighten has been a wonderful asset to the club. Next year Vicky has agreed to take on added responsibility as the Club Secretary and I know she will do a great job for us.)

MEMBER’S PAGE

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

MEMBERSHIP: None

PROUD MOMENTS: I think we have all had one huge proud moment when we think of all the work that goes into the organization and running of the MATO Booth, the Sports Banquet and the St. Patty’s Day Auction. We had over 34 different individuals share their time by working at the MATO Booth. The Sports Banquet seems to have an ensemble cast that performs like clockwork. The auction was held at a new location, with a new catering service. Reports will keep coming in over the next few weeks, but I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Considering the number of people still on the dance floor when I left I would say a good time was had by all.

PICTURES OF THE WEEK



A veteran Sports Banquet crew serves up a fantastic dinner for athletes, coaches and parents. That is Diane Umphress, Gary Knox and soon to be 90 years old Al Face.



The corridor at the new Pivot Point Conference Center is packed with patrons putting down bids in the silent auction.

Early Saturday morning, but the booth is open and ready for business. The crowds were large and volunteers were busy all day.



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”



There was this idiot at the Auction who sold his hair for a bid of \$800. Have you ever seen so much glee in the eyes of Scotty “Too Hotty” McGregor, Robert McNeece and Linda Conlee. It was all in good fun and the money went for a great cause—scholarships for kids in Yuma.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 M: S. Moore	2	3 MEETING	4 M: D. Schoening	5 B: K. Burge	6	7
8	9	10 B: J. Sullivan A: D & J Hipp MEETING BOARD MEETING	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 MEETING	18	19	20	21
22	23 B: D. Montoya	24 MEETING	25 A: J & S Quintana	26 A: L & S Nelson	27	28 B: T. Frydenlund
29 B: A. Geren	30 B: J Franco	31 B: A. Face				