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*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time*

## A message from the president

That's right — I'm taking up this space instead of the usual spot on Page 2 because we have plenty of other information to cover in the remainder of the newsletter.

We conducted our last fundraiser of the busy season in late March as part of the Eggstravaganza event at Golden Eagle Park. The mercury is starting to heat up, and some winter visitors to town (and our club) are starting to depart to other climes.

While our pace will now slow a bit, we will attempt to keep busy through the late spring and summer months with indoor service projects and other activities. It's still a good time to actively recruit potential members and keep our eye on our main mission — serving the children of the world.

We have had a fantastic first six months as part of this 2015-16 Kiwanis year, and I thank everyone for their dedication and commitment to our cause. We've enjoyed good fellowship, welcomed new members and made an impact on Fountain Hills and throughout the world.

Thank you for being a part of our club and for contributing your time and talent to Kiwanis!

— President Mike Scharnow



*Dr. Liz Smith and Paul Appeldorn, center, from our club were among the top 2% of award-winning blood drive coordinators recently honored by United Blood Services, earning a Hero Award for providing the largest impact on the blood supply. With them are UBS Executive Director Audrey Jennings and State Senator John Kavanagh.*

## Our heroes

### *Club recognized again for town blood drives*

Fountain Hills once again was prominent at the United Blood Services' annual awards event, as our Noon Kiwanis Club and its two blood drive coordinators, Dr. Liz Smith and Paul Appeldorn, received the Hero Award. In 2015, there were 1,312 organizations that held blood drives in Arizona, but only 27 qualified for the Hero Award.

The Noon Kiwanis Club conducts several community blood drives a year in cooperation with the Town of Fountain Hills and UBS. Our community blood drives recorded a total of 637 donations for the year, making us the fourth largest in Arizona. Last year, more than 1,312 organizations hosted 3,597 blood drives across Arizona, which provided 90,158 blood donations. Because blood can be separated into components to benefit multiple patients, those donations saved more than 200,000 Arizona lives!

The prestigious Hero Award is reached by just 2 percent of all blood drive coordinators across Arizona. This dynamic group of coordinators provided the largest impact on the blood supply by going above and beyond with outstanding blood drive planning, as well as recruiting donors on difficult days or during times of the year when the need was most critical.

"Once again, Dr. Liz and Paul are to be commended for their dedication and creative juices when coordinating these community blood drives," said club President Mike Scharnow. "They are recognized year after year for their commitment, and it truly reflects well on our Kiwanis club, our Town of Fountain Hills and all the wonderful people who donate blood on a regular basis. We also have some outstanding business sponsors such as Little Caesar's Pizza and Rendo's that help us out at these drives.

"This is what makes Fountain Hills truly special along with our outstanding club."

# It was a super breakfast

We raised more than \$1500 at our "Super" Pancake Breakfast held in early February on Super Bowl Sunday morning.

This annual event has been offered for several years now and continues to pick up steam and a growing reputation as a delicious breakfast on a special day for football fans and others who just love to get together for Super Bowl parties, etc.

"I want to thank everyone for giving up a Sunday morning to help at the event," said club President Mike Scharnow. "It's kind of a unique way for us to deliver breakfast to people, but it's a good little fundraiser for the Eliminate Project.

"All the funds raised will go to fighting maternal neonatal tetanus, which is more important than a football game, of course, but it's still a good way to remember that Noon Kiwanis has a breakfast fundraiser on the same day as the big game.

"Between the breakfast and donations received during the Great Fair, our club will have met its pledge regarding the Eliminate Project. But Kiwanis still needs to continue raising funds for MNT, so hopefully our club will continue to donate to this cause for years to come.

"There are still countries suffering from MNT, so we need to continue to help out."



*These folks were all smiles as they indulge in a delicious Noon Kiwanis pancake breakfast.*



*It was thumbs up for Joe "Go" and Carol Goyena at the Super Bowl Breakfast event.*



*Al Roselieb divulges his secret pancake batter recipe to Ron Smith.*



*A delicious breakfast would not be possible without a hard-working crew inside the cook trailer. The views aren't quite the same as during the art fairs, but trailer camaraderie still runs high at the Super Bowl Breakfast.*



All smiles and all ready to dish out a delicious dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.

# Inspiring dinner

## Ronald McDonald House families served by our club

A new round of visits to the Ronald McDonald House in Phoenix has been scheduled for our club.

This has become a favorite activity for club members and an excellent way to introduce prospective members to an inspiring service project that truly embodies what Kiwanis is all about.

Our members prepare special dishes for dinner and then serve the meal to residents of the home, who are staying there because they have seriously ill children staying in the hospital or receiving treatments.

Upcoming visits to the Roanoke House are set for April 17, June 5, July 24, August 14 and October 9.

“We can possibly schedule more visits, especially as we enter the slow summer months. This is an excellent way to introduce someone to our club and all the wonderful things we do as an organization,” said Mike Scharnow.



Above, these kids have fun in the play room that adjoins the dining room at the Roanoke House. Families enjoy home-cooked meals when groups like ours volunteer to dish out some loving for supper. At left, member Jo Nelson mans her usual spot in the kitchen, doling out plenty of cookies to all who want some.

# Upcoming Calendar of Events

<b>April 10</b>	Kiwanis social at Ken Brown's home
<b>April 14</b>	NO MEETING
<b>April 17</b>	Ronald McDonald House dinner
<b>April 19</b>	Aktion Club meeting at STARS
<b>April 20</b>	K-Kids, Builders clubs meetings
<b>April 21</b>	Luncheon meeting; River of Time Museum
<b>April 23</b>	Service project at Extended Hands Food Bank
<b>April 23</b>	Relay for Life at Fountain Park
<b>April 28</b>	NO MEETING



## Welcome!

**Cecile DiGuglielmo is the latest resident to join the Noon Kiwanis Club. Ceci was sponsored by Jon Geller. Ceci has already volunteered for several projects, including the Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast and the Eggstravaganza breakfast event. She works during the week and it will be difficult for her to make Thursday meetings, but she intends to keep active with club service projects. We had a special induction ceremony for her after the Eggstravaganza breakfast. Welcome Ceci!**



### Dudes and Dudettes:

That's right, we're talking to you, our valued members of the Fountain Hills Noon Kiwanis Club. We recycle. We recycle aluminum kans. Other recycling materials can be deposited in the bins outside the Kiwanis Activity Center (those proceeds benefit the Sunset Kiwanis Club).

But our club, thanks to Paul "Kan Man" Appeldorn, recycles only aluminum kans. Paul cashes in the kans and keeps an exact count of funds raised. The money benefits our Kiwanis Across the Border project in cooperation with the Nogales Kiwanis Club. Bring your kans to the next meeting and help our Kan Fund. Drink up and help our club!



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