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TODAY'S PROGRAM

M. ZUHDI JASSER, MD

CHAIR OF THE DAY: TERRY GILBERG

Dr. Zuhdi Jasser is the Chairman of the Board and founding member of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD). AIFD was formed by local Phoenix Muslim professionals in 2003 as a think tank in support of the expression of Islam which is in synergy with American democracy, the U.S. Constitution, and the clear separation of religion and state.

Dr. Jasser is the son of Muslim-Syrian immigrants. He is a native of Wisconsin. He moved to Phoenix after completing service in the U.S. Navy in 1999. He graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin and completed his training in internal medicine at Bethesda Naval Hospital. His highest military award is the Meritorious Service Medal received in 1999.

He has been in the private practice of internal medicine and nuclear cardiology in Phoenix. He is the current President of the Arizona Medical Association.

He has been active in multiple efforts at interfaith work during his years in the U.S. Navy and civilian life in Phoenix. In 2000 he and a local Rabbi founded the *Children of Abraham,* a Muslim-Jewish dialogue group in Scottsdale. He has also served as the Muslim representative on the board of the Arizona Interfaith Movement since December 2001. He is a founding national board member of the *Center for Islamic Pluralism* based in Washington D.C established in 2005.

Since 9-11, Dr. Jasser has felt that the primary responsibility for combating the ideology of terror and the overriding ideology of political Islam rests with Muslims. While the vast majority of Muslims are against terror as a means, it is a defeat of the ends of political Islam which Dr. Jasser believes will ultimately win the war against Islamism. His view which he believes to be common

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2006/2007
"Year Of The Member"
THE VISION TO SEE:
THE FAITH TO BELIEVE:
THE COURAGE TO DO:
"Phoenix Rotary 100 - Making A Difference"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JOHN LU
August 18

JOHN YOUNGBERG
August 20

CHARLEY SIROKY
August 21

JOE WORRALL
August 22

MIKHAIL KORDONSKY
August 24

JOHN GARRETSON
August 24

JOAN GUIDRY
August 28

CHUCK MONROE
August 28

PROGRAM PREVIEW

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2006
Official Dark Day
No Make-up needed

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006
Annual Police and Fire Heroism Awards
Chair of the Day: Bob Khan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2006
Sandy Moses
Assistance League of Phoenix
Chair of the Day: Jon Bauman

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006
Rayola Dougher
American Petroleum Institute
Chair of the Day: Mike King

ROTARY FACTOIDS

Did you know.....?
Phoenix Rotary 100 started a Student Loan Fund in 1940. The first recipient was Clarence (Stub) Ashcraft who received a loan of $150 to finish his Junior year at the University of Arizona. "Stub" later became a well known Rotarian in the Tucson Rotary Club and served as it's President. His son Robert is the Director of the American Humanics program at ASU and recently spoke to our club.

ATTENDANCE REPORT
August 18, 2006

Membership	326
Membership Absent:	155
Membership Present:	171
Guests:	65
Total Present:	236

PROJECTS FUNDING
Each year our Projects Funding Committee (formerly called Projects & Planning) asks our members to submit grant requests for those organizations needing our support. The committee then meets and reviews these requests. After much consideration, the committee recommends to our board of directors, which requests to fund. The due date for requests is **September 29.** All requests will be carefully considered by the Projects Funding Committee, and selections will be made in October.

Request forms are available at our weekly meetings and on our website, www.rotary100.org (click on "Projects Funding Form"). Send your completed request to the Rotary Office at 501 East Osborn Rd., Phoenix 85012.

IT HAPPENED AT PHOENIX ROTARY 100

BY DIMITRI DROBATSCHEWSKY

That the meeting of August 18th, 2006 would be a special one became apparent as soon as Phoenix Rotary 100's numerous members and their guests entered the room; it was filled to capacity with extra tables, all of which would be fully occupied. The reason for this special event was our guest speaker, retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Phoenix Rotary 100 Honorary Member Sandra Day O'Connor.

President Dick Eisenach opened the meeting and called on **Sid Marable** to read the Invocation; **Anne Lynch** for the Pledge of Allegiance, **Steve Matthews** to lead us through the National Anthem with **Dick Ray** on the piano; and **Hos Hoskins** to introduce Visitors and Guests, including exchange students from India and Japan. **Bob Raskin** then made Paul Harris presentations to **Steve Matthews** (his first), **Junius Bowman** (in memory of his deceased wife Miriam); and **Jim Smith**. **Linda Reynolds** then proceeded to "Rotary Jeopardy" fining with an exquisite sense of humor by at least one respondent, **Jon Bauman**, whose Jeopardy question to the answer "Roe v. Wade" was: What were the options for the people of New Orleans? **Linda** took a Sergeat-at-Arms moment to fine **Mary Margaret Dockendorff** in honor of her recent emgagement to Mr. Chuck Kibler.

Tim Creedon read a "Service above Self" story for his Anniversary recognition, and the Secretary's Report, by **Linda Kaplan**, included news of a fall by Barbara Clelland, wife of Past President **Frank Clelland**, as well as surgery for **Betty Haddock**; both patients are recuperating a home. **Karlene Keogh** made the only announcement (for Projects Funding) before Chair of the Day **Ray Rottas** took the mike to introduce our guest speaker, Sandra Day O'Connor.

The retired Supreme Court Justice is a riveting speaker who has no trouble capturing everyone's attention with her sometimes stinging and caustic remarks, which always were delivered elegantly and with total fairness to all concerned. Justice O'Connor poked fun at her own retirement which keeps her busier than what her working days demanded of her. She told the audience that her husband's illness forced her to resign from the Court to better attend to his needs. She also mockingly enumerated all the organizations and worthwhile associations that wanted her to serve on their boards of directors "now that she has so much time," and she commented on some of the current issues in which the Court is the last instance to preserve legality and sanity in the execution of the country's affairs. A richly deserved standing ovation rewarded the speaker for her appearance.

Presidents Corner

The wonderful ambience created by the beautiful music played during lunch by club member Doug Bauguss is one of the subtle experiences enjoyed at our meetings which sets Phoenix 100 apart One might say it added a Simple Elegance to an already warm environment.

Thank you to Doug from all of us!

TEAM

Together Each Accomplishes More

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among American Muslims is that is that he is able to practice his faith more freely in the U.S. than in any so-called Muslim nations. Dr. Jasser articulates a need for regular practicing Muslims to retake the intellectual and ideological reigns of their faith away from political clerics toward a separation of Islamism from Islam.

Dr. Jasser is a frequent columnist on Islamic affairs for the *Arizona Republic* and has also been published in the *Washington Times*, *Beliefnet* and *National Review*. He is a frequent speaker about Islam, Islamism, and the War on Terror. His writings can be found at the website of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (www.aifdemocracy.org). Dr. Jasser and his wife and their two children reside in Scottsdale.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. Is it the ***Truth***?
2. Is it ***Fair*** to all concerned?
3. Will it build ***Goodwill*** and ***Better Friendships***?
4. Will it be ***Beneficial*** to all ***Concerned***?