



## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO

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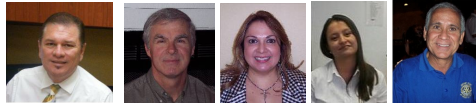
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Newsletter - Week of August 22, 2011

**This Week:** We kick off this week with our quarterly Club Assembly meeting on Monday. You will hear updates on our upcoming Golf Tournament; the latest on the Back-to-School Backpack project; good news about our Interact programs; upcoming events, and a brief review of "make-up" meetings.



### Meet our Club Officers:

David Carey Joanne Francis Rafael

**President - David Veloz** - David has been a member of the West El Paso Rotary Club since 2006. He has served in various capacities, including President-Elect and Director of Vocational Services. He graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a BBA in Business Management, and is currently working on his MA. David has worked with United Blood Services for over 11 years, and currently holds the position of Executive Director for the organization's Customer Contact Centers. He is also involved with the UTEP Alumni Association as the Vice President for Membership, and Past President of the Board of Directors for Candlelighters.

**President-Elect - Carey Beamesderfer** - Carey relocated from Pennsylvania to the El Paso area in June 2006 after retiring from a career in technical support services & engineering/project management with The Hershey Company. He and his wife, Donna have 5 children and 12 grandchildren, and they enjoy traveling around the world, camping in their RV, and managing their rental properties. They participated in the past three Rotary Friendship Exchanges to Alberta, Canada; Lincoln, England; and Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, and participate in an annual Rotary Club mission to San Jose Villaneuva, El Salvador to build homes for people in the village. Carey is an Eagle Scout, former Scoutmaster, soccer player and coach. He served as a RYLA Camp Counselor for 4 years; has been the club's Executive Secretary for 3 years, and is currently Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. He is a member of the Rotary RV Camping Fellowship, and the Rotary International Travel & Hosting Fellowship. Carey & Donna will be traveling with the ITHF Fellowship Group for a 12 day tour of northern Thailand following the Bangkok convention in May 2012.

**Vice-President - Joanne Latimer** - Joanne was raised in the former British Colony of Belize. Joanne moved to Albuquerque, NM in 1984 to attend the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque and graduated with a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a concentration in Finance in 1988. She lived in Germany for three years, prior to moving to El Paso, Tx in 1992. Since then, she has been employed in the mortgage banking and brokerage business and in 1988, she opened her mortgage brokerage, Mortgage Professionals, Inc. Joanne's father who lives in Belize has been a Rotarian for over 40 years and he was the District Governor for Belize, Guatemala and Honduras from 2007-2008. As they say, "the apple does not fall far from the tree". Joanne is married to David Latimer and has a daughter, Zoe and two step children, Leslie and Andrew. Joanne is an alumni of Delta Sigma Pi and has served on the board of the El Paso Association of Mortgage Brokers. Joanne's hobbies include, playing tennis, horse back riding, diving, snorkeling, traveling and spending time with her two year old daughter, Zoe.

**Secretary - Francisca Reyes** - Francisca was born and raised in Mexico. Her family moved to El Paso 11 years ago. Francisca obtained a double Master's Degree in Business and Public Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). She is pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Economic Development from the New Mexico State University (NMSU). Francisca became a member of Rotaract while she was attending UTEP and after graduation she decided to become a Rotarian. She is a member of the Rotary Club of West El Paso since March 2010. Francisca has worked in private and public organizations and had recently worked with a non-profit organization that provides services to immigrants and refugees in El Paso and West Texas. Francisca enjoys hiking, playing tennis, reading and going to the movies. In addition, Francisca enjoys cooking, particularly Mexican food.

**Treasurer - Rafael Padilla** - Rafael is a homebuilder with certification in Texas and New Mexico and over thirty years experience in residential and light commercial construction. He is President of Padilla Homes, Inc. which he founded in 1986 in El Paso, Texas. He is responsible for Padilla Homes operations, planning, development, expansion and profitability. Mr. Padilla is keenly interested in helping people build their dream home in innovative ways. He has a long standing professional affiliation with El Paso Home Builders Association. He is currently pursuing new opportunities in commercial construction and has launched DRP Construction Group, LLC with his son Dominic as Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Padilla graduated from Jefferson High School where he excelled in wrestling and cross country. After serving in the United States Army he received a Bachelors' Degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso. He is an active member of the Rotary Club. In his spare time he enjoys camping, golf and spending time with his children and first grandson.

**Rotary Minute:** Have you visited our club's website recently? [www.rotarywestelpaso.org](http://www.rotarywestelpaso.org) - There is a significant amount of information about our club on it: including past newsletters, photos, links to club banners & awards, other local club websites, and the E-Club for making up meetings; reference material about Youth Exchange, Friendship Exchange, RYLA, Matching Grants, Interact, Group Study Exchange and many more. Check it out.



Rotary Club



Rotaract



Interact



Friendship Exchange



RYLA



Youth Exchange

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