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Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise
October 9, 2008

Programs
October 9
Trip to Cuba with Tom Patterson
October 16
Kathy Rawls will present "Deaf Awareness and Deaf Culture Today"

OFFICIAL VISIT by District Governor Thomas T. Tilton

Duties
Greeters

Invocation/Reflection
Oct 9 Lynch/Perier Oct 16 Fisher/Oxman Oct 23 Hammond/Psaltis

Raffle
Oct 9 Le Cooq/Stoner Oct 16 Lynch/Straub Oct 23 Marrs/Fisher

Key to Symbols:
B — Benefactor  Md — Major Donor
C — Charter Member  P — Past President
F — Paul Harris Fellow  S — Paul Harris Sustaining Mbr
LOA — Leave of Absence

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Dan Brock  Genny Coleman
Rick Hollander  Maria Tilton  Eva Thompson

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Rotary E-Club Oasis:  www.rotaryeclubone.org

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Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise
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Valerie Grindle, Executive Director of UA SkyCenter, gave us an update on the new science programs, camps, and workshops being held at Mount Lemmon SkyCenter, which is part of Bio5. The staff includes, among others, one resident who lives there year round and three who drive up on a daily basis.

She said the Center’s mission is to provide world-class science learning experiences, with an emphasis on learners being able to meet with well-known scientists and have a hands-on learning experience. Mt. Lemmon is a wonderful natural resource, and the road going up to the mountain top goes through six ecosystems. It is the highest peak in the Coronado National Forest with a visibility that averages 100 miles with clear skies about seven of every 10 nights. It is one of 27 “sky islands” unique to the Southwest. Because of its infrared telescope/camera, for which it has long been known, the observatory can be used on cloudy nights as well.

Valerie directs development of science programs, camps, and workshops at the SkyCenter, which she hopes will inspire more young people to pursue careers in the sciences. In addition to public observing opportunities, the Center offers astronomy and science camps, available internationally, for adults, youth, educators, and students, as well as workshops on topics ranging from how to use a telescope to study tree rings. Studies also include hummingbird banding, Marslander updates, and hazardous asteroid research. Recently two new asteroids were found on a collision course with earth.

One of the internationally famous scientists working at the Center is Adam Block, who is an astronomer and an astro-photographer. Adam coordinates the new public evening programs. He begins group programs with a presentation about the mysteries of the cosmos and an introduction to facilities and telescopes on the mountain top. After a light meal, visitors get hands-on practice at navigating the night sky with star charts and binoculars. When the sky turns truly dark, visitors experience what it’s like to see planets and galaxies through the telescope eyepiece.

Other DiscoveryDays guides you might meet include Rex Adams in tree ring research; Edward Beshore and Steve Larson, planetary scientists; Kevin Bonine, professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Michael Hecht, lead scientist on Mars environmental assessment; John Moores, affiliated with the Phoenix Mars Mission; Paul Sheppard, who’s interest is tree ring research; and Patrick Wald, senior engineer for the Phoenix Mars Mission.

Tours for DiscoveryDays are on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cost $40, which includes lunch. Mt. Lemmon SkyNights adventures cost $48 per person with a light dinner included. Special events include observation of comets and meteor showers. For more information about the night, over-night, and week-long programs (dorm rooms are available) at SkyCenter, contact:

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