



Rotary Club of Sedona

Service Above Self

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Upcoming Meetings:

Noon at Los
Abrigados
Resort

May 5, 2009

Connections

.....Lisa
Ferguson

May 13, 2009

Joint Meeting with Red Rocks Rotary Club

...Australian
GSE Team

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Water is Life...

The Maasai word for rain (Teh) is the same as their word for God. If you have been to Maasailand, you will understand why. Water is Life. Through the efforts of Mary Poole and Meitimai Ole DePash of Prescott College, and District 5490 Rotary Clubs, a 200 meter well was completed in Maasailand in Kenya.

Rotarians, who were part of a "Thank You Safari" centered on this well dedication, formed a committee to tackle a new water project in the area. This group has been meeting ever since, gathering information and cost estimates. As the scope of the new project grew, so did interest from Rotarians throughout the district.

Catherine Moore reports that the committee has received commitments for matching funds at the District Level and will apply for International matching funds in August.

The committee is making a presentation at the District Conference in Prescott on Saturday May 16th. It is hoping for pledges of \$1,000 from all 40 clubs. While this is a district project, one individual club must make the application. *On April 21, the Board of the Rotary Club of Sedona voted to be the sponsoring club.*

The committee has received major support from Craig Wilson, incoming Chairman of District 5490 Water Committee, Toni Terrasi, outgoing Chair, and many others who are knowledgeable about the Rotary Matching Grant process.

The first Rotary well in Maasailand has literally saved thousands of people and their cattle. This new project, through elephant proof pipe extensions and water tanks, could serve an additional 10,000 people. Come to the District Conference to learn more. See you there!!

Did You Know?

- **Dick Weisbaum** invites Rotarians and their spouses to a Celebration of Joanne Weisbaum's Life at the Casa Contenta Clubhouse, Saturday May 9th, 3-7 pm.
- New Rotarians are invited to attend the Fireside Orientation at **Hank Lucas'** home (345 Last Wagon, Sedona) at 6:30 pm, May 5th.
- **Gary Karademos** asks all interested Rotarians to join him for a banner party on May 12 at 6 pm, Desert Hills Bank in West Sedona.
- Mark your calendars to attend the annual Club Installation Dinner. It will be held at Kurt's Main Street Café, 6 pm on June 9th.
- The Australian GSE visitors will attend a pot luck picnic at **Renata Barnwell's** home at 4:30pm, May 13th. Sign up at the upcoming Rotary Club meeting if you plan to participate in this fellowship event.