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Newsletter - Week of September 12, 2011

This Week: On Monday we will be observing the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 at our weekly meeting. We will have a special program that includes guest speaker, FBI Special Agent Russell Baker. He will be presenting on "Current Terrorist Threats to the U.S." Please remember to get the word out, and invite a guest.

What Else is Going On?

1. Our Annual Golf Tournament is just around the corner. We are still in need of team sales, so if you can spread the word and get a team or two to commit, it would be greatly appreciated.
2. The Celebrity Chef Gala is also right around the corner. The Rotary Club of West El Paso has committed to support the event by purchasing/selling a table. We need individual members to attend. Individual tickets are \$100.
3. The District 5520 - 2011 RYLA RALLY is Saturday, October 1, 2011 -- This is an invitation to all Rotarians interested in attending the 2011 RYLA Rally to learn more about this great District 5520 program and how to get your club better prepared for the 2012 RYLA. It will be held at: Hotel Encanto De Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico - 8:00 am General Session (training your club RYLA Chair) – Learn about RYLA- What is the timeline; How to get the word out to your schools, how to get both boys and girls to apply, deadlines to reserve your spots at RYLA, cost and billing by District 5520. Those Rotarians that have not attended RYLA will hear about RYLA activities and objectives from Counselors and Staff. We will share some of our many success stories. Come and learn how to be a successful part of this successful District 5520 activity! 11:30 am Lunch - 1:00 pm Planning Session (for Counselors and Staff) - RSVP and Questions: Bruce Davis daviseng@swcp.com or (505) 232-8383
4. There will be an RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchange) with Chile in January, 2013. The exact details and dates will be firmed up once we know the level of interest and can begin discussing it with those who may participate. The group will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so please let Donna Pedace know if you are seriously interested. There is no definite commitment needed yet, but we need to start to process. All applicants for the group must be in good health, able to walk over difficult terrain without assistance, and able to pay for their own flights, food and sightseeing. Contact Donna at: PedaceAbq@aol.com - Donna has indicated that she would like to start a historical record of the people who participated, and who have preserved the exceptional memories, on film or digitally, of their past RFE visits. If you participated in an RFE sometime in the past please review your picture albums and records to identify a few pictures you could send to Donna and make sure they are captioned as to the sights, persons, and particular events.
5. Carey & Donna Beamesderfer will be going on their 2nd Rotary mission to El Salvador with the Rotary Club of North Renfrew Ontario, Canada. The mission will be from November 6 -21, 2011 in San Jose Villaneuva (same as last year). We are asking for monetary donations to support the trip expenses, which we estimate to be approximately \$2,500 each. (Flight, building materials, room and board for two weeks). If you are interested in supporting our trip, you can make your tax-deductible donation to the Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation (El Salvador Mission) for this purpose and mail it or give it to Mike Schmid. We will be building another home for a family in the community and also building a large retaining wall for an elementary school that gets flooded during the rainy season. The scope of this project also includes support of a Micro-Credit Loan program for the area. A spread sheet and detailed report of the impact this program is having on the San Jose Villaneuva community is available for your review by contacting Carey at: careydb740@elp.rr.com It's a great success story and one we would like to continue to build on, hopefully with the financial support of members of the Rotary Club of West El Paso and friends.
6. A "Bridges to Prosperity" trip to Bolivia is being planned in conjunction by the Rotary Club of Alamogordo and Roswell. They don't have confirmed dates for the trip yet, but if you're interested in learning more about it you can email Sheryl Foland (Rotary club of Roswell) at: sfoland@cableone.net to be put on her newsletter distribution list. This mission (building a bridge in a very remote area of Bolivia) was presented at last years District Conference by Norm Arnold (Rotary Club of Alamogordo) who is one of the team leaders for the project.
7. Russell Autry and the literacy/backpack team have already distributed 90 of 130 backpacks as part of this year's back-to-school simplified grant. He has 40 more backpacks to deliver and is looking for a recommendation from club members as to what school they should go to. Contact Russell and let him know what your thoughts are on this.

Rotary Minute: Have you read the latest issue of *The Rotarian*? *The Rotarian* is a monthly magazine dedicated to reporting on topics relevant to members of Rotary members and clubs worldwide. There are 12 issues each year. The articles are well written and the magazine is full of new ideas to help clubs and educate members in all aspects of Rotary. Did you know that you pay \$12.00 / year for this subscription. This is part of the semi-annual dues invoice we (The Rotary Club of West El Paso) pay to Rotary International.



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