



RCTV'S SECOND YEAR ENDS CELEBRATING GROWTH, ACHIEVEMENT AND (LOTS OF) FUN

It was a beautiful evening on June 20, when Club members gathered at Camp Cooper to welcome the solstice, enjoy Sonoran hot dogs and S'mores over a fire, under a canopy of stars. Outgoing President Ellie Patterson delivered her poetic review of the past year and Kirk Reed, who was with us from the start, introduced the installation of new officers.



Kirk Reed led the installation of our new club president, **Fonda Hamilton-Insley**



Congratulations to **Michelle Felix** who received the Rotarian of the Year award

THERE'S STILL MORE!



At the District 5500 Awards and Governor Installation, our Club received two awards and honorable mention in a third. Our winning categories were **Member Attraction and Member Retention & Engagement**. We received honorable mention for Innovative Service Project for our **Rodeo Recycling project**.

MEETING DATE CHANGE

For July ONLY:
Tuesday 7/11 and Tuesday 7/25.

Ellie's Ballad of the Year Gone By When Tucson Verde Began to Fly

We started our full Rotary year in the month of July,
Our dreams were big and our hopes were high.
We're ending this year with gratitude and more,
Success with projects, grants, and friendships galore.

Who really thinks Tucson Verde stands out?
Almost everyone—there's reason to shout!
We earned a club citation and that's darn sweet,
One out of ten clubs, hey! we can't be beat.

Two vocational students we sponsored this year,
Are doing well in school and there's much to cheer.
We also backed RYLA kids who, alas, couldn't appear.
That doesn't daunt us; we'll make it happen next year.

At the district conference our recycling program was on
pace, with red trash barrels all over the place.
Two days before the conference we were harvesting fruit.
Our work with Iskashitaa was a hoot.

Our monthly newsletter came out—what a thrill.
A publication that shows talent and skill.
The same can be said with our beautiful website.
I could look at our landing page all day and all night.
Our Facebook posts and District newsletter entries,
Show we're doing our part, with us there's no mystery.

Our parade of projects truly speaks for itself:
Trail cleaning, park upkeep, building nesting box shelves.
We are master trash-sorters and recycling aces,
Our skills have been handy in all kinds of places.
The Tucson Rodeo found us collecting tons of beer cans.
We're very grateful for so many thirsty Rodeo fans.
Our Earth Day booth offered visitors much, with composting, by-
blocks, trash sorting, gummy worms and such.

The membership drive that was planned so well, brought us
amazing new members with ideas to tell.
Tucson Verde hit the press in Rotary Zones near and far.
Read by thousands of members, it made us feel like rock
stars.

We ended the year completing a District grant.
We're going to do more, don't say we can't.
With the new year beginning there's much to do,
And with members like you, dreams will come true.
So we say good-bye to 22-23 and turn the page.
Rotary year 23-24 will see us even more engaged!

*Thank you all for letting me serve with you.
I appreciate so much all that you do.*



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.