



## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO

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### Newsletter - Week of October 10, 2011

**This Week:** On Monday (*October 10*) our speaker is Larry Duncan, CEO at the Children's Hospital at UMC. Mr. Duncan will update us on the progress at the Children's Hospital.

- *October 17* is Gil Blancas, Director of Medicare Business Development at UMC. He will be presenting on the services offered for Adult and Geriatric care at UMC.

- *October 24* is District Governor Bobby Wallace.

- *October 31* (Halloween) is Chris Medina talking about paranormal activity throughout El Paso. He is part of a group that records and tracks paranormal activity at certain spots in town that are haunted.

- *November 7* - the speaker will be Sophia Larkin of Community Scholars.

- *November 14* - the speaker will be Dione Harvin of El Paso Public Libraries.

### What Else is Going On?

1. On Fri/Sat - Oct. 14/15 - Lorraine/Jesse and Carey will be attending a District Strategic Planning Session for the Rotary Year 2012-2013, in Carlsbad. The results of this event will be shared with all Club Members, and a follow-up RCWEP Club Strategic Planning Session will be scheduled within the next few weeks. Stay tuned for further details.  
2. The 2nd Annual Adoption Awareness Picnic (Celebrating Families) will be held on Saturday, November 19th from 11:00am - 2:00pm at the Horseshoe Farm & Ranch (9650 Farrell). Come dressed in your favorite Cowboy or Cowgirl outfit! There will be pony rides, farm animals, best-dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl contests, music, food and lots of fun! Our club, along with the rotary Club of East El Paso & Franklin Mountain Rotary are the sponsors, organizers and coordinators of this event. Special thanks go to Gail Gale and the Farm & Ranch owner/hosts - Bill and Lupe Dempsey for making this event a reality. **Save the Date - November 19th.**

3. Carey & Donna Beamesderfer recently completed a 6 week road trip with their RV; traveling with the Rotary RV Fellowship group for two of the six weeks in eastern Oregon. The Recreational Vehicle Fellowship or RVF as it is affectionately known by its members, is one of the many fellowships of Rotary in which the members have a common bond, in our case a love for camping and rallies in various scenic locations in North America. Our membership includes numerous Canadian Rotarians, two from Europe, one from Australia and hopefully in the near future, Mexican Rotarians. If you are a Rotarian and have a love for camping, be it in a popup tent trailer or a Class A motorhome, join our fun group. You can learn more about it at the following website: <http://www.rvfweb.org/>

4. Special thanks to everyone who participated in our 3rd annual "First Tee Desert Classic" golf tournament, and to Kristi Albers / Bob Peterson and the entire golf tournament committee who worked very hard to organize the event. Also, much praise goes to the club members and other volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make it another successful tournament. A summary of the event with final numbers will be presented to the membership at the next club meeting.

5. The Australian RFE (Melbourne, Australia) is currently in progress. Club member Gerri Wooten is part of this year's team and will give us a full report upon her return.

6. Carey & Donna Beamesderfer will be leaving for their second annual (two week) Rotary mission to San Jose Villaneuva, El Salvador on November 6. They are traveling with 8 members of the Rotary Club of North Renfrew (Deep River), Ontario, Canada who are the organizers of the mission. We are planning on building only one house this time plus possibly a few smaller projects. We decided that we would spend more time interfacing with others while there and not just work on projects (i.e. arranging meetings with the Rotary Clubs as potential partners, meeting with ADESCOs (community organizations), visit to Microcredit businesses, discussions with some key individuals on topics like a community center, the clinic and health promoters). We have received a request to support repair work on a school in El Palomar ( the community where we will be building the house) that has problems with leakage through the roof. We have identified a need to support the provision of health services in the Village as an important component of the program and specifically to support the role of Health Promoters. The information on Page 2 of this newsletter describes their role and some of the needs. If you have access to some of the supplies and are interested in donating them for the program please contact Carey at 717-578-2129 or 915-239-8730 or in person, or by email at [careydb740@elp.rr.com](mailto:careydb740@elp.rr.com). We are also looking for donations to help support our trip to El Salvador and to help advance the Micro-Credit program that was started within the last two years. (See attached report (Adobe pdf Document) on the success stories from this program.) You can make a tax-deductible donation to the Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation, PO Box 13164, El Paso, TX. 79913 or go on-line to our website at: <http://www.rotarywestelpaso.org/> and click on the Donate button. This button accepts Paypal and credit card donations of any amount.



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### HEALTH PROMOTERS IN SAN JOSE VILLANUEVA ROLE AND NEEDS

#### ROLE:

In El Salvador, Health Promoters play a major role in the provision of basic health education and support services to the populace. They work under the guidance of the village Health Units but live in the various communities that make up the village. Many of the communities are somewhat isolated and access to the village Health Unit Clinic can be very difficult due to poor transportation infrastructure and an inability to pay for transportation. Within the village of San Jose Villanueva (population ~14000) there are seven cantons with a couple of Health promoters in each.

The duties of the Health Promoters include;

1. education of the populace on topics like nutrition, hygiene, child care, etc.
2. support for pregnant women - health promoters visit them two or three times per month to check on blood pressure, weight, nutrition, etc. When they go into labor the health promoters also accompany them to the hospital whenever possible.
3. watch out for and report problems with environmental sanitation - water, latrines, hygiene, etc.
4. they visit schools and give presentations on different themes in collaboration with the directors of the schools
5. they conduct house-to-house vaccination campaigns two of three times per year - primarily for children
6. if there is someone very ill, the health promoters will go to them to bring medicine, accompany them to the hospital, etc.

#### NEEDS:

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10. El Salvador is a small country with a relatively large population and very limited financial resources. As a result the support (financial, materials and supplies) for social services and basic living needs is lacking. The Health Promoters, like the village Health Clinic, lack many of the tools that are needed to fulfill their duties. Some of the materials and tools that we would like to help them acquire include:
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12. Medical supplies; stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs and monitoring equipment, thermometers, catheters, stainless steel sterilization bowls, swabs, tension, disposable gloves, surgical tape, elastic bandages, gauze bandages
13. Non prescription medicines – supplies to both Village clinic and to support Health Promoters;
14. nutritional supplements – big need for multivitamins (prenatal and for children),
15. Unna boots, calcium alginate and duoderm patches or gels for dozens of patients per month
16. continuous need for Claritin suspension or similar product, antitussives (cough medicines), ASA (80mg), topical antibiotics and ibuprofen
  - Trocars and other materials for laproscopy (3 to 4 per month ) not done at clinic but sent to hospitals where patients have to pay for the supplies and many patients cannot afford to buy the materials so the clinic would like to be able to supply them to needy patients.
    - Electrocauterizer for minor surgery
    - Suturing supplies
    - Mesh for hernia treatment (3-4 per month)
    - Digital scope to examine the middle ear
17. Other; weigh scales for children & adults, tape measures, scissors



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