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## Nuevo Calendar

### LUNCHEON MEETINGS

**June 14** - Program: **Sue Lofgren**, Tempe Sister Cities liaison with Timbuktu, Mali, Song, **James Bache**; Pledge, **Richard Bauer**; Kiwanis Pledge, **Richard Abbey**; Thought, **Eastburn Bennett**; Joke of Day, **Mary Lou Taylor**.

**June 21** - Program: **Mike Reichling**, Emergency Preparedness. Song, **Bob Busch**; Pledge, **Bobbi Caley**; Kiwanis Pledge, **Ryan Buechting**; Thought, **Dick Caley**. Joke of Day, **Dave Logan**.

**June 28** - Program: **Richard Abbey** on "Small Business Pitfalls & Accomplishments. Song, **Gene Ganssle**; Pledge, **Bobbi Caley**; Kiwanis Pledge, **Ann Heins**; Thought, **George Eastlick**; Joke of Day, **Rick Oliver**.

**July 5** - Program, **Robin Manelis** of Furnishing Hope. Song, **Ray Devine**; Pledge, **Scott Killworth**; Kiwanis Pledge, **Judy Johnson**; Thought, **John Gillan**. Joke of Day, **Gene Ganssle**.

### ACTIVITIES

**June 20** - Nuevo Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m., Tempe Schools Credit Union Board Room, 2800 South Mill Avenue.

**July** - **Division 10 Council** meeting; time, date and place to be announced.

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**RARIN' TO GO** at Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games at Mesa Community College were some of the members of Nuevo's "Water Buffaloes" team - (l to r) **Don Heikkila**, **Rick Oliver**, **Randy Griggs**, **Pilar Spresser**, **Richard Bauer** and **Gene Ganssle**. For more than 25 years, Kiwanis Nuevo has been making sure Special Olympians have plenty of water on hand as they compete in Summer Games events - a real life-saver in years when May's temperatures top 100. (More pictures, page 3)

## Water Buffaloes Do It Again

Thirty-two Nuevo and McClintock Key Club members and guests put in a grand total of 204.50 hours of volunteer work carrying out the "Jerry Weaver Water Buffaloes" work at this year's Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games, April 28-30 at Mesa Community College. Add in the 32.75 hours given to pre-games preparations and post games wrap-up work and you have - yet again - the largest Nuevo manpower-demanding service project of the year.

This year's total 237.25 manpower hours were quite an increase over the 184 racked up in 2010 by 34 Nuevo and Key Club volunteers, with Tempe Accelerated H.S. Key Club participating then, too, but unable to do so this year. It was better also than the 224 service hours given in 2009, but there were 38 volunteers splitting those hours - including members of the Corona del Sol High School Key Club for the first, and only, time. Chief "Water Buffalo" **David Logan** credited a number of members doing more than one shift for making the difference in results this year.

More water "carrying" was needed than last year, as there were 1,300 athletes participating - about 200 more than competed in the 2010 Special Olympics. Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games annually attract from 1,000 to 1,500 special athletes from across the state to compete in 50 to 60 events over a three-day period, making it one of the largest S.O. competitions held in the U.S.

**Logan** said that 22 Kiwanis members, eight McClintock Key Club'ers and two guests kept containers filled with water and ice and delivered by motorized carts to the various Games venues. "This year the weather was cooler than normal, which made it easy to keep up with the water needs and do a great job in spite of less volunteers versus last year," he said. The 22 Kiwanians participating represented 73 percent of the club's membership and that made it the highest participation rate service project for the year for Nuevo. They served a total of 151.75 hours. "We had great participation from McClintock Key Club, too, which helped fill in some gaps" where shifts hadn't been filled in Nuevo sign-ups, **David** added. Key Club members put in a total of 33.25 hours at the Games.

Between pre-Games meetings and preparations, post Games meetings and wrap-up, and hours working "in the field" for the Games, **Logan** was way out front in terms of service given - putting in a whopping total of 57.50 hours on the project. The only other Nuevo volunteers with two digit numbers for hours served were **Lee Overholt** with 13.25, **Jim Bache** with 12.50 and **Richard Bauer** with 12; they were bested by an MCC student - who apparently liked what the Water Buffaloes were doing - and gave 15 hours as a "guest" volunteer to help them do it. All of Nuevo's "Water Buffaloes" put in more than the normal three-hour shift. They included **Richard Abbey**, **Bob Busch**, **Rick Oliver**, **Pilar Spresser**, **John Gillan**, **Mary Lou Taylor**, **Lee Overholt**, **Myron Hammond**, **Judy Johnson**, **Gene Ganssle**, **Don Heikkila**, **Ryan Buechting**, **Randy Griggs**, **Dick Caley**, **George Eastlick**, **Lon Lawrenz**, **Eastburn Bennett**, **Larry Mishler** and **Richard Flickinger**. The other guest volunteer was **Eastlick's** wife **Kim** who worked the same 4.5 hours her husband did.

Said **David**, "It is a lot of fun and very rewarding to see and be a part of the action."

## Coming Topics: Timbuktu To Hope

A Tempe Sister City program in Timbuktu, a 72-hour emergency preparedness program, pitfalls of starting a small business and a charity that "furnishes hope" - those are topics for Kiwanis Nuevo speakers in coming weeks. Speakers include: **June 14, Sue Lofgren**, coordinator for the Tempe-Timbuktu Sister Cities program since 1993; **June 21, Michael J. Reichling**, CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) program manager for Tempe Fire Department; **June 28, Nuevo member Richard Abbey** who'll lead an open forum on pitfalls and achievements in starting a business; and **July 5, Robin Manelis**, founder of Furnishing Hope.

**SUE LOFGREN**, a longtime Tempean, follows her husband Bob as a Nuevo speaker; he was here a couple of weeks ago to tell us about capturing a World War II U-Boat in the Atlantic. Sue will be talking about how Tempe Sister City has been addressing some of the needs of Timbuktu, Mali, one of the world's poorest nations. In her role as coordinator, she is now pursuing funds to help build a school in Timbuktu. Other Tempe Sister City efforts for the city have included providing funds for wells, education, medicine, wheelchairs, sewing machines and other special projects. Helping fill needs - in the Tempe community as well as Tempe's Sister Cities - has been a way of life for Sue and husband Bob; it's what earned them a dual Don Carlos Award several years ago from Tempe Community Council.

**MICHAEL REICHLING**, Tempe Fire Department's senior fire inspector/investigator and public information officer, retired from the Arizona Army National Guard as a Lt. Colonel after serving for 35 years. He commanded the first Guard unit to be activated to serve in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He served as the Guard's weapons of mass destruction team commander, achieving multiple certifications in the hazardous materials response area, and has completed the Homeland Security/FEMA Professional Development Series. He has been an emergency planner for the Arizona Division of Emergency Management, a Deputy State Fire Marshal for more than 15 years, and occupational fire and safety consultant for the State of Arizona. In those capacities, he developed emergency response plans for Navajo, Apache and Pinal Counties and the statewide Public Fire and Life Safety Education Program. Developing emergency response exercises in a partnership with Kazakhstan is one of many of his achievements which have earned him honors.

**RICHARD ABBEY** recently fulfilled a longtime dream - having his own shop (and working in it!). After a number of years in accounting in the corporate world, he and wife Jennifer have purchased Lift & Stor Beds, a Mesa company which includes a "shop" where the company's patented, original Lift and Stor beds and other space-saver beds are made, along with custom office, entertainment and other furniture. The business also includes a store with its own products and those of other companies, too. Richard previously held accounting positions with On Time Express, Lyle Anderson land developers and, for eight years, Honeywell. He has a degree in accounting from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces. And he's the grandson of the General Richard Abbey who was at Williams Air Force Base in the '60s and lived in Chandler's historic San Marcos hotel (where Richard and Jennifer were married).

**ROBIN MANELIS** started volunteering with homeless causes in Tempe six years ago. In mentoring and getting to know many of the chronically homeless people in Tempe, she said she has learned much about the causes of homelessness, how people survive on the streets and the obstacles they face trying to improve their situations. After helping two other organizations with their volunteer efforts and community outreach, her passion for helping and organizing led her to create Furnishing Hope in November 2010. The nonprofit organization collects usable household items and furniture from the community and distributes them to individuals who are transitioning out of homelessness through local area programs but haven't the funds to furnish their living quarters. Since its founding, Furnishing Hope has helped more than 40 individuals move in and furnish their new homes. Robin will be sharing with Nuevo some of the things she has learned about homelessness, as well as explaining the mission and operation of Furnishing Hope.

## Food Banks To Get Nuevo Helping Hand

Kiwanis Nuevo's annual summer food drive to help out local food banks at a time when donations normally slow down - but the need doesn't - will kick off with Tuesday's (June 14) luncheon meeting.

On hand to help start the drive will be Nuevo member **George Eastlick**, who oversees family food boxes for those in need and lunch sacks for the homeless in his social services role with Tempe Salvation Army. The Salvation Army, along with Escalante Community Center and St. Vincent de Paul food banks in Tempe will benefit again this year from the club's summer food drive. Nuevo hopes to once more encourage Tempe's other Kiwanis clubs to join in the drive.

Escalante's food bank, which serves many families of Thew School students, will be June's food recipients. Nuevo members are asked to bring packages of rice, pasta and/or dried beans; canned beans and pasta sauces to this week's luncheon meeting. The following week, June 21, canned tomatoes or tomato sauces, vegetables (green beans, peas and corn primarily) and fruit will be collected. And on June 28, the wished-for list will be canned meats (tuna, vienna sausages, etc.), canned soups, packaged potatoes and baby foods.

July's collections will be for Tempe Salvation Army and August will focus on St. Vincent de Paul Society's food bank.

Food drive Chairman **Peggy Bryant** will be out of town until July 8, but Nuevo Secretary **Lon Lawrenz** will be sending notices weekly as to what food items are to be brought to the following Tuesday's luncheon meetings.

## Killworth Goes Inactive

**Scott Killworth** is going inactive in Nuevo for a spell to tend to recent growth of his financial business that now requires him to cover 15 states. "I feel good to be a Kiwanian. . . I already miss the luncheon meetings and seeing all of you," he said. But, he added, "I hope to see you all in the near future." Scott's seat on Nuevo's Foundation Board will be filled by a club Board appointment.

## Kiwanis Nuevo Happenings In Brief . . . . .

### TAHS DUO GET SCHOLARSHIPS. .

A young man who has spent part of his school years as a homeless student and a young woman who has been an excellent student in spite of struggles with health problems are this year's recipients of Nuevo scholarships at Tempe Accelerated High School.

Nuevo Vice-President **Gene Ganssle** presented seniors Michael Rivera, a TAHS student since seventh grade, and Jaimee Peters with \$500 scholarships at the school's graduation ceremony at Mesa Arts Center recently. Michael plans to go to college and "is a perfect candidate for this scholarship," said Gene. Jaimee also has college plans, he said, and "It is clear she would benefit from this scholarship." Gene encouraged the two to visit us in the future and let us know how they are doing.

### ORDERING LUNCH? . . .

Nuevo's new summer lunch program starts

this week and members planning to attend Tuesday's (June 14) meeting should let Secretary **Lon Lawrenz** know their menu choices by 5 p.m. Monday (June 13). This week's choices are A-Bacon, lettuce and tomato on wheat toast; B-Chef salad (ham, turkey, swiss and cheddar on mixed greens); C-Shaligusta burger; and D-Grilled chicken breast with swiss cheese on bun. Lon will e-mail menus each Friday for the next Tuesday and ask for members' e-mailed choices by 5 p.m. Mondays so he can give Shalimar advance orders.

### THE GREATEST READER. . .

Thew School Principal **Julie Schroeder** presented Nuevo member **Gene Ganssle** with "The Greatest Reader" award at our May 29 meeting. Gene, who has been reading at Thew since Nuevo started its reading program there several years ago, has been "promoted" she said - from fifth grade to third for next year.

### OFF THEY WENT. . .

An initial flight was delayed, but they finally flew off into the wild blue yonder, Friday, headed to Lake Havasu City for an interclub with Division 15's Golden K club (which, they report, has a 104-year-old member!).

Pilot **Jim Bache**, whose shingles-swollen hand had postponed the trip in mid-May, took along **Lee Overholt**, **Richard Flickinger** and Interclub Chairman **Al Larson**; and, no, Al didn't help with the flying - "The flight was fine," he said. "I guess I was not relaxed enough to volunteer to share the duties."

Al said if **Bobbi and Dick Caley** got to visit Bisbee (and they may have been too worried about the Greer cabin to do so), then we just have two more interclubs to go to qualify for the Middle Circle award - Prescott and Tucson (where we'll pick up an interclub during Southwest District Convention in August).

**WORKIN' HARD AT ...**

# Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games



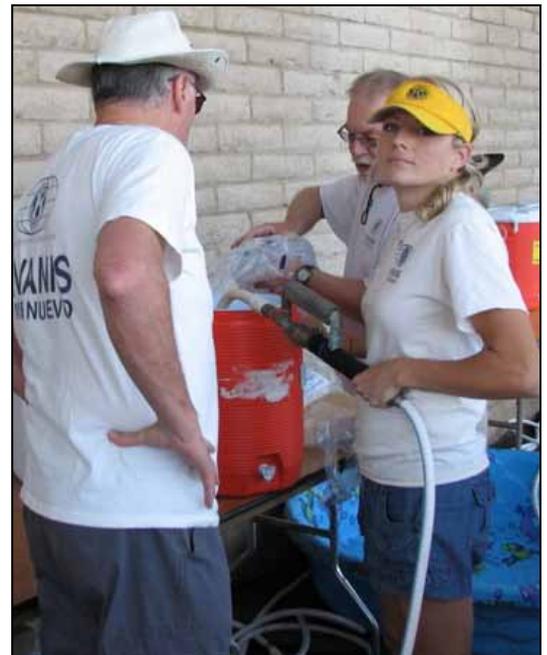
## **IT'S ALL ABOUT . . . Special Olympians,**

*mentally/physically challenged youth and adult athletes from throughout the state. . . when Kiwanis Nuevo's "Water Buffaloes" go to work at Arizona Special Olympics Annual Summer Games. In photo left, some of the 1,300 athletes competing in this year's games join in a parade on Mesa Community College's track field during opening ceremonies. The Olympians participated in track and field, tennis, gymnastics, volleyball and other competitions, plus awards ceremonies, a dance and other special activities at the April 28-30 event.*



## **HARD AT WORK. . .**

*Nuevo's Water Buffaloes do their job - keeping Special Olympics athletes, coaches and spectators hydrated by getting iced water to all the Games sports venues, medical, awards, support and spectator areas. In photo left, Gene Ganssle hands ice from Fry's refrigerated truck to Richard Bauer for hauling to "water headquarters" where (In photo right) Randy Griggs gets a lesson in how to fill a container as Pilar Spresser wields the infamous water nozzle and Richard Bauer adds ice. In photos below, at left, Lee Overholt is surrounded by filled containers waiting to be loaded on carts and Water Buffaloes "chief" Dave Logan (far right) gives Nuevo and McClintock Key Club volunteers "how to's" on using motorized carts.*



# Longevity Earns Its Rewards

A long, long, long time as a Kiwanian is what it takes to be a Kiwanis International, Legion of Honor awardee - and Nuevo has several of them, including its two newest.

Nuevo Secretary **Lon Lawrenz** presented **Dick Caley** and **Al Larson** with the latest of the awards, including a certificate from K.I. and a pin from Nuevo, at a club luncheon last month. Caley, a past president of Nuevo, earned his for 35 years of Kiwanis service - all with Nuevo. Larson was recognized for three decades as a Kiwanian but he split his between Nuevo, Scottsdale McCormick K.C. and Phoenix Thunderbird where he first became a Kiwanian (and rose to its presidency).

Several other Nuevo members have been recognized with Legion of Honor awards over the years for their many years of service to Kiwanis. The awards are given for 25 years of service and for each five years of service after that so Dick and Al have prior awards.

Two of our members have the rare distinction of having Legion of Honor awards for 50 years of service - **Eastburn Bennett** and **Bill Kaukol**; and both are due to be honored for 55 years of service next year. Though they've been with Nuevo for a long time, each came to our club from other Kiwanis clubs.

And, said Lon, "if memory serves me correctly" (and he adds the caveat - "and it often doesn't!") - **Richard Flickinger** and **Bob Busch** hold "Legions" for 30 years of service, **Larry Mishler** and **Jim Bache** for 25 years.

Due Legions of Honor this year are **Bill Wade** for his 35th year of service, **Jim Bache** for his 30th and **David Logan** for his 25th.

That all adds up to a whole lot of dedicated service to Kiwanis and the kids it serves.



**LEGION OF HONOR-EES Al Larson (top) and Dick Caley (bottom) receive their awards from club Secretary Lon Lawrenz.**

## AROUND OUR KIWANIS WORLD

# SWD Webinar Speaker Inspires

Division 10's current and incoming Lt. Governors - Dave Wochner and **Lon Lawrenz** - are urging the division's Kiwanians - and that includes Kiwanis Nuevo members - to sign up soon for a June 21 webinar to hear an inspiring speaker talk about how YOU can "Create a Positive Image for Kiwanis."

Presenting the 7-8 p.m. webinar for Southwest District, Kiwanis International, will be Windy Mortensen whose "Full Bucket" keynote address at the District's Mid-Year Conference last March in Mesa was a highlight of that event. Her ideas and concepts about creating a positive image can be put into practice immediately, according to District leaders.

## K.I. Conclave Ahead

We may not be going - but we can dream can't we? Famed British primatologist, Dame Jane Goodall, and American actress Jamie Lee Curtis will be among speakers for Kiwanis International's 96th Annual Convention opening July 7 in Geneva Switzerland.

Dame Jane will talk about her work with chimpanzees and its impact on human-animal interactions at the convention's opening session. She's also a UN Messenger of Peace

Curtis, also an author known for her sense of humor, will be keynoter for the closing session. She's active in charities including Children Affected by AIDS Foundation and children's hospitals on both East and West coasts.

"Windy is a terrific speaker who also is a Kiwanian," Lon said. Wochner concurred, noting that "Having heard her presentation to the incoming Lt. Governors last June at Kamp Kiwanis, I can say she's an enthusiastic speaker whose message was very well received."

**Members can sign up online at [www2.gotomeeting.com/register716026394](http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register716026394).**

Nuevo President-Elect **Gene Ganssle**, who heard Mortensen's talk at Mid-Year Conference, also is encouraging members to sign up for the webinar, pointing out that it's easy to do and "a convenient way for us to get information about Kiwanis and get an idea on what leadership is thinking and how it may impact our club.

"You don't have to make comments or submit questions unless you want to and it's as easy as watching TV."

Nuevo members are asked to let Gene know if and when they sign up.

## Division July Meeting 'On Hold'

A time, date and place for Division 10's July meeting is "on hold" for the time being

The division's meetings, open to members of all Division 10 clubs, are normally on the first Thursday of every other month. But that day falls on July 7 and that's the first day of the Kiwanis International Convention, said Division Lt. Governor Dave Wochner. He said the time, date and place for the July Division meeting is "to be announced."

# Kiwanians Ending, Beginning Jobs As Superintendents

One member of Kiwanis Nuevo is stepping down - and a former member is stepping up - in Tempe's education world.

Current Nuevo member **Steve Adolph** will retire as Superintendent of the Tempe Union High School District at the end of June - and former Nuevo member **Chris Busch** will be promoted from associate superintendent to Superintendent of Tempe Elementary School District, July 1, succeeding Art Tate.

Steve will be ending a 33-year career in education, 30 of them with the high school district. He began his career with TUHSD as a teacher at the high school where he graduated in Tempe - Marcos de Niza. District superintendent since July 2007, Steve had been in administration with the district for the past 15 years as a school assistant principal, principal and associate superintendent before becoming superintendent.

Chris has 30 years experience in education, 23 of them with Tempe Elementary School District #3. Her experience in the district included serving as a teacher early on and later as principal at Nuevo's partner school, Thew Elementary. During her principalship at Thew, she not only became a Nuevo member but involved the club in many Thew projects. She also was a principal at Aguilar and assistant principal at Holdeman and Nevitt.

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## Celebrating . . .

**DICK CALEY** marked a milestone anniversary as a Kiwanis Nuevo member on June 1 - his 35th. Dick is a past Nuevo president, a past Division Lt. Governor and a past Governor of the Southwest District, Kiwanis International. He's also been a club builder extraordinaire for Kiwanis.

**PEGGY BRYANT** reached her 14th anniversary as a Nuevo Kiwanian on June 3. She's been *Nuevo News* editor for all but a month of those years.

**EASTBURN BENNETT** celebrates "just" 35 years with Kiwanis Nuevo on June 15 (but he's been a Kiwanian for 54 years!). Eastburn is longtime treasurer of the Southwest District Foundation.

**SCOTT KILLWORTH** has a second anniversary with Kiwanis Nuevo coming up on June 22.

**JAMES BACHE**, 1985-86 Nuevo president, will be one year nearer a milestone anniversary in Nuevo Kiwanis

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS. . .

June 2 - Cindy Gillan

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES. . .

June 4 - Randy and Pam Griggs

June 9 - Richard and Deborah Bauer

June 10 - Al and Penny Larson

June 14 - Jerry and Mary Lou Taylor

June 24 - Lon and Peggy Lawrenz

June 27 - Dick and Bobbi Caley