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

Blood donations sought

It might be hot and humid amid these monsoon conditions in the desert southwest, but one thing doesn't change — the need for blood donations.

Our club each year takes the lead in trying to schedule community blood drives, in conjunction with the Town of Fountain Hills, at critical times when it is more difficult to obtain blood donations — near certain holidays, for example, or over the hot summer months.

While many regular blood donors may be gone during summer, the demand for blood doesn't decrease proportionately. Our hospitals are always in need of additional donations.

As such, our two blood drive coordinators, Paul Appeldorn and Dr. Liz Smith, are busy preparing and recruiting for the next blood drive at the Fountain Hills Community Center, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18-19.

While several club members help volunteer at the drives, probably needed most is more blood donors. If you can't give blood yourself, make sure to let your friends and neighbors know about this worthy cause. The process doesn't take too long and it really doesn't hurt.

It helps saves lives!

Helping Boys & Girls

Donation will boost the local branch facility

The Noon Kiwanis Club has for many years supported the Fountain Hills McKee Branch of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale in a wide variety of ways.

Besides the usual monetary donations, the club also has given plenty of "sweat equity" to the branch in the form of volunteer labor over the years.

The club was instrumental years ago in helping raise funds to assist the branch with its initial expansion and opening.

Earlier this summer, current branch director Lauren Stratton visited us for a luncheon meeting and brought those in attendance up to speed on what's happening with the facility located adjacent to the former Four Peaks School.

The club has been open during the summer and launching various programs and day trips to keep the kiddos busy during the hot months.

Staff also is gearing up for the 2017-18 school year, which is set to begin next week already. The facility takes in younger students up through teenagers.



Club President Ken Brown presented a \$500 check to Lauren Stratton, director of the local Boys & Girls Club branch.

Another upcoming event that the branch will host, with the help of our club, Sunset Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis Lite and the Key Club, is "Day for Kids." This fun event, featuring games and food items, has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23. Volunteers are always needed that day to assist with various activities at the club.





A WORD FROM PRESIDENT KEN BROWN

LITTLE DID I KNOW

Fellow Kiwanians:

When I attended my first Kiwanis meeting almost three years ago, I had no idea what this organization was all about. I didn't know that Kiwanis clubs existed for the express purpose of "serving the children of the world." It took me a little while to catch that vision.

I didn't have any intention of serving as an officer in Noon Kiwanis, either. Let alone serving as the president of the club two years later. I came to my first luncheon meeting because Jerry and Jackie Miles told me that I could get to know key people in town by joining Kiwanis. Boy, were they right!

Through my associations with members of our club, I've met other key people and plugged into other projects that have introduced me to even more people. It's kind of fun to look back and reflect on the chains of relationships that have developed through all those various activities. When I joined Noon Kiwanis, I launched into an adventure that has proved to be fun at times and quite challenging as well.

In the meantime, while serving in this club, I've had opportunities to link arms with people who are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of kids. I've also had the privilege of introducing a number of friends and acquaintances to our club, even though some chose not to join for various reasons. At least they now know why we exist and have a greater understanding of the kind of dedication our members have.

As I anticipated becoming the President of this club last year, I began to think of another way we could make a difference in the lives of the children of the world. Last July, Haiti was not even on my radar. By the end of August, I was haunted by the thought that 350 kids in a school in Haiti were malnourished, if not starving.

I couldn't ignore that need, so I personally took on the challenge of raising as much as \$30,000 to feed those kids. I had no idea how I could do it. I just knew I had to do it! Members of our club and members of my church (and friends of people from both organizations) also embraced that challenge.

Three of us took a trip to Haiti in January to get a better handle on the scope of that need and strategized how to get the need addressed. Altogether we raised more than enough money to feed those children for a year and got all kinds of free publicity for Noon Kiwanis in the *Fountain Hills Times* that we never even sought.

As I said, when I joined Noon Kiwanis, I had no idea what would happen as a result. It has been an adventure that I am grateful that I chose to embrace. If you are new to Noon Kiwanis, I want you to know that there are many ways that you will be able to serve the children of the world. It will be an interesting adventure, so enjoy the ride!

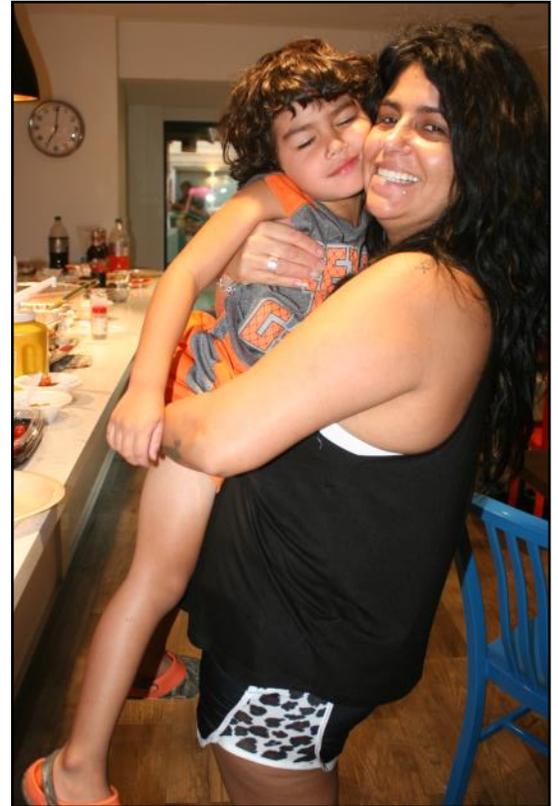
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LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

It's all about this....

We love to see those smiles at the Ronald McDonald House



This father and daughter team enjoying our Sunday evening dinner.....



A big hug right before grabbing a plate....



These two, at left, clearly enjoyed the brats and hot dogs!



Jon Geller, Dawn Zielinski, John Rosenquist, Ed Cohen and Pat Costa taking a break before serving up dinner.



Even though it was her first time at the Ronald McDonald House, Dawn Zielinski had no problem making herself at home and getting her dishes ready for the evening supper.



Photos by Jon 'Flash' Geller

Upcoming Calendar of Events

August 3	Luncheon meet; FH Strategic Plan
August 3	Recruiting event at MMES
August 10	NO MEETING
August 15	Adopt-A-Street litter patrol
August 15	Aktion Club meeting at STARS
August 17	Luncheon meet; Kiwanis Int. update
August 18-19	Community Blood Drive
August 24	NO MEETING
August 31	NO MEETING

Collecting Kiwanis Kans

Paul “Kan Man” Appeldorn recently took another load (pictures below) of Kiwanis Kans to a Valley recycling center. This latest deposit brought the Kan fund to \$192.01 for the year.

This makes 192 pounds (or 4,992 kans) total for this year — so far. And the key is “so far.” Kiwanians are urged to keep drinking, and then bringing in those kans to meetings!

Funds have been used for many years to help finance donations to the Kiwanis Across the Border project, which entails working with a Kiwanis club in Nogales, Ariz. to benefit the less fortunate right across the border. A big thanks to the Kan Man for taking on this project and helping our club raise some extra funds.



The Kan Man fit all these kans into his Toyota Prius.



Even though this picture is a few years old, it does show Paul “Kan Man” Appeldorn doing what he does best — turning in collected Kiwanis kans for money at a Valley recycling center.

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