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Newsletter - Week of August 1, 2011

This Week: We continue with our series “*Get to know UTEP*”. Dr. Tim Roth, Chairman of the Economics Department at UTEP, is our guest speaker. He will be commenting on the debt situation the U.S. is facing, and the quickly approaching deadline of August 2nd Congress has for averting a government debt default. He will also be talking about his recently published book *Politicians, Economists, and the Supreme Court at Work: The Founders Betrayed*.

Matching Grants Program Status Report:

1. The Simplified Grant for 2010-2011 for school supplies and Matching Grant #71658 for the Rainbow Room are now officially closed. The Simplified Grant for 2011-2012 for school supplies has been approved and money from the District is expected shortly. Russell Autry will be coordinating the implementation of this project. Russell & his wife Elva spent an afternoon shopping, pricing and meeting with various store managers as they considered options for backpacks. *Bottom line* – Approval was given to purchase 90 backpacks from Walmart. Supplies for the backpacks will be purchased at a later date. Russell also recommends that we expand our giving to the Mitzi Bond elementary school in EPISD. They have a high number of low income students. We now have, thanks to Gail Gale, a large number of Interact/Rotract participants in the EPISD and most of our club members live within the boundaries of the EPISD.
2. Chava is in the process of gathering information on several non-profit organizations that help "kids" and will present his report to the Board at the August meeting.
3. The Matching Grant for Chamizal will go to Juarez. Further details to follow.

What Else is Going On in Our Club?

1. Both RYLA Girls Camp and Boys Camp are complete and a full report will follow at one of the August meetings. Needless to say - Francis, Jesse and Carey had a fabulous time as counselors and look forward to doing it again next year.
2. Our Golf Tournament Committee, led by Kristi and Bob, is working hard at finalizing the details for the September 24th tournament. Check the following website for information about the tournament and forms: <http://firstteedesertclassic.com/>
3. President David Veloz has recently formed a new Membership Committee consisting of David, Gerri, LuAnn, Valerie and Russell. Their first meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Thyme Matters. Contact David if you have an interest in joining this committee. August is Rotary Membership and Extension Month. We will have “Rotary Focused” presentations beginning August 8. David is asking each one of you to please invite a guest in August who you feel would be a solid prospect for Westside Rotary Membership.
4. Francis Reyes - Club Secretary, is now handling club attendance records. As such please report your meeting "make-ups" to her rather than to Carey.
5. Former Youth Exchange student Salome Kohler is in town.
6. There is an excellent book called: "The New Rules of Engagement - A Guide to Understanding and Connecting with Generation Y" - by Michael McQueen. Michael was one of the presenters at this year's Rotary International Conference in New Orleans. See Carey if you would like to borrow his copy of the book. Very informative.

Rotary Minute: Rotary Friendship Exchange - Have you ever wanted to share an overseas travel adventure with Rotarians from another country, so you can truly learn about the many aspects of their culture—through people who live there, rather than the hurried conversations of busy hotel clerks, overworked cab drivers, or waiters? Would you like to sample a country's home cooked cuisine, and live with the family that prepared those meals for a few days, rather than live solely on restaurant food and sleep in a succession of hotel rooms? Looking at this question from the other side, are you proud of your homeland? Would you like to share the assets of your home or city with Rotarians from other areas of the world? If so, you would enjoy Rotary Friendship Exchange. Learn more about this at the following District 5520 webpage: <http://rotary5520.org/friendshipexchange/friendshipexchange.html>

Thought for the Day: When you are faced with a difficult decision, or any decision, in your business or personal life, please remember to consult and apply the Rotary 4-Way Test. By following it, you will commit to a life of high values and moral character.



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