



ROTARY OF YUMA

THE BIG WHEEL

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“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

GOODBYE THAIS AND NIKLAS



Thursday evening, June 4 there was a small farewell party for our two exchange students, Thais Germano and Niklas Egberts. Thais's first host family was Jon and Lynn Matheus. Niklas started with members of the Fort Yuma Club so we didn't get the chance to know him immediately, but he did end the year with Wayne and Peggy Wagner.

Thais leads the club in the Four Way Test at her last regular club meeting on June 2. Niklas warily eyes a lonely 7-ball. We will miss them both as the Rotary Foreign Exchange Student Program enriches our lives as well as, hopefully, the students lives.

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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- *Yuma Rotary Club new President Installation at an appetizer special on the evening of June 30 at the Golf and Country Club. The regular meeting for that day will be cancelled. We will be dark for lunch that day.*
- *District Governor's installation in Casa Grande on Sunday, June 28. All Rotarians are paid for.*

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We are finalizing plans for our installation program and there promises to be a couple of surprises. Not the least of which is who will win Outstanding Rotarian and Outstanding New Rotarian. After a year long journey President Mark passes the charter to President Elect Bob Stull. Let's not forget that Mark Watson offered to fill the position of President after Past President Denise's President Elect left the club. We are fortunate to have such talented people in our club. President Mark is off to be an Assistant District Governor and President Elect Bob Stull will take the reins after he returns from the Rotary International's Convention in Birmingham, England. Be sure and join us on the evening of June 30 to meet the new Board of Directors and listen to the goals then President Bob will have for our Yuma Rotary Club for 2009—2010.



**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,

Where did the Rotary year go? As I write this, my final note as President for the newsletter, I reflect on the significant accomplishments we have made this year. Yuma Rotary Club is on a roll! We have gained in membership, have had outstanding fundraisers, have given to numerous community needs and supported the youth of Yuma. I continue to be amazed at the capacity of this club to work as a team. More importantly, I want to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President, not just for the projects and successes, but the opportunity to get to know each of you a little bit better. I have learned of your businesses, backgrounds and families, and I hope you have learned a little about me, not just my "official capacity." As we have seen a surge in our membership this year, I hope you will continue to ex-

tend the same familiarity to our new members as we see the dynamics of the Yuma Rotary Club change. I also want to publicly thank the members of our Board. They have worked hard and have deliberated on some challenging issues. We have addressed matters of donations, clarifying our club policies and supported new programs. They have accomplished a lot. Give them a thank you for their time this year.

Looking ahead, Bob Stull is going to do a great job. Let's keep the momentum going and step up to help Bob where needed. With Bob, Chuck and I basically in the same office, we have often had the chance to talk and plan for Rotary in the coming two years. I think you will be excited to see what's ahead. Let's share Rotary with all our friends!

YIR, Mark Watson, President

GOODBYE NIKLAS AND THAIS

According to Jim Aslin, the District 5500 Exchange coordinator there are two new students for next year who have not been placed as of yet. There is a girl from Belgium and a girl from Taiwan. Jon and Lynn Matheus have again stepped up and promised to host one of them. We still need at least one more host family. The program requires the student to have at least two different host families for the school year and three families is even better.

I will be sending a Rotary Yearbook to Thais as soon as the year comes to a close and I am able

to finish editing it. I would like everyone to make plans to sign it before it is sent. I know not everyone was able to be a part of her life, but those of us who were really enjoyed the experience.

VIC'S PROGRAM PICKS

Last week we had with us Wyndi Whitlock, Teacher of the Year. She shared with us how she makes learning fun for her fifth grade class at Orange Grove School. Today Yuma's new Police Chief Jerry Geier is our guest speaker. He is from Tallahassee, Florida where he was director of Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. Chief Geier holds a bachelor's and master's degrees from the southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. He has more than 2,000 hours of law enforcement training.

Next week's Program is our Rotary Club As-

BY VICKY SCHRAM

sembly.

(Editor's note: Vicky has done a great job for the club this year. Her place will be taken by Brett Bybee next year. If you have ideas about what kind of programs you'd like to see we still have a few weeks left under Vicky's watch or give your ideas to Brett. Also, if you would like to be on Brett's committee I'm sure he would love to have some help. Thanks to the people who served on Vicky's committee. If memory serves me right I believe they were Brett Bybee, Candice Orduno and Jim Bradford. If I left anyone out let me know and I'll give you special recognition in the next "Big Wheel".)

MEMBER’S PAGE

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHDAYS: Don Schoening (6/14)

ANNIVERSARIES: J and Brenda Franco (6/8; 18 Years) and Ray and Deborah Face (6/11; 29 Years)

MEMBERSHIP: None

PROUD MOMENTS:

PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Rotarians, for the last time Kevin and Shelly Burge in their pre-parent mode. Let’s hope and pray for a successful and healthy delivery for both mom and baby. Name—Charles after Shelly’s father Charlie Sparks. Most of the time in our club we are talking grandchildren, but not this time. Good Luck to mom, baby and dad.



Hey, we had some fun with Teacher of the Year Wyndi Whitlock. Almost made me wish I was back in elementary school again. Of course the nine years I spent there the first time around are probably enough.

YUMA AREA ROTARY CLUBS

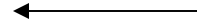
YUMA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB:	Wednesday	6:45 AM	Ramada Inn
FOOTHILLS ROTARY CLUB:	Wednesday	NOON	Daybreakers Cafe
SOMERTON ROTARY CLUB:	Wednesday	6:00 PM	El Dragon Restaurant
SAN LUIS ROTARY CLUB:	Thursday	NOON	San Luis Community Center
YUMA CROSSING ROTARY CLUB:	Thursday	5:30 PM	Desert Hills Clubhouse
FORT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

- PRESIDENT
Mark Watson
- PRESIDENT ELECT
Bob Stull
- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Denise Sweet-McGregor
- SECRETARY & PUBLICITY
Chuck Nordquist
- TREASURER
Betty DeNise
- MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
Wayne Wagner
- SERVICE PROJECTS DIRECTOR
George Davis
- CLUB ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR
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- CLUB PROJECT DIRECTOR
Jim Conlee
- YOUTH/FAMILY OF ROTARY DIRECTOR
Jeanine Rhea
- DIRECTOR
Eve Scarff
- DIRECTOR
Lonie Ross-Misenhimer
- SERGEANT AT ARMS
Jack Puckett
Jack McArthur

THE BIG WHEEL "WHEELY"



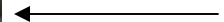
*THE
CRIME!!!*



*HE'S
MINE!!!*



THE FINE!!!



*Not much gets by
Sergeant-at-Arms
Jack Puckett. Wait,
who am I kidding? A
lot gets by Jack, but
this time not Doug
Hipp's cell phone.*

JUNE 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 A: Terry & Debbie Frydenlund M: Dan Fauth, Claude Waller, Lynn LaBrie, Jonathan Lines	2 M: Jerry Paulin MEETING	3 B: Doug Hipp	4 B: Claude Waller M: Jeff Kammann	5 A: Donny & Kim- berly Covey M: Lonie Ross- Misenhimer	6 A: Bill and Barbara Jewett
7	8 A: J & Brenda Franco	9 MEETING BOARD MEETING	10	11 A: Ray & Deborah Face	12:	13:
14 B: Don Schoening	15 B: Devlyn Fox A: Jim & Linda Conlee	16 B: Michelle Um- bower MEETING	17	18	19	20
21 M: Mike Dahin	22 A: Dennis & Anne Booth	23 MEETING	24	25 B: Steve Schulte	26	27 A: Doug & Barbara Richey, Ross & Helen Rodney
28	29	30 ANNUAL INSTAL- LATION CELEBRA- TION				