

Members' Weekly Newsletter

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Club Meeting

SaddleBrooke
Meets at SaddleBrooke Ranch Ballroom
31143 S Amenity Drive
Oracle, AZ 85623
Time: Thursday at 11:00 AM

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Support Saddlebrooke Rotary Club Foundation

By Joseph Guyton Jr.
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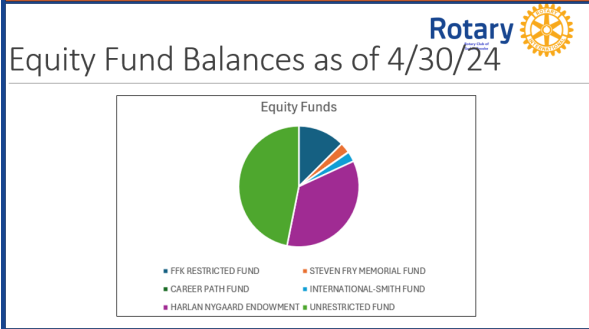
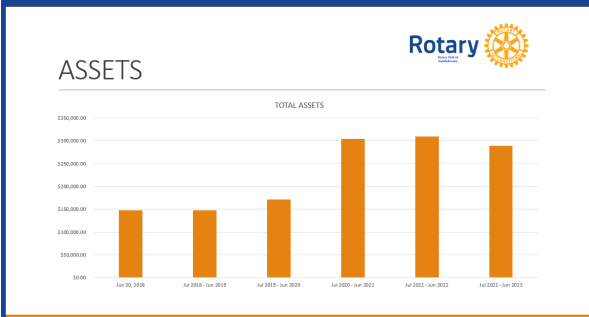
About the Saddlebrooke Rotary Club Foundation, Inc.

On October 27, 2009 the IRS approved the Saddlebrooke Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. as a 501C3 Tax Exempt Charity. It was formed by members of the Saddlebrooke Rotary Club (organized 12 years earlier in 1997) to provide fiduciary management of funds and to encourage donors by offering a vehicle for donations that would qualify for tax deductions.

Once organized, the operations of the annual Fore For Kids Golf Tournament were shifted into the Foundation. Over the next 15 years the Foundation would receive, manage, and distribute grants approaching \$40,000 per year or over \$600,000.

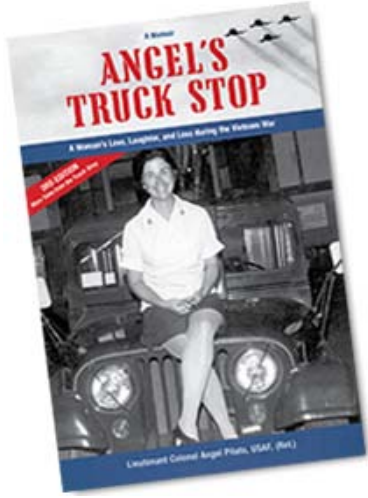
Today, the Foundation receives many types of donations in addition to tournament income. Members and others wishing to honor a loved one have often chosen the Foundation as the manager of memorial donations. Individual members wishing to support the work of the Foundation with special bequests or donations have also selected the Foundation. One such memorial was the establishment of a permanently restricted scholarship endowment fund, The Harlan Nygaard Endowment Fund. This fund provides annual contributions to augment the funds that have been designated for academic scholarships. This year the fund will contribute over \$3,000 and thus finance a Harlan Nygaard Scholarship for a deserving area high school graduate.

Financial Assets



- Today's Officers:**
- President, Paul Herr
 - Vice President, Bill Demeroutis
 - Treasurer, Joe Guyton
 - Secretary, Fred Lowy
 - Investment Committee Chairman, Ed Treick
- Other Board Members:**
- Club President, Wendy Guyton
 - Liese Razzeto
 - Dan Watson

Angel's Truck Stop



By Linda Drake

On March 20, we are very proud to have Angelica (Angel) Pilato as our speaker. Dr. Pilato, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.), talk to us about "The War that Never Ended" that focuses on the 80 million unexploded ordnance (UXO) still remaining in Laos after the Vietnam War. These UXO are as deadly today as they were 50 years ago. She'll explain how and why she initiated **NO UXO in LAOS** Project in collaboration with MAG (Mines Advisory Group), a non-profit organization, whose mission is to remove UXO from war torn countries worldwide.

While in the Air Force she was stationed at Udorn Air Base, Thailand on the border of Laos. She was the first woman Air Force officer assigned to manage an Officers' Club and the first to manage one on a fighter base in Southeast Asia which gave her a unique perspective on the war.

She wrote a memoir *Angel's Truck Stop, A Woman's Love, Laughter and Loss during the Vietnam War* that recounts how she managed the conflicts, challenges and choices she faced in this trailblazing position. She also gives a talk on "How Being Part of History Turned into a Memoir," which has been heard by more than 265 audiences in 16 States and Japan.

While writing her memoir, she became aware of the extensive damage caused from the bombing missions during the Vietnam War, and the devastation left from unexploded ordnance. She decided she wanted to help remove UXO in Laos and began to donate 10% of her book sales to removing UXO in Laos. Then in 2023, she wanted to make a bigger impact and started a campaign to raise \$50,000 to remove UXO in Laos from an area the size of 25 football fields! She exceeded the goal and in November 2024 a MAG demining team began its work in Laos and will continue the until March of 2025. She'll update us on how the work is progressing and how we can assist.

Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumping Adventure

By Elaine Terry

The visit to the two 2nd grade classrooms at Coronado K-8 went very well. We were openly welcomed! The classrooms were familiar with the 4 Way Test as another Rotary Club had visited them at a prior date. When the children were asked about the 4 Way Test, some were able to recite a couple of the statements. In the first class we visited they all repeated the 4 Way Test with us. They had a small poster with the 4 Way Test in both classrooms.

It was a hit that the books and workbooks were theirs to keep! We had them write their names in both their new books and workbooks. The Teachers were left with additional information and a lesson plan.

Overall, it was a hit!! We were in each classroom about 15 minutes. The children did not read during the visit, but were going to work on an activity at a later time.

There were approximately 20 children in each classroom

Bill Vegter
Wanda Bailey
Roger Bailey
David Baker
John Oszust (Ex Oficio)

How To Donate

To donate to one of the Foundation's special causes click below:

[DONATE HERE](#)

Save the Date! Mexico - USA Friendship Conference in Yuma

October 31 - November 3, 2025
Registration opens July 1

Mark your calendar for this year's Mexico-USA Friendship Conference and Global Grants Exchange in Downtown Yuma, Arizona. Watch for more information to come and registration opening July 1.

Rotary
PEOPLE OF ACTION

**Mexico - USA
Friendship Conference
& Global Grants
Exchange**

SAVE THE DATE

31 Oct 25 - 03 Nov 25
Yuma, Arizona

2025

Rotary Global Grant
Collaboration and Awards

5th Annual Arizona Rotary Days of Service

April 22-29, 2025: Supporting the Environment

District 5500 Governor Sue Archibald and District 5495 Governor Michelle Holcomb have selected this year's Arizona Days of Service projects focus: Supporting the Environment.

Join us in making a difference and contributing to a sustainable future. Your club's participation will make an impact in raising awareness, promoting sustainability, conserving natural resources, and engaging the community.

The 5th Annual Arizona Days of Service offers an opportunity to participate in various environmental service projects. Options for a Service Project Focused on the Environment:

- The Rillito River Clean Up Service Project on April 26. Registration now open (see flyer-read more)
- Environmental service project ideas generated by the Rotary Club of Tucson Verde (list attachment- read more)
- Have your own environmental service project? Share and collaborate with other clubs.

Join us in coming together to make a significant impact on the environment.

Arizona Rotary Week of Service
THE ENVIRONMENT
APRIL 22-29, 2025

THINK GREEN. ACT GREEN.

Invite your friends, neighbors and fellow civic organizations to join our Rotary Club members as we perform service projects throughout Southern Arizona.

Contact: DGN Emma Carrillo
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Rillito River Clean Up 2025

Save the date!

April 26 2025 8-10 AM

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park
3482 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718

Rotary
District 5500

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP >>>

Or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/Rillito25>

[Click here](#) for environmental service project



Pictures Above: Lynn and Dan Devou and Elaine Terry with a 2nd Class at Coronado K-8 school.

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Rotary Club of Saddlebrooke

Customize an Exciting Literacy Program on Almost Any Budget Using:

- PICTURE BOOKS
- ACTIVITY BOOKS
- BOOKMARKS
- POSTERS

New Generations Committee Members introduce the members to the Rotary Ideals Literacy series that will begin this spring at Coronado K-8 school. 2nd grade students will each receive Elmer and Andy's Apple Dumping Adventure book and Activity book from Saddlebrooke Rotary. The following are the program's objectives:

OBJECTIVES

Provide a story time experience that incorporates grade-level literacy skills and reinforces Good Citizen Behaviors

SWAT (Students Will be Able To):

- A. Relate good citizen behaviors to the 4 principles learned in the book:**
 - Is it the **Truth**?
 - Is it **Fair** to all Concerned?
 - Will it build **Goodwill** and **Better Friendships**?
 - Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?
- B. Show an understanding of new vocabulary**
- C. Predict and justify their predictions based on happenings in the story**
- D. Demonstrate literal comprehension of story**
- E. Be motivated to read the story with their family at home**

Global Grant with Rotary Club of Tubac

By Linda Drake

We are delighted to host our fellow Rotarians from Tubac at our meeting on March 13. We will welcome Tubac's Rotary representatives, Tom Maddock and Bud Eckhart, Past and Current presidents, who will present the incredible dedication of Rotarians assisting underserved Mexican children needing cleft-palate surgery.

Working through and with a Global Grant and St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, Arizona and the Cima Hospital in Hermosillo, a group of active Rotarians ensure 3 major components:

- ? Provide increased access to the much-needed surgeries to correct cleft palate/lip for children in underserved areas of Mexico.
- ? Provide more follow-up care after the original surgery
- ? Assist in community educational and family events to increase the awareness of cleft palate issues.

A long-term goal of this project is to create a sustainable and replicable model of addressing the needs of children needing cleft surgery, including the need to provide surgeries in a timely manner.

We look forward to learning about the positive impact of Rotary on children affected by this genetic disorder.

ideas

Speakers

March 20, 2025
Angel Pilato
March 27, 2025
John and Monica Oszust
April 03, 2025
Tammy Mockbee

Events

March 15th
SBCO Food Drive
March 20th
Angel Pilato
March 26th
SaddleBrooke Month Board of Directors Meeting
March 27th
Creating a Rotary Legacy
March 27th
New Generation Meeting
March 29th
SMRC Monthly Meeting
April 3rd
CSC Meeting
April 3rd
Little Hooves and Big Hearts
April 9th
Pack IMPACT bags at IMPACT of S.AZ
April 10th
International Committee Monthly Meeting
April 12th
YMCA Camp Clean-up

Birthdays

Christine Blackburn
March 15th
John M. Rutland
March 16th
Deborah A. Rue
March 16th
Byron D. Webb Jr.
March 17th
Dan Devou
March 26th
Tom Shellenberger
March 27th
Paul C. Herr
March 29th
Miriam Brock
April 5th
Bill Demeroutis
April 8th
Anne Brett
April 11th

REFILL
REPAIR
REUSE
SHARE
REDUCE
REGENERATE
REFUSE single-use plastic



Above: District Governor Sue Archibald on a visit to St Andrews Clinic.

Community Food Drive on Saturday March 15

In spite of the dreary weather conditions Saddlebrooke Rotarians volunteered at the annual SBCO food drive on Saturday, March 15. This is always a great event and for an outstanding cause, the Tri Community Food Bank.



Above: Patsy Ticknor, Dan Devou, Wendy Guyton



Above Rudi Faller



Above: Don and Elaine Terry, John Oszust, Lynn Devou

BCA Cross Border Tour



John and Monica Oszust join District 5500 Rotarians on a Cross Border Tour.

Border Community Alliance is dedicated to championing public literacy in current borderlands issues, anthropology, economics, history and geography - taking those subjects and learning in the field - rather than dusty libraries and classrooms. This is in fulfillment of the nonprofit's mission of education and in affirmation that context is vital to understanding.

Since 2010 many people have learned first-hand about the dynamics of the borderlands by taking a BCA Cross Border Tour. After going on one of our tours, Dan Shearer, editor of the Green Valley News wrote, "...it changed my whole perspective on the border and our relationship with Mexico!" BCA's cross border tour program has been also privileged to have been [featured in the New York Times](#).

