

# Kiwanis Speaker Offers Leadership Tips to Members



Yanick Hicks giving leadership tips at the October 23rd meeting. Photo by Logan McDade

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6 - 12:00p.m.  
Regular Meeting  
- Veteran's Day  
Celebration

November 9 - 7:00 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast

November 13- 12:00p.m.  
Regular Meeting  
- AKTION club  
presentation

November 20 - 12:00  
p.m.  
Regular Meeting - AZ  
Equine Rescue

## Presenter Yanick Hicks shares personal stories about his road to leadership.

On October 23, Kiwanis welcomed Yanick Hicks to the club. Hicks is originally from Camaroon, Africa and moved to Atlanta when he was 15.

In his early years, Hicks struggled to find the right path, always getting himself in trouble. He went to the University of Marshalls pharmacy school and then moved to Arizona to work at Walgreens.

He soon began to feel unfulfilled by his work, so he joined John Maxwell's leadership team. John Maxwell is an American author, speaker and pastor, who has written many books on

leadership.

The John Maxwell program has taken him to countries like Guatemala, Paraguay, and Costa Rica to train leaders.

Hicks outlined some ways to improve yourself and become a great leader.

First thing is to reflect. Ask if it went right, what went wrong and what can be done differently next time?

Second thing is to always do something new. Whether it is a small change, like taking a different route home from work, or a bigger task,

such as starting a new diet.

One of the favorite parts of Hick's job is working with a wide variety of people who want to become better leaders.

"I love the opportunity to be able to mentor them and watch them grow as a leader and then eventually they pass the baton off and teach someone else what they've learned," Hicks said.

Hicks welcomes questions about his work and added that members should feel free to reach out to him if they are interested.

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### About the Kiwanis Club of Carefree

“Serving the Children of the World” is the mission of Carefree Kiwanis, a 501 (c) (3) service organization, and the larger Kiwanis International. Locally we demonstrate our passion for helping children recognize and develop their full potential by giving scholarship and merit awards, sponsoring Key Club, “Bringing Up Grades” (BUGs), summer art programs, and mentoring to establish a thriving and supportive community in the Desert Foothills area.

Visit [www.kiwaniscarefree.org](http://www.kiwaniscarefree.org) to learn more.

# Phoenix Detective Speaks Out on the Dangers of Home Invasions

Four gentlemen from the Phoenix Police Department were introduced at the October 16 meeting: Mike Hubbs, who served 19 years on the Phoenix Police Force; Sergeant Greg Lieberts, who has been on the force for 13 years; Tim Mitten, a Community Action Officer who spent 30 years with the Phoenix Police Department; and Matt Arndt, who has been on the force for 21 years.

Detective Matt Arndt of the Violent Crimes Bureau, who specializes in video surveillance, spoke about home invasions and what people can do to protect themselves.

Arndt started off by explaining that most burglaries have something to do with drugs and gangs, and that there is a difference between a “victim” and a “true victim.” Robberies and home invasions are usually the work of drug gangs.

“Normal people do not

become victims of home invasions,” said Arndt. “When I say true victim, I mean they are an innocent party who has nothing to do with drugs.”

According to Arndt, only about 10-20 percent of robberies are reported. This low number is due to the fact that most home invasions are related to drug trafficking, and the people being robbed are members of rival gangs who are also illegally trafficking drugs.

He suggested buying a Ring Doorbell (or any type of security system doorbell which has a camera), which is a doorbell with a camera above it that is connected to your phone so you can watch it live.

This type of system is highly recommended for not only catching thieves, but also preventing them from ever breaking into the house at all.



Matt Arndt is a detective with the Violent Crimes Bureau of the Phoenix Police Department. He specializes in video surveillance security. Photo by Avianna Hoppes