



SPOTLIGHT



Kasia Yuska is a Founding Member of RCTV and Chair of the Club's Public Image Committee. She will soon be bringing her considerable talents to a wider Rotary world.

After a competitive recruitment process, DG Anita MacDonald offered Kasia the new position of part-time administrator on D5500 staff. Kasia brings to the job extensive experience in various roles of marketing, including copywriting, social media, communication and design. She really is the real deal!

Tucson Project Leads The World with Process to Make Bricks from Recycled Plastic

Starting last August, Tucson sponsored a pilot program which asked people to donate their plastic waste — all of it, not just items marked recyclable — and sign on to the program. The results far exceeded the goal of program sponsor, City Council member Steve Kozachik. Nearly 40 tons of plastic waste were contributed by 1500 people from every zip code in Tucson. The

technology is the brainchild of California-based [ByFusion](#) whose process compresses plastics that cannot be recycled and converts them into construction-grade building materials. Some of the 22-pound blocks have already been used for projects in Tucson. ByFusion's CEO commented, "Tucson is the first city on the planet to do anything of this scale and magnitude."

BIRTHDAYS

January

- 7 Steve Coyne
- 25 Suzanne Kaiser

February

- 9 Barb Liguori
- 16 Janice Hamilton
- 17 Kevin Dahl
- 19 Kasia Yuska
- 24 Lianne Bijsterveld

GREEN LIVING

Don't rinse your dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. New model machines use much less water to clean a full load than if you washed by hand or just pre-rinsed.

Garden Away!

A new study finds that about 2.2 billion tons of CO2 are being removed from the atmosphere each year, and that most of it is from recently planted trees and better soil management.

Think Repair

Tossing out an appliance or electronic device? Check out free repair possibilities at [Tucson Repair Cafe](#), an amazing service that also might show you how to fix a garment.

PEOPLE OF ACTION



Ellie Patterson and Linda Fugate with Kevin Dahl delivering 148 pairs of socks donated by RCTV members to support the city's Winter Sock Drive.

Felicia's Farm is an organic farm that donates 100% of its vegetable and egg production to charitable organizations that cook for people who are unsheltered. www.feliciasfarm.org



We painted the outside of the raised flower beds in the herb greenhouse and sometimes managed a little inside the boxes too. Whoops!



Eggs from the farm's 128 chickens are donated to local soup kitchens and pantries.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 29

Service project at [Felicia's Farm](#) Sunday 1-3pm
Contact: [Ellie Patterson](#)

February 7

RCTV Club Meeting; Ward 3 office, 1510 E Grant Rd
Speaker: Bruce Monro, District Membership Chair
RCTV Board Meeting follows.
Contact: [John Eisele](#)

February 21

Membership Drive Social, Speaker Mrs. Green
Vero Amore Restaurant, 5:00-7:00pm
Contact [Angela Listo](#) or [Michael Drake](#)

February 24-26

Tucson Rodeo Recycling Service Project
Various shifts available
Contact: [Jennifer Sprung](#)

March 4

Rotary Day of Service, Multi-club project
Rillito River Cleanup 8-11am
Contact: [Michelle Felix](#)

OUR MISSION

We invest our time and human resources on projects that will improve the ecological and sustainable environment of our community and planet. No project is too small.