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GOOFIN' OFF? - Well maybe for a few minutes but (l to r) Richard Bauer, Pilar Van Eaton and Mike Koehlmoos got busy soon enough preparing for water deliveries to stations at last year's Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games at Raymond S. Kellis High School in Glendale. - DAVID LOGAN PHOTO

Nuevo's Water Buffaloes Gearing Up To Keep 'Special O' Folks Hydrated

Thirty-nine years ago then-Kiwanis Nuevo president Jerry Weaver gave a special name to a group of Kiwanians who were going to kick off a brand new service project for the club. It was the birth of "the Water Buffaloes" and a Kiwanis Nuevo alliance with Arizona Special Olympics that has continued to this day.

Named for the Asian water buffalo that spends most of its time in the water and for thousands of years has been used to carry heavy loads (including, at times, water), Nuevo's Buffaloes do the same thing, sort of. And they'll be doing it for the 39th time this weekend: carrying barrels and bottles of water - though not on their backs, but with utility carts - around Glendale's Raymond S. Kellis High School grounds. They'll drop them off at various sites to be available to keep Arizona Special Olympics Summer

Games athletes hydrated and going strong while competing in the annual ASO Summer Games.

Coaches, competition officials, Summer Games volunteer helpers and athletes' parents and others there to cheer the athletes on at the May 4-6 competitions will be partaking of the thirst-quenchers, too.

David Logan, who has chaired this Kiwanis project for too many years to keep track of, has been signing up Nuevo members to become "Water Buffaloes" for the 2017 Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games. Some spouses, some friends, Dobson and McClintock Key Club'ers will be working the games, most in four-hour shifts. Some members will be working more than one shift - Mike Koehlmoos has signed up for three on two days. (CONTINUED PAGE 2)

Kiwanians Marking Some Big Birthdays

It's a year for big anniversaries in Kiwanis.

Kiwanis Nuevo will be marking its 44th anniversary this month, the Phoenix Kiwanis Club will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary on May 15 (as will the Southwest District of Kiwanis International when it has its annual convention in Tempe August 4-6).

And if you've "always wanted to see Paris," save your shekels (or your francs or your euros?) because the 102nd Annual Kiwanis International Convention will be held in that city in France, July 13-16. Get reservations in by May 15 to save quite a few of those shekels.

Kiwanis International began in 1915 (originally as The Supreme Lodge of Benevolent Brothers - its name was changed to Kiwanis a year later).

The Southwest District was established three years later after the Phoenix, El Paso and Albuquerque clubs had come into existence. At its 100th Anniversary Dinner at Phoenix Country Club, Phoenix Kiwanians will have Arizona Governor Doug Ducey and Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton as guests. The dinner comes on the same date in May that the club was organized 100 years ago. Nuevo Kiwanis

Ninety-seven years later, the Southwest District remains active with 15 divisions and 101 clubs in Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso, County, Texas.



AND THE WINNER IS . . . that green Buick whose owner Daniel Sands proudly holds the Best of Show award from Kiwanis Nuevo's 13th Annual Catch-A-Wave Car Show at Kiwanis Park on March 18. Approving the choice are Southwest District Kiwanis International President Michael Iaftrato (center) and that "car guy" Rick DeBruhl who graced our show for a second year as emcee. - LARRY MISHLER PHOTO

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READY TO LOAD and roll barrels of water out at 2016's Special Olympics Summer Games were (front l to r) George Eastlick, Richard Flickinger, Jim Bache, Cielo Barrios, project chairman Dave Logan; (back l to r) - Nuevo President John Busch, Bill O'Connor, Lee Overholt, Nicci Carpenter. Cielo was one of many members of Nuevo-sponsored Key Clubs at Dobson and McClintock high schools volunteering. - DAVID LOGAN PHOTO

WATER BUFFALOES. . .

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Bill O'Connor will be putting in two shifts on Friday and another on Saturday. Lee Overholt and Key Club members will be out to help from 8 a.m. to Saturday.

If you can't work with the Water Buffaloes, you might want to go cheer on some of the Special Olympics athletes (including many from the Tempe ARC); they work hard to get ready for the Summer Games.

Competitions run from 5 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in everything from softball throw and rhythmic gymnastics to powerlifting and track and field events. Other activities the Water Buffaloes will cover to provide drinking water include 6:30 p.m. opening ceremonies and an 8 to 9 p.m. celebration dance on Friday. They'll also provide water for meals.

The Kellis High School at 8990 West Oranewood Avenue in Glendale will be hosting the Games for a third year. It is the fourth location used for the Summer Games since the Water Buffaloes started helping out. When the Kiwanians first volunteered, the Games were at Arizona State University; then they moved to Mesa Community College and then again to Grand Canyon College.

Will ASO Summer Games Be Moving Again?

Nuevo's Special Olympics project Chairman Dave Logan says he has heard that both Arizona State University and Grand Canyon College have said they want to host the Summer Games again.

The club began its affiliation with Special Olympics Summer Games the year it was first moved from Phoenix to ASU.

It would be a boon for the club if the project returned to this side of the Valley, making it easier for more members of Nuevo to participate as its

LUNCHEON MEETINGS:

(Meetings begin at 12 noon at Shalimar Country Club, 2032 East Golf Avenue, on the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, unless otherwise specified. Round tables are held on the first and third Tuesdays with visiting Kiwanians welcome.)Visitors who want to find out more about Kiwanis are welcome. Information, call 480-838-0850)

MAY 9 - Speaker: TBA; **Song,** Dick Caley; **Pledge,** John Busch; **Kiwanis Pledge,** Nicci Carpenter; **Thought,** Larry Mishler. **Joke,** Richard Flickinger. Members of Kiwanis Club of Tempe will be making an Interclub visit with us today.

MAY 23 - Speaker: TBA ; **Song,** David Logan; **Pledge,** Bill O'Connor; **Kiwanis Pledge,** Mary Lou Taylor; **Thought,** Jim Bache. **Joke,** Al Larson. **Thought,** Bob Busch; **Joke,** Rick Oliver.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

MAY 5-7 - Nuevo's "Water Buffaloes" volunteer at Arizona Special Olympics Summer Games at Raymond S. Kellis High School, 8990 West Oranewood Avenue, Glendale. times vary,

MAY 17 - Nuevo's 44th Birthday!

AUGUST 3-6-2017 Southwest District, Kiwanis International convention celebrating District's 100th Anniverary, Tempe Mission Palms.

A BIT OF WISDOM. . .

"The trouble ain't that people are ignorant; it's that they know so much that ain't so." - Josh Billings

A JOKE OF THE DAY. . .

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common: they should both be changed regularly... and for the same reason.

Nuevo's 13th Annual Car Show Showed 'A Bit O' The Green

Kiwanis Nuevo's Annual Catch-A-Wave Car Show at Kiwanis Park on Saturday, March 18, was its 13th running of that event - but the "luck of the Irish" may have saved it from being an unlucky 13th! The show celebrated the "Irish Green" in honor of St. Patrick's Day, traditionally observed on March 17th. In a salute to the day, the "inner circle" of cars on display up close to the main stage were all green.

Show Chairman Dick Caley reported that the event attracted "132 "gorgeous entries" - cars and trucks - which "collectively amounted to close to \$12-million worth of varied quality antique and classic vehicles." Eighty-five of the cars were previous Catch-A-Wave Car Show participants.

Back again this year as honorary emcee for the car show was noted "car guy" Rick DeBruhl - a big hit with the car owners and spectators, too as he made the show rounds interviewing entrants here and there. Nuevo member and Valley actor-producer Gene Ganssle held forth on stage as the show's emcee since it began 13 years ago under then-President Frank Schmuck.

A presentation of the U.S. Flag by the U.S. Naval Sea cadet Corps was well received too. Caley said they were "spellbinding."

Host car clubs for the show were the Valley of the Sun Buick Club and the various Corvette club members from across the Valley. As it turned out it was a Buick - a green one - owned by Daniel Sands that won the day's "Best of Show" award.

A generous contribution to Nuevo's scholarship program was made by the Cactus Corvair Club. The car show benefits Nuevo's scholarship fund for middle school and high school students, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley, Kiwanis International's project to Eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus world-wide and programs with Nuevo's long-time school partner Thew Elementary in Tempe.

Teen members from two other Kiwanis Nuevo special projects - Key Clubs of McClintock and Mesa Dobson high schools - annually help with the car show doing everything from selling drawing tickets to helping get cars parked in the right spots.

Nearly 40 Valley businesses "have been loyal supporters of the show for many, many years," the car show chairman said. They do everything from advertising in the show program book and contributing items for a silent auction to providing equipment and being vendors.

May Is Month For Scholars

It's hard to believe, but it's already that month again - the month when Kiwanis Nuevo honors young scholars - eighth graders who will be going on to high school in the fall.

Students from eight schools are getting \$100 scholarships this month from Nuevo to help them with their high school fees. Scholarship chairman Jim Bache has assigned Nuevo members to personally present the awards at the schools including Connolly Middle School, Fees College Prep, Gililand Middle School, Kyrene Middle School, Laird School, Ward Traditional Academy, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and Grace Community Christian School.