

Newsletter for April 2011



This newsletter is actually out before the meeting, so I am getting better. I hope to keep up the trend. Again, a big thank-you goes out to everyone who sent me articles and pictures for the newsletter. I had a lot of input and I am happy to say it took a while to put it together. This month features several first-timer write-ups. I hope you enjoy the modest epistle.

Carl the Flying Curmudgeon (and Newsletter Editor)

President's Message

Our Chapter continues to press ahead with a number of projects. These include our medical and dental recruitment, our fundraising, and our community partnership project, not to mention our Clinics. In addition, we are continuing to coordinate with our new partners in the Phoenix Chapter. Meanwhile, we also continue to resolve issues in a wholly cooperative and mutually supportive way with the California Chapters. As you recall, Phoenix and Tucson now form the separate Arizona Chapter.

If I can ask one thing of you, it is to volunteer, volunteer, volunteer. We could not find pilots for the LSI Clinic in late March, so Pat Hartowicz, the Clinic Coordinator had to cancel the March LSI Clinic.

We are working hard to raise funds, secure more dentists and doctors and other health providers, but we also need our members including our pilots and interpreters and all to step up and volunteer for Clinic and for roles in Tucson.

I know that Lourdes Munoz and Carsie Mitchell are working on a new video to help with our medical recruitment. They have a lot of other plans in the works for this, as well.

I am very excited that Coordinator Olivia Saunders held her first Interpreter Happy Hour at Casa Molina. My daughter, Valerie, attended her first event with the Sams there and enjoyed it immensely.

I was particularly tickled to hear about our Fundraising Committee's plans for the coming year. Below is an article on those plans that I plagiarized from an email from Fundraising Committee Coordinator Rose Quiroga.

So there's a lot going on and I hope you can find the time to pitch in and make part of your year part of ours. Thanks so much for all you do, and if I've left anyone's contributions out, please forgive me. Let's keep up the energy and have a great year!

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The President's El Rosario Clinic Report

Wow it was nice to visit El Rosario in March, my first visit in too long. A new dentist Yolanda Cabrera, a new nurse-in-training and translator Laura Soto, and interpreter Steve Arden accompanied me on Saturday with a load of donated medications for our neighbors in the Mother Lode Chapter at Robertson's Ranch. After landing on the dirt strip there, we carried the boxes over to the Mother Lode Clinic. The doctors happily tore open our packages, which included much-needed antibiotics for what was obviously a very full and hard-charging Mother Lode Clinic.

We next flew from Robertson's Ranch down the coastline at 500 feet with the sunlight sparkling on the spray from the surf below us. As we made the left turn up the valley to El Rosario, Judy Austin came up on the radio to welcome us while we buzzed the Clinic, turning a lazy 360 across the valley and back up to the Mesa, where the 6000-foot paved Diamante del Mar strip awaited us.

The Clinic went great. My passengers Yolanda and Laura re-vitalized the dental Clinic adding reinforcements to the already capable dental team of Lourdes Muñoz, dentist, and Gloria Salas, our El Rosario dental clinic coordinator extraordinaire. Unfortunately, an airplane issue and illness prevented our medical staff, David Bryman and Lorrie Manciet from arriving. Nurse Prusha Chalabe contributed in the Pharmacy and took care of issues that arose where she could. Olivia Sanders gave us lots of pointers on interpretation.

Wally's plane returned Saturday to Tucson with his crew while pilots Joe Machado and I stayed overnight with our crews in El Rosario. We worked late at the Clinic Saturday evening reorganizing and cleaning. A full house at the hotel in San Quentin kept us in El Rosario overnight. We had a great meal at Mama Espinoza's and shared our experiences from the Clinic. Sunday's fog lasted late into the morning, so we cautiously awaited its departure before our departure. The fog caused a late arrival back in Tucson, but everyone was safe and sound and happy with our Clinic.

El Rosario Clinic Report by Judy Austin

Well, I must say that this was not one of our more successful clinic trips. It was soon learned Friday morning that what had started out to be a well-staffed clinic was diminishing quickly. Wally Austin and his passengers, Judy Austin, RN, Peggy Clementi, helper, Olivia Sanders, interpreter, Lourdes Muñoz, dentist and "new comer" Carsie Mitchell, pilot & helper, left Tucson International Airport as usual at 7:00 am.

We eventually made contact with pilot Joe Machado who took off from Marana Regional Airport only to learn that one of our two doctors had to cancel that morning due to illness. Joe was taking Gloria Salas, our ever-faithful dental assistant. She keeps the dental clinic humming along so dental was able to treat about 40 patients. OK, we still



had David Bryman, a physician and pilot coming from Phoenix later in the morning. He would be able to see patients that afternoon and also on Saturday. However, that reality was squashed when we learned that David had mechanical problems and after an unsuccessful attempt at fixing the problem, would not be coming. This also meant that his two passengers, Lynn Musik, nurse and Lydia Ortiz, interpreter, would not make it either.



Fortunately, John Osborne came to help on Saturday and brought along Yolanda Cabrera, a returning dentist, Steve Arden, interpreter, and Laura Soto, a new interpreter, who we put to work in dental. 'First timer' Prusha Chalabe, RN and I were able to assist with the care of about seven returning patients and a few more with minor illnesses. We did turn away many with the hopes that they could be seen next month. However, at the time of this writing, that possibility is not looking good.

Since our usual hotel on the beach was completely booked for the weekend, we stayed at the Baja Cactus Hotel, which is just a few doors down from the clinic. The hotel is nice and convenient but we all missed the beach and the friendly staff at the Mission Santa Maria. We have been assured, though, that we are confirmed to have rooms through the rest of 2011. We ate most of our meals at Mama Espinoza's restaurant and had the opportunity to visit with Mama and introduce her to several new members. As always, she was eternally grateful to her "flying angels" as she affectionately refers to us. She seems to anxiously await our visit each month and as we said our good byes, we watch a tear of gratitude stream down her face! Everyone returned safely back to Tucson, some on Saturday evening and others on Sunday afternoon with another clinic trip added to the history books. Once again, thank you to all who helped out and also to those who tried.



We still need a medical provider for the April clinic so please speak up if you fit the qualifications and are able to help out.

First-time Report from Laura Eusevia Soto

Yolanda Cabrerra DDS sat in her chair with a drill in her hand. The light caught the reflection of perspiration on her forehead, but the beautiful smile she gave to each patient never faltered. I could tell in her demeanor that she enjoyed her job and her ability to help every person that came to sit in the chair next to hers. Her posture betrayed the exhaustion she tried to ignore, but she was determined to continue her work until every person on the list was seen. Lourdes worked so diligently, yet still found the time and patience to train me as an assistant. Dental assistant Gloria Salas was so passionate about her job that she was constantly moving, helping wherever she was needed. At the end of the night I watched as she organized everything into its place with expertise and thought of ways to better the clinic for the next time volunteers came. I watched as volunteer Steve Arden came to help translate because it was a hobby and he enjoyed it, not because he expected anything in return. He simply enjoyed the pleasure of helping others. The strong people we were able to serve and the members I was able to work with made it a privilege to attend the El Rosario Clinic on March 12, 2011. I went there hoping to make a difference in the lives of others. I came back with an appreciation of the wonderful people who I met on this trip. They made me proud to be a part of the Flying Samaritans; they made me feel privileged to be learning under their expertise, patience, and dedication.

- Laura Soto

The May Women's Clinic, May 21, 2011

In addition to our regularly scheduled general clinic the weekend of May 11-13, I am in the process of putting together a Women's Clinic which we try to do annually in El Rosario. During the February and March clinics we talked with several women from the town to try to determine the interest from the community. We discovered that they are very much interested in this and, on their own, have signed up almost 30 women to attend. I have a commitment from Dr. Anthea Dixon, OB/GYN to provide her services and a few female interpreters to obtain good medical histories which can sometimes be sensitive in nature. We also have a Health Educator who specializes in women's health provided by SEAHEC. However, I still need to recruit additional interpreters, at least one more nurse and ideally, another medical provider who could assist with pap smears and exams. Bilingual, female members with any form of medical background are especially helpful so please contact me if you are interested. This will just be a one day clinic going down Saturday morning and returning on Sunday. Of course we will also need pilots to get us there. Because we try to maintain as much privacy as possible for the female patients, the pilots don't even have to stick around and work, and Mama Espinoza's is a great hangout!

Meeting Schedule

All board meetings are held at St. Gregory Preparatory School on Craycroft just south the Rillito. The remaining meetings for this fiscal year are:

- April 4
- May 9
- June 6

[Meeting Schedule on the website](#)



Well there's your problem!

Welcome New Members!

Carsie Mitchell	Pilot/helper
Laura Soto	Interpreter
Susan Davis	Nurse
Hank Willis	Dentist
Caroline Kacer	Dentist/Oral Surgeon
Kurt Kacer	Dentist

Website

Your faithful webmaster strives to keep the website up-to-date, especially the meeting and clinic schedules. I am also interested in suggestions for new pages that will enhance the website. [Website Link](#)

Fundraising Activities

Rose Quiroga has some details on the upcoming Fundraisers.

Texas Roadhouse

Monday April 11th and Tuesday May 17th from 4-8 pm we will receive 10% from all sales of people that we send to eat at **Texas Roadhouse on South Wilmot** with the flyer on the last page of the newsletter. So email all your friends and family and have them go out to eat on one of these days. This is an easy sell and not much labor put into it. We will have someone send this out in an email blast, plus I will print some flyers and Ruben will take them to the next meeting, and you can print and distribute the last page of this newsletter.

Outback Steak House

Next we will be doing our **Big Dinner at Outback Steakhouse on Ina Road** on Sunday June 5th from 11am to 1 pm. We will sell tickets for \$15 for Adults and \$10 for kids. We would like to have a 50/50 raffle plus we will be soliciting raffle items to also do a regular raffle. The place holds 300 people so we have potential between the sale of tickets and raffles to make \$3000 to \$4000. I will also have tickets made up in time for the next meeting and we will need to push these real hard as we will need a head count 10 days prior to the restaurant. We can do email blasts and whoever wants tickets can send me the money and I will send them tickets.

Continuing Education Dental Conference

We are also working on doing the dental conference and will continue to work with Ken Reed to put it together. We are hoping to conduct the conference in October or November of this year.

Thanks everyone and these events will only successful because of you.

Rose

March Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present were: John Osborne, president; Vincent L. Lacsamana, Secretary; Jennifer Treece, treasurer; Carl Foster; Richard Razo; Wally Austin; Peggy Clementi; Robert “Bob” Smith; and William “Bill” Hunt. A quorum of at least seven directors was present so the meeting proceeded as an official meeting.

Others in attendance: Pat Hartowicz, LSI Coordinator; Judy Austin, Membership; Olivia Sanders, Interpreter Coordinator; Lourdes Munoz, Medical Coordinator;

Also in attendance, joining the meeting while it was in progress: Tim Allen; Lorinda Fleming; Gloria Salas, dental assistant; Linda Bacon; Carsie Mitchell; Dr. Michael Miles; and Susan Miles, R.N.

A. Approval of February and January Minutes

B. President’s Report (John Osborne)

1. Coordinator/Officer Interviews -.

a. Meetings with Gloria Salas, Pat Hartowicz, Judy Austin, Mike Mandig, and Jennifer Treece. The President has met with Pat the LSI Coordinator who is doing a great job at that position; Judy Austin who has taken over the duties of Membership; Jennifer Treece, our Treasurer and the overriding, critical and urgent theme is that the organization is going broke—we need to get going on fundraising efforts: the March fundraiser at the Outback has been postponed until April.

2. Meeting with U of A Chapter. The President met with the UofA Club at their last social event. It was a recruiting event and they are positive and motivated and energetic and dedicated group.

3. Report on General Membership Meeting. The meeting held at on January 20th did not produce the number of new members that were originally hoped. Dr. Lorraine Mancina, a general practitioner, did agree to be on the Fundraising Committee. A new physician, Dr. Michael Miles, is going to the next LSI clinic. Mark Rose, orthopedic physician who is an IFR rated pilot another, paid his dues to International.

C. Treasurer’s Report (Jennifer Treece)

General update: Ms. Treece reports that the Operating Account has \$1,598.07; the Savings Account has 4,406.93; the UofA Account has 2,991.35; and the Fundraising Account has \$113.76. The Treasurer reports that she needs to transfer another \$1,000.00 from Savings into the Operating Account. The Chapter has received 42 memberships from Grishma the UofA Club Treasurer. The Chapter has received another \$80.00 from the International Organization for memberships. The International dues/memberships that are being received by them on behalf of our chapter are not always promptly being forwarded to our Treasury. Ms. Treece also reported that the Chapter received another \$250 from Lydia Ortiz, who works for Bank of America in Phoenix. She submits all dues and trip expenses for a matching donation from B of A. A review of the P & L shows that the clinics are our greatest monthly expense. Part of the Clinic expenses are expenses for vehicle insurance, maintenance, gas.

D. Old Business

1. El Rosario Report (Judy Austin). Ms. Austin reports that it went well and the report can be read in the next Newsletter.
2. LSI Report (Pat Hartowicz).
Update of Communication Worker - Sussy (JEO). The clinic is scheduled for March 25-27, 2011.
3. University of Arizona/Agua Prieta Clinic Report (Alexis Smith/Jillian Moore). Written report was presented by the President because they have mid-term exams. The Clinic was held on February 26, 2011 and they saw 13 dental consultations; 34 medical consultations with two physicians and one dentist. They raised \$200.00 from a bake sale they held, and they anticipate raising another \$800.00 from their booth at Spring Fling. They are engaged in other clinics and organizations. They nominated themselves and their chapter for the Uof A 2011 Outstanding Community Service Organization Award. They are conducting interviews to replace officers for next year. Jillian Moore and Gena Damento will be Co-Presidents.
 - a. Changes in leadership at College of Medicine. Discussion of this sub-chapter group. The previous president is studying for her Medical Board Examinations and has to retire early. She forwarded the name of the new officers that will replace her.
 - b. Written report from Alexis.
4. State Board Report (Wally Austin/State Delegates – Bill Hunt & Alexis Smith. Wally Austin reported that there is nothing new to report. No status update on obtaining the Section 501(c)(3) status for our new Tucson Chapter.
 - a. Tax exempt status updates (Michael Mandig). No updates.
 - b. It was discussed that we follow up with Dr. Charles Schroll's previous suggestion at the next combined State Meeting in Phoenix on March 16, 2011 to discuss combining and joining and coordinating efforts between both chapters for personnel staffing of clinics and personnel at all of the Arizona clinics.
5. Coordinators' Reports (including results of General Membership Meeting for formation of volunteer groups).
 - a. Membership Report (Judy Austin). As discussed above in the Treasurer's Report, there are 42 new members from the U of A Club that were entered and logged. It discussed when our Chapter should have the General Membership meeting. It is probably too much to have a Membership meeting and a Director's meeting on the same meeting day. A motion was made by Wally Austin to hold a general membership meeting in September, January and May of the calendar year. It was seconded by Lourdes Muñoz.

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: THAT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE CONDUCTED AND HELD IN SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER AND MAY OF EACH YEAR.

- b. Interpreter.Coordinator (Olivia Sanders). There will be a social gathering for interpreters on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Casa Molina on Campbell and Blacklidge.

- c. Dental Coordinator (Richard Johnson/Gloria Salas/Pat Hartowicz). Gloria Salas reported that Yolanda Cabrera. We are not having the production/recruitment of dentists that we need. We need dentists for this Saturday ER Clinic. Lourdes Munoz volunteered to go.
- d. Medical Coordinator (Lourdes Muñoz). A meeting was held to try and recruit Anastacia Holler, DDS and Imelda Dominguez, Dental Assistant. Other than that no medical providers were obtained/recruited. Lourdes spoke at the meeting of all the female dentists at a dinner event held at Elle's restaurant on Campbell. Three dentists were interested in volunteering. She has a friend who is a doctor at the VA that may be interested in joining or recruiting. She will get in touch with the U of A Medical School members who can maybe procure doctors for our clinic. She was asked by someone from the Phoenix Chapter to be the Medical Coordinator for that Chapter. Ms. Munoz needs a copy of the recruitment video/presentation that we have been recently using to recruit volunteers.
- e. Pilots (Bill Hunt). Three airplanes are going down Saturday and one airplane, John Osborne, going down on Saturday. He is not having difficulties finding pilots for this trip. Planes are departing 0700 Saturday and Sunday.
- f. Status of efforts to itemize accidents/incidents for review by the State Board Committee on flight safety similar to effort accomplished by Craig Albright. Mr. Hunt reported that "?????" was being done.
- g. Fundraising Committee Report (Bob Smith).
Status of planning for event at the Outback Restaurant. There has been no meeting of the committee but the event has been postponed to April.
 - i. Planning for Dental Conference Fall of 2011.
 - ii. Planning for expanded Christmas Party.
- h. Peggy Clementi's suggestions for fundraising (email). Discussed the possibility of getting the parking lot of the VFW for a rummage sale. Also discussed was a possible raffle and the President offered to let us use his homes in San Carlos, Mexico and Pinetop, Arizona as part of a raffle/silent auction. Peggy suggested asking members to ask everyone they know to donate one dollar to the Flying Samaritans.
- i. Community Partnership Committee status.(Michael Mandig/JEO). The President reported that they are just beginning their efforts. Wally Austin reported that Lorain Mancia had applied for a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The areas of interest that qualify for funding that we meet are Newborns/Prenatal; Nutrition and Vaccines and preventable diseases. She expects to submit the application in two weeks.
- j. IT & Webmaster Reports. Mr. Foster reports that he and the Phoenix webmaster are considering buying a template for the Arizona website to facilitate our efforts. Also discussed we need to reroute the solicitations and memberships from International to our Chapter.
- k. Newsletter Report. (Carl Foster). Mr. Foster is waiting to hear any suggestions to make the website and newsletter better and better-looking.

- l. President would like to write a column monthly for the Newsletter.
 - m. SEAHEC report. (Gail Emrick or e-mail report). It is a part of our Chapter and they have been providing us with volunteers to help with our health services in Mexico.
 - n. Other? None
 - o. Tucson Chapter Retreat – reminder will occur on May 7 at place TBD.
1. Status of thanks for our Christmas gift sponsor, the Roman Catholic Church of the Ascension in Fountain Hills, AZ., Father McDonough, and David Bryman. The appreciation plaque and pictures were taken up last Friday and presented to the Church. Additionally Ms. Austin reported that they made a formal request to the Church for \$2,000.00 for the treatment of diabetes. Also discussed making Father McDonough an Honorary Member. They have donated \$2,000.00 so far and probably another \$2,000.00. Wally Austin made a motion, which was seconded by the Secretary and it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED: THAT FATHER McDONOUGH SHALL BE MADE A LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBER OF THE TUCSON CHAPTER OF THE FLYING SAMARITANS**
 2. Status of replacement for Carl Foster of portable oxygen unit for emergencies donated by Carl Foster (\$3-550?) by Wally's Rotary. The Rotary chapter is expected to reimburse the costs of the replacement of the oxygen tanks this weekend.
 3. Status of efforts to find treatment for Blanca, Rocky Point Airport Administrator Alonso Dominguez Ruiz's former secretary, who has a malignant nasal melanoma. She came to an appointment that was set up by our Chapter at UMC and has to raise, somehow, the money she needs to be seen and treated.
- E. New Business
1. Additional new business. The President reported that we need new members.
 2. Re-visit urgency of fundraising and community partnership efforts. President would like to meet with both committees separately to develop plan of attack. President reported that it is urgent and critical that we pursue efforts to raise money for our chapter as part and parcel of a community effort. These committees must move forward!
- F. Adjourn

NOTE: CURRENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

1. Vice-President-
2. Secretary -.
3. Optician –



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Alexis Nicole Smith (AP)

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Richard Johnson, DDS

Medical Coordinator:

Lourdes Munoz (ER)

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