



ROTARY CLUB OF GILBERT ARIZONA JULY 15, 2021 7 AM
Superstition Springs Golf Club 6542 E. Baseline Road Mesa, AZ 85206
In-Person and Google Meets



WELCOME TO GILBERT ROTARY

ATTENDANCE: Mike Flores, George Pettit, Mark Grady, Donna Backhaus, Toyin Atolagbe, Dave Hutchinson, Curt Ward, Chuck Holland, Jim Schermetzler, and President Mike Flores.

ATTENDING VIA GOOGLE MEET: Debe Mahoney, Bill Nuzbach, Marilee Baptiste, and Cori Christenson-Barimo.



And the winner isSally Hamilton

A HUGE THANK-YOU to Cori Christenson-Barimo for organizing this fundraiser, and all who contributed and shared. The club raised \$710.67

VOCATIONAL TALK – President Mike Flores

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PRESIDENT



Mike was born September 19, 1951 in Hawaii. He is married to his beautiful wife Linda and they are the parents of a son and daughter and 5 grandchildren. Mike was District Manager of the US Postal Service. He graduated from the University of California Davis with a Bachelor degree and received his Master's Degree from Regis University, the first to graduate in his family. He has a marketing background.



He started with the US Postal Service in 1978 and was Postmaster in Denver Colorado for 9 years – “the best job ever”. While in that position, he was involved with the collective bargaining process. Then, he moved to become District Manager for USPS in Fort Worth, Texas. He was in charge of 500 post offices serving over 500,000 square miles and 3 million square feet of commercial space. While there, his competencies were

- Communications
- Customer focus
- Employee capability Development
- Business Acumen

He was there when they issued the first “LOVE” stamp. He is now retired and served as a substitute teacher in the Chandler Unified School District. He is a graduate of PETS Training.

His priority this year, as well, is Rotary Service!

His priorities are:

- Service Projects – Feed My Starving Children, Midwest Food Bank, Paz de Cristo
- The Dictionary Project
- Step Up for Rotary
- Continue to volunteer
- Increase membership
- Continue to feed our joy (evening get together, social events (golf, fantasy football). Let us not forget his beloved San Francisco 49-ers!

“A platoon leader doesn’t get his platoon to go by getting up and shouting and saying, “I am smarter, I am bigger, I am stronger, I am the leader”. He gets men to go along with him because they want to do it for him and they believe in him.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower

2021 District Conference – Wigwam Resort



Installation of DG Brett McKeand



Elizabeth gets the boot



MVP Awards

Cori reported the Conference was “wonderful” and enjoyed picking up all of Past President Debe’s awards! She congratulated Curt on his well-deserved MVP award. Jim echoed that congratulation for Curt and said it was “well-deserved”. Curt serves on the By-Law and Policy Committee and was appointed another 3 year term as Chair.



Elizabeth honors Curt Ward



RLI Graduates Honored

Past-President Debe was also honored as a graduate of RLI and for being President during a difficult period of time.

In addition, it was a sobering reminder that District 5495 lost 60 people during this difficult past year.

Harvey Clark

Curt reported that our friend Harvey Clark from Supersition Mountain Rotary, has had a stroke. Curt has been in contact. He reported Harvey is “optimistic, energetic and now living in Prescott. We thank Harvey for his generosity to our club over the years and for allowing our silent action baskets last year at Barleens. We wish him all the best.



Midwest Food Bank

A small group volunteered for our service opportunity at Midwest Food Bank on July 17, 2021 from 9-noon. Thanks to Cori for the photos.





Service Opportunities – Mark Grady

Mark furnished members with a list of dates for Service Opportunities at Midwest Food Bank and Paz de Cristo:

Midwest Food Bank Saturdays 9-noon	Paz de Cristo Wednesdays 4 to 7 PM
Dates:	Dates:
September 13 or 18, 2021 ?	August 18, 2021 Tent.
November 13, 2021	October 6, 2021
	December 1, 2021



5th Friday social July 29, 2021 at the Hale Theatre 7:30 pm

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <small>Canada Day</small>	2	3
4 <small>Independence Day</small>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Upcoming Meetings and Opportunities

July 22, 2021 Evening Meeting
– Rudy's Barbeque

July 29, 2021 - 5th Thursday
Activity – Hale Center Theatre

August 5, 2021 – 7 AM -
Hybrid



**HAVE
A
GREAT
WEEK**