

Rotary

Rotary Club of
SaddleBrooke



Members' Weekly Newsletter

Sunday, March 2, 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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Another great social event



Florence Rotary - Country Thunder

Live Drawing: April 5
Purchase tickets [here](#)

A Richer Retirement: Lessons from a Financial Legend

FREE EVENT!

On Thursday, March 6, at 1:00 pm at the Ranch House Ballroom of SaddleBrooke Ranch at 31143 S Amenity Drive, SaddleBrooke Ranch, Oracle, Join us for "A Richer Retirement, Lessons from a Financial Legend."

The Rotary Club of SaddleBrooke is hosting a complimentary event on the latest research needed for your retirement planning from the "Father of the Four Percent Rule," Bill Bengen.

To save your seat, register at <https://saddlebrookerotary.com>. [Read More](#)



Global Grant with Rotary Club of Tubac

Scaling up a District Grant

The Rotary Club of Tubac's
District Grant:

The Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate
Surgery Missions
in Mexico



On Thursday, March 13, 2025 Members and guests will learn about our new Global Grant participation with the Rotary Club of Tubac.

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, Arizona, is a remarkable nonprofit organization providing free specialized medical care to children from northern Mexico who cannot access or afford the care they need in their home country. Laura Romero serves as the Executive Officer.

The clinic partners with several organizations to enhance its services:

1. **Children's Surgery International (CSI)**: This Minnesota-based nonprofit provides free medical and surgical services to children in need worldwide.
2. **My Clinic, Dr. Venezia Jordan (orthodontist)**: Dr. Venezia Jordan is an orthodontist who collaborates with the clinic to provide essential dental care.
3. **Speech Pathologist (Roxanna Holguin)**: Roxanna Holguin is a speech pathologist who contributes her expertise to the clinic's mission.
4. **CIMA Hospital**: This hospital offers a wide range of medical services and collaborates with the clinic to provide comprehensive care.
5. **CIMA Voluntariado**: This volunteer organization supports the clinic by providing medical, economic, spiritual, and moral assistance to vulnerable individuals.

These partnerships enable St. Andrew's Children's Clinic to provide holistic care and improve the lives of many children in need.

Micro Credit Loan Partnership

By Kristi A. Halvorson

About our International Project



COUNTRY THUNDER TICKETS RAFFLE

WIN 2 PLATINUM EXPERIENCE TICKETS
TO COUNTRY THUNDER (\$1,200+ VALUE)

PLATINUM EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE SKYBOX & OASIS LOUNGE WITH FULL-SERVICE BAR
- COMPLIMENTARY APPETIZERS EVERY DAY
- RESERVED EVENT ENTRANCE & PARKING
- COMPLIMENTARY LAMINATE SOUVENIR

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE FLORENCE ROTARY CLUB & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS. LEARN MORE AT WWW.FLORENCEAZROTARY.COM



COST PER ENTRY:
\$10 14 FOR \$30 115 FOR \$100
LIVE DRAWING ON APRIL 5, 2025,
DURING ROAD TO COUNTRY THUNDER

PURCHASE
TICKETS
ABOVE

Speakers

- March 06, 2025**
Bill Bengen
A Richer Retirement, Lessons from a Financial Legend.
- March 13, 2025**
Tom Maddock
- March 20, 2025**
Angel Pilato
- March 27, 2025**
John and Monica Oszust

Events

- March 6th
CSC Meeting
- March 6th
A Richer Retirement, Lessons from a Financial Legend.
- March 12th
Pack IMPACT bags at IMPACT of S AZ
- March 13th
Tom Maddock, Global Grant Presentation Cleft Palate
- March 13th
International Committee Monthly Meeting
- March 15th
SBCO Food Drive
- March 19th
SaddleBrooke Month Board of Directors Meeting
- March 20th
Angel Pilato
- March 27th
Creating a Rotary Legacy
- March 27th
New Generation Meeting
- March 29th
SMRC Monthly Meeting

Birthdays

- Janet P Baker
March 2nd
- Rudi A. Faller
March 10th
- Christine Blackburn
March 15th
- John M. Ruland
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



Participation

Microcredit/Loan Partner

Kristi interviewing a borrower in Hermosillo

What: This Arizona-Sonora, MX. program makes small business loans available to the poorest people in the poorest sections of Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico through an existing microcredit financial institution Credisylva, formerly FinReg bank). The small business loans provide capital to small scale entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. Their success rate is outstanding with a loan payback of 97%.

The project is about **"helping those who are trying to help themselves"**.

Participation: To be a partner in the program with other clubs in D 5500 and D5495 requires a donation of \$5000.00 payable over 3 years. We joined as a partner earlier this rotary year. Partner clubs receive regular program updates and access to financial data. **Also, we have the opportunity to join a borrower visit trip to Hermosillo. Such a trip allows us to meet and interact with our beneficiaries of the program. All costs of the trip are covered and limited to 10 people per trip.**

JOIN one of the TRIPS scheduled for February 21-23 or March 28-30
Kristi Halvorson made the trip in January and speaks highly of the experience. If interested, members should contact Harvey Smith or Kristi.

Goal: The objective of this program is to provide opportunities for individuals to sustain or expand an income generating business venture by offering seed money in the form of a loan. The program is not meant to be a grant but a loan with full expectations for pay back of the principal with modest interest (4%).

Additional information: Borrowers are organized into groups of 2-8 individuals. All group borrowers co-sign a group Promissory Note pledging repayment of all the individual loans during each loan cycle. When all the loans are repaid, new loans are made available. Consequently, funds contributed are loaned again and again for decades...they are never used up!

Microcredit is the most effective antipoverty intervention developed to date.
Donations are made to Tempe South Rotary Foundation (501c3.tax deductible).

San Manuel Revitalization Coalition

The San Manuel Revitalization Coalition (SMRC) is dedicated to developing and implementing programs that empower individuals, families, and businesses to build sustainability and economic prosperity in San Manuel, Arizona. The coalition works in partnership with Pinal County, the Mammoth-San Manuel School District, Local First Arizona, and Copper Town Association to enhance access to resources in this unincorporated community.



Above: John Howard, Community Services Committee Chairman, presents a donation check from Saddlebrooke Rotary Club Foundation to support the 2025 San Manuel High School Prom lock-in.

SMRC manages the San Manuel Community Center, providing a space for community meetings, private parties, and events. They also organize community events and activities, and offer workshops on topics like business licensing, computer skills, and resume building.

The coalition's strategic goals include creating a centralized non-profit organization to ensure community services are accessible, addressing waste

and beautification challenges, and increasing access to healthy food. They also aim to provide opportunities for community engagement and build pride and connection within San Manuel.

You can find more information on their website .

: San Manuel Revitalization Coalition

Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure

By Lynn Devou

The poster features the title "THE ROTARY IDEALS LITERACY PROJECT" in large, stylized letters. Below the title, it says "SHARE THE FOUR-WAY TEST AND SERVICE ABOVE SELF WITH THE CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY!". The central image shows a man and a woman making apple dumplings, with a book titled "APPLE DUMPLING ADVENTURE" and another titled "APPLE ORCHARD PARK". To the right, there is a QR code and the text "Rotary Club of Saddlebrooke". Below the QR code, it says "Customize an Exciting Literacy Program on Almost Any Budget Using:". To the right of this text are images of various literacy materials: "SERVICE ABOVE SELF", "THE FOUR-WAY TEST", "PICTURE BOOKS", "ACTIVITY BOOKS", "BOOKMARKS", and "POSTERS". At the bottom, it says "Learn more and place orders at ROTARYIDEALSITERACY.COM" and "info@rotaryidealsliteracy.com • 42 E. Robin Road, Suite 101A, Kettering, OH 45429".

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 Dumpling 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):

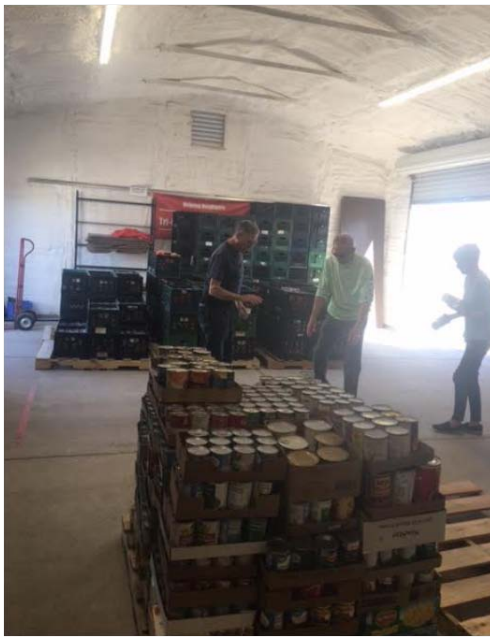
- A. Relate good citizen behaviors to the 4 principles learned in the book:
 - Is it the **Truth**?
 - Is it **Fair** to all Concerned?
 - Will it build **Goodwill** and **Better Friendships**?
 - Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?
- B. Show an understanding of new vocabulary
- C. Predict and 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

Tri Community Food Bank

By John Howard

Saddlebrooke Rotarians worked at the Tri Communities Food Bank yesterday, Friday Feb 21 to finish up the sorting of food donated from the Old Pueblo Bike Race.

The final stage was to take the food that had been sorted and consolidate like items into crates as seen in some of the attached photos.



252 crates of food food were donated. Our Club members unloaded the crates of food from the U Haul on Stn Feb 16 and sorted the donated food on Mon, Feb 17, Tuesday Feb 18 and Wed Frb 19 and consolidated the sorted food on Fri Feb 21.

The TCFB serves 500 families each month. Assuming 4 per family, that 2,000 people we will touch and help make a difference in their lives.

