

# WEST SIDE STORY

**AUGUST 14 2014**

**P.O. Box 35010 Phoenix, AZ 85069  
www.phoenixwestrotary.org**



**Attendance: 8/7/14  
15 members  
16 guests**

**How do YOU plan to  
Light Up Rotary this  
year?**

### **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 & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to ALL CONCERNED?

### **Rotarian Code of Conduct**

1. Act with integrity & high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
5. Not seek special business or professional advantages from other Rotarians.

## **US CONGRESSWOMAN KYRSTEN SINEMA**

Prez Rusty called the meeting to order— of the promised “Pop Quizzes” tapping mem- Chaplain Bob was no where to be found so ber’s recall of important facts from their close Wade led the pledge and Charlie the 4-Way reading of every issue of the West Side Story Test. In the nick of time, Bob returned and particularly the *ABCs of Rotary*. The goal is two- fold—assure Rotarians are reading WSS and lady, Kelly and the entire Avenue 25 staff, more importantly, that we all master important three past presidents of Rotary 100--our own Rotary information.

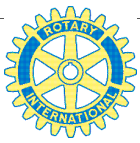
AG Jon Bauman, Howie Simon and the “first first gentleman” Charles Emerson. John’s wife John introduced our speaker of the day **US Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema** representing Arizona District 9. Born in Tucson, Sinema is a native Arizonan. She knows what it means to be homeless and the product of a broken home. She and her family lived for two years in an abandoned gas station with no electricity or running water. Her “rough” start, obviously made her both resilient and empathetic. Life may have given her lemons, but she has certainly made lemonade. She was valedictorian of her high school class and went to college on a scholarship. (I checked and learn that she earned a BA from Brigham Young, a Master of Social Work from ASU, a JD from ASU College of Law and a Ph.D. in Justice Studies from ASU.) She was a social worker and lawyer in the Washington School District. In addition to her legislative duties, she is an adjunct instructor in the ASU School of Social Work. Obviously no grass grows under her feet—all this accomplished by an “accomplished” woman not yet 40. (See pg. 3)



John reminded members of several important upcoming meetings—see list on page 4—DG Chuck Fitzgerald next week. Be sure to attend and invite guests to these outstanding meetings. Bulletin Chair Wilma gave the first

### **PHOENIX WEST ROTARY OFFICERS/DIRECTORS 2014-15**

President	Rusty Pile	Foundation	Ron Roderique	<u>DISTRICT-INTERNATIONAL</u>	
Past Pres	Christian Lehr	FundRaiser	David Caplan & Mike Tanner	RI President	Gary C.K. Huang
Pres Elect	David Caplan	Programs	John McBride & John Angelo	DG5490	Chuck Fitzgerald
Secretary	Peter Mahigian	ClubAdm.	Christian Lehr & John Angelo	AG5490	Jon Bauman
Treasurer	Gunther Bauer	Student/Month	Gary Drummond	<u>RI INTERNATIONAL THEME</u>	
Delegate @ Large	Sandy Petersen	Bulletin	Wilma Basnett-Emerson	<i>Light Up Rotary</i>	
Delegate @ Large	Charlie Stevenson	Invocation	Bob Dawson		
Sgt/Arms	Dominic Rae	Done in a Day	Staci Glass		



## MEMBERS & CLASSIFICATIONS WHO'S WHO IN PHOENIX WEST

<b>John Angelo</b>	Residential Real Estate
<b>Wilma Basnett Emerson</b>	Elementary Ed/Supt.
<b>Gunther Bauer</b>	Office Equipment
<b>John Bauermeister</b>	Third Party Logistics
<b>Richard Bookspan</b>	Law/Estate Planning
<b>David Caplan</b>	Attorney
<b>Bob Dawson</b>	Senior Active
<b>Gary Drummond</b>	Attorney-Real Estate
<b>Foster, Wade</b>	Healthcare
<b>Glass Staci</b>	Director of Development
<b>Trish Hosking</b>	Telephone Hardware Sales
<b>Christian Lehr</b>	Collections
<b>Peter Mahigian</b>	Music Educator
<b>John McBride</b>	Investment Advisor
<b>Erich Moreno</b>	Investments

<b>John Norris</b>	Health Care Adm.
<b>Sandy Petersen</b>	Marketing
<b>Rusty Pile</b>	Advertising, Graphic Design
<b>Zahra Plagens</b>	Residential Behavioral Health
<b>Dominic Rae</b>	General Contracting/Roofing
<b>Marge Raskin</b>	Jewelry/Specialty Sales
<b>Ron Roderique</b>	Bank Marketing
<b>David Scheur</b>	Investment Advisor
<b>Charlie Stevenson</b>	Retail Tires & Auto
<b>Mike Tanner</b>	Auto Body Repair

### Honorary Members

<b>Glen Bowlus</b>	<b>Don Catt</b>	<b>Mel Haugen</b>	<b>Mary Moreno</b>
<b>Bill Campbell</b>	<b>Rita Hadley</b>	<b>Ralph Huston</b>	
<b>Dean Neal</b>	<b>Dave Hadley</b>	<b>Gene Mills</b>	

## THE ABCs OF ROTARY

### THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The district governor (DG) performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is **the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a district**. DGs, who have been extensively trained at the International Assembly and regionally at the governors-elect training seminar, provide guidance and leadership to the more than 34,000 Rotary clubs of the world. They are responsible for maintaining the high performance of the clubs in their district.

The DG is an experienced Rotarian who generously volunteers more than a year\* to leading the district, has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies, and goals, and is a person of recognized high standing in his/her profession, community and Rotary club. \*The governor actually volunteers at least three years—first as DGN (nominee); next as DGE (elect); then DG. Although not always assigned specific duties, after the year as Governor, the title of Past District Governor (PDG) is assigned.

The governor makes at least one official visit to each club in the district. S/he supervises the organization of new clubs and strengthens existing ones; performs a host of specific duties to ensure that the quality of Rotary does not falter; and promotes and implements all programs and activities of the RI president and Board of Directors. The governor plans and directs training for incoming district officers and oversees the organization of the district conference and other special events.



**Chuck Fitzgerald**  
DG 5490 for 2014-15

### ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

The office of assistant governor (AG) was created in 1996 as a key element in the District Leadership Plan, the organizational structure for all districts adopted by the RI Board in an effort to help DGs better support their clubs. AGs are appointed by the DG to assist in the administration of assigned clubs. AGs help incoming club presidents plan for their year and for the DG's official visit, advise clubs on strategies to achieve goals and visit their assigned clubs at least four times a year.

In addition to providing more responsive support for clubs, AGs also form a pool of well-trained district leaders from which to select future governors. The AG serves as an important resource for both the clubs and the DG, helping to ensure that everything runs more smoothly within the district.

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**Jon Bauman**  
AG 5490 for PX West

## 'Party in the Pines'

**Saturday, August 23 • 4 p.m. on**  
*at Sandy Petersen's House*  
**1240 N. Edgewood, Flagstaff**

**Spousal units, guests & kids welcome**  
Come by for awhile or the entire evening

**RSVP to Sandy by August 18th**  
swp@pet-com.net  
or 602.287.9500

**Less than 2 hours away, and at least 25 degrees cooler!**  
I-17 to I-40 East. 2.5 miles to Butler exit. South on Butler 2.5 miles to Skyview (just past small lake on right). Left on Skyview down hill to Edgewood. Left on Edgewood to 1240.

# When you Miss Rotary, You Miss Out. Make Up At These Local D-5490 Rotary Clubs

e-Club of AZ [arizonaclub.org](http://arizonaclub.org)

<b>TUE:</b>	<b>Estrella</b> (Goodyear)	Estrella Community College, 12:00PM
	<b>Glendale Kachina</b>	Arrowhead Country Club, Glendale, 12:10PM
	<b>North Phoenix,</b>	Hilton Garden Inn, Central & Clarendon, 12:10PM
	<b>Sun City</b>	Grand Canyon Univi-Banner Boswell Campus, 12:00PM
<b>WED:</b>	<b>Glendale West,</b>	McFadden's Restaurant, Westgate, 6:00PM
	<b>Peoria North</b>	Arizona Broadway Theater, Peoria 6:00PM
<b>THUR:</b>	<b>Buckeye</b>	Millslone 1st, 4th/5th Thursdays; La Placita 2nd/3rd Thursday, 12:00
	<b>Goodyear White Tanks</b>	Hampton Inn & Suites 7:00AM
	<b>Sun City Del Sol</b>	Menke's Sun City Room, 7AM
	<b>Surprise</b>	Links Neighborhood Grill at Sun Village, First Thurs of Mnth., 6:00PM
<b>FRI:</b>	<b>Anthem</b>	Ironwood Country Club, 41551 N. Anthem Hills Dr. 7:15 AM
	<b>Litchfield Park</b>	Red's Grill at the Wigwam. 7:00AM
	<b>Peoria</b>	Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, 9355 W. Peoria, 7:00AM
	<b>Phoenix Rotary 100</b>	Phoenix Country Club, 7th St & Thomas, 12:10PM
	<b>Sun City West</b>	SCW Foundation, Bldg., Del Webb Room 11:30 AM

### ATTENDANCE TIPS

- **Put Rotary on your calendar! Thursdays 12:10**
- Attend at least 50% of our club meetings
- Make up when you miss a meeting. You have two weeks before and two weeks after a missed meeting to make up.
- Make up at a local club OR check out an e-club.

[arizonaclub.org](http://arizonaclub.org)

### Missing a fellow Rotarian?

Call 'em!  
Pick 'em up!  
Bring 'em to Rotary!

## Kyrsten Sinema — (Continued from Page 1)

A confessed optimist, she has a deep belief that she can make things better when using a common sense problem solving approach rather than relying on ideology and rigidity.

She believed early on that it would be simple to make changes to help those in need and who are also willing to work hard. When she found that needed change was not easy, she decided to run for office. She is currently the U.S. Representative from Arizona's 9th congressional district, first elected in 2012. A Democrat by party, she served in both chambers of the Arizona legislature, being elected to the Arizona House in 2005, and the Arizona Senate in 2011.

Sinema talked about three areas of pride. First her involvement in the *Problem Solver Caucus*, a bipartisan group of about 80 members of the House and Senate who meet regularly to work across the aisle to provide leadership to solve problems. The second *United Solutions*, another bipartisan group designed to work together to address our country's great fiscal challenges and find long term solutions that will end governing by crisis.

She indicated that on this day, President Obama had signed into law the Veterans Affairs Reform Act (Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014), a bill providing the VA the resources to improve access and quality of care for veterans. One of the important aspects is that veterans can see private doctors—particularly helpful for those in rural areas. Congresswoman Sinema was meeting with the new Secretary of the VA on Friday. Her goal is to make sure that the VA continues its current pledge to get more services for veterans. The fact that we lose 22 veterans daily across the country to suicide is

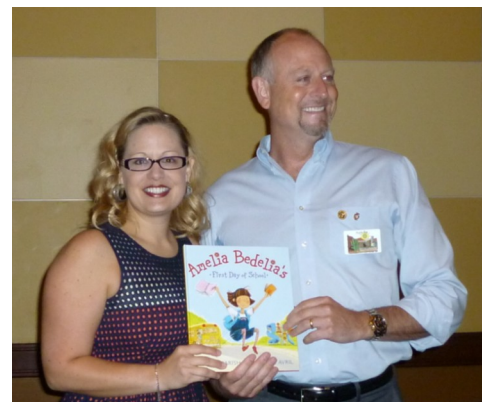
unacceptable. "It is a preventable tragedy", she says.

While Congresswoman Sinema loves her work in DC, her best day of the week is the day she is flying back to Arizona! When asked where she has grown most since being elected to office she quickly responded, "Patience." She stressed the importance of forming meaningful relationships with people (both those like her and different from her) and to find common ground as a springboard to get things done.

The biggest challenge is her concern that bills can be passed without committee hearings and never having been debated. She believes strongly that ALL bills should be heard and have the opportunity for public comment.

In response to a question about no mention of "education" in her remarks, the congresswoman responded that education is not a huge part of what congress works on; "local control is better," she says. She is in support of state-wide standards and Common Core.

Our thanks to John for arranging it and for Congresswoman Sinema for taking time from her busy schedule to share with us. We in turn will share her signed copy of Amelia Bedelia with an Osborn School.







## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

8/3 David Scheur  
8/15 Peter Mahigian

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

20 Richard & Susan Bookspan

## CLUB ANNIVERSARY

8/20 Christian Lehr 4 years  
8/26 Mike Tanner 10 years

## Thought for the Day

*Education is the movement from  
darkness to light.*

*~ Alan Bloom*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Upcoming Meetings

- August 14** District Governor Chuck Fitzgerald
- August 21** Done in a Day
- August 23** Party in the Pines—Flagstaff 4PM
- August 28** Dark—Labor Day
- Sept. 4** Sheriff Joe Arpiao
- Sept. 11** Police Chief Daniel Garcia

### UPCOMING DISTRICT & CLUB EVENTS

- Sept 27 Ethics Seminar, Tempe
- Oct 4 Grants Management Seminar, Sedona
- Oct 25 Grants Management Seminar, Peoria 9-12  
Membership Seminar, Peoria 1-3PM
- Oct 30-Nov 2 USA/Mexico Friendship & Grants Seminar,  
Cuernavaca, MX
- Nov. 8 AZ Rotary Foundation Day, Tempe
- Jan 16-19 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)  
Camp Pinerock, Prescott
- March 5-7 AZ Tri District PETS

## GRINS, GIGGLES & GUFFAWS

*“Laughter is an instant vacation.” ~Milton Berle*

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A wife asks her husband, “Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and, if they have avocados, get six.” A short time later the husband returns with six cartons of milk. “Why did you buy six cartons of milk?” his wife asks. He replies, “They had avocados.”

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A woman walked into a men’s clothing store looking to buy her six foot husband a shirt and her short stepfather, pants. She asked a salesman for help.

“I’m looking for a shirt with an 18 neck and 38-inch sleeves,” she told him, “and trousers with a 30-inch waist and an inseam of 27 inches.”

After absorbing those measurements the salesman said, “I have to ask. Do this guy’s knuckles drag on the floor?”

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A young girl walked into her school library and asked the librarian for a particular book.

“Are you sure you want *this* book? The librarian asked. “It’s pretty scary.”

“I’m not afraid of anything,” said the girl. “I’ve seen my grandmother naked.”

As soon as the hospital makes you put on one of those little gowns, you know the end is in sight.

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**“If it’s any consolation, he slipped away peacefully.”**