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Newsletter - Week of August 29, 2011

This Week: President David Veloz has lined up a very interesting and informative program this week. Dr. Robert Kirken, Chairman of the UTEP Biology Department will be presenting on some of the research his department has been conducting towards a cure for Cancer. During his 20 years of research Dr. Kirken has made many seminal findings focused on immune derived diseases such as leukemia and lymphoma, but also has interests in autoimmune disorders such as lupus. Vice-President Joanne Latimer will be conducting the meeting, and Beate Burdett will be introducing our speaker.

What Else is Going On? Congratulations to **Russell and Elva Autry** for coordinating and organizing the very successful backpack program for the La Fe Preparatoria Escuela this past week. To quote Russell: "I'm not sure who's smiles were bigger – the kids or the adults. Great job everyone. Let's do it again!" Note: Francis posted some pictures on our Club's Facebook account. Check it out.



Russell Autry is President of both the Reuel Group Incorporated and Sovereign Guidance. The Reuel Group is a company specializing in community engagement consulting and public opinion research, data mining and micro-targeting for community based organizations. Sovereign Guidance is an association management company. Russell is an internationally recognized speaker and instructor in the areas of community engagement, organization management, marketing and economic development. He is a past Chairman of the Board and faculty member of the Institutes for Organization Management, the national school for association management professionals. He is a past board member of the Washington, DC based Center for International Private Enterprise and has taught association professionals in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America. As part of his volunteer work, he is a co-founder of and currently President of the International Society of Community Engagement Professionals and President of the Green Business Foundation. He serves on the board of directors of the University of Texas at El Paso Alumni Association. Russell is married to Elva Perez-Rubio Autry.

Gail Gale is doing a monumental job as Youth Services Director and is now looking for your help and support for our five (5) Interact Clubs, Rotaract, and the planned Adoption Awareness Picnic being planned for November. She is looking for a support person for each club--Rafael will help with STHS, Lorraine will probably help with Jefferson, Carina is already helping with CHS/FHS, but may want to split with Nicolas which leaves EPHS.... Step up and volunteer to help. Our Youth Program is the keystone to the future of both our Club and our community.



Gail joined our club in November 2007. She is a native Westside El Pasoan, having graduated from Coronado High School. She left El Paso to attend Mc Murray University and later, Texas Tech where she earned her bachelors degree in Restaurant Hotel and Institutional Management. Having been in the hospitality industry most of her career, "service" has always been an important aspect of her training and emphasis, therefore it was second nature to embrace Rotary's service mission. This passion expands into her interest in higher education (college and university administration) while she continues to pursue her masters degree at NMSU in the Educational Management and Development department in the School of Education, specifically designed for Higher Ed Administrators. She is very supportive of youth programs that emphasize leadership development beginning as early as elementary school, but she is most fascinated with the ages 10-25. It will be a fun year exposing young adults to Rotary through Interact and Rotaract clubs in the community and the district. She is a Racial Justice Facilitator for the YWCA, a member of: the Westside Welcome Club, AAUW (American Association of University Women), the Women's Auxiliary of UTEP. She owns Stateline Home Solutions, a business for special solutions for fast selling techniques for pre-foreclosures, divorce, probate and relocation and is an Independent Associate for Pre-Paid Legal. Her favorite sports are swimming and cycling, and she loves camping and yoga. She and her husband Tom have been married 14 years and most enjoy being parents to Thomas, who just turned 5 in June. Tom grew up in Las Cruces and attended Beloit College, studying Economics and Management and is a Territory Manager for Ecolab Inc. in El Paso, Alamogordo and Cloudcroft, serving the hospitality industry. They attend Trinity-First Methodist downtown and live in the upper valley. One of Gail's favorite stories is about not knowing Tom's last name when they met in 1987.

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