



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO

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Newsletter - Week of November 7, 2011

This Week: On Monday - *November 7* - our speaker will be Sophia Larkin of Community Scholars.

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

- *November 21* - the speaker will be Lorraine Wardy of R-Qubed Energy who will talk about an alternative source of energy using manure.

New Member Application: Mr. Sawyer Sikes has completed an application for membership in our club. Sawyer is an Escrow Officer for Lone Star Title who has lived in El Paso for over 20 years. He is being proposed by Doug Borrett. Sawyer has been to several meetings over the past month and is excited about becoming a member of the Rotary Club of West El Paso.

What Else is Going On?

1. Our holiday Christmas party will be at Magic Pan, Wednesday, Dec 14th at 6:00 PM. Club member Rotarians will be free and spouses or guests will be \$30. The Magic Pan address is 5034 Doniphan Dr. Formal invitations to follow at a later date.

2. In case you haven't heard - our club member - Jesse Allen - will become Lt. Governor for District 5520 in the El Paso area beginning July 1, 2012. Jesse is currently serving as an Assistant Governor. Carl Russell will continue as the AG for the Rotary Club of West El Paso. This past Tuesday Jesse convened a meeting with the 2012-2013 President-Elects from the eight (8) Rotary Clubs in El Paso. The meeting was held at Jackson's Restaurant on Airway and it lasted about 1-1/2 hours. A follow-up meeting will be held on January 10th at the same location. Both Carey & Joanne attended the meeting and are requesting your input and comment on the items listed below. Key topics that the President-Elects wanted to follow up on at that meeting were:

- How we can work together on our various new member training programs such as STAR and GEAR.
- Can we develop a common El Paso based website which could include a calendar and list of speakers that all 8 clubs could share and all El Paso are Rotarians could reference. Jesse has agreed to work on this.
- A major, signature event that all of the clubs could work on together.
- New Generations - Lets get a better understanding about what each club is doing for Youth Exchange, RYLA, Interact & Rotoract so we can better coordinate our efforts to minimize duplication of effort and ensure that all the schools within the area are introduced to, and thoroughly understand, what Rotary offers in this newest Avenue of Service.

3. The Rotary Club of El Paso (the downtown club) will be sponsoring (along with Hundai) their annual Sun Bowl Team Luncheon. It will be held on Friday, December 30, 2011. Our club has the opportunity to buy a table which seats 8 people, 6 of our choice and 2 players, one from each University. Of course, at this point, the teams haven't been announced, but it is always an exciting event. The cost for each table is \$450. and the proceeds from the luncheon are used by the downtown El Paso club to sponsor a Christmas Party for disadvantaged and low income children in the El Paso area. Last year they had 4,500 kids attend the Christmas party event. Give this some thought and hopefully we can generate enough interest within our club to buy at least one table.

4. November is Rotary Foundation month. Any contribution you make the Rotary Foundation or to Rotary Club of West El Paso's Foundation is tax-deductible. Consider making your annual donation to one or both. Giving to the Rotary Foundation helps support RI's number 1 priority - Eradicating Polio as well as helping to fund Rotary projects around the world. One way to contribute is to buy and/or sell the "Choose the Cruise" tickets, which is District 5520's Annual Fundraiser for the benefit of the Rotary Foundation's Annual Program Fund. Also, giving to the Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation helps to fund our club's annual 4th of July parade, matching grants, as well as RYLA and Interact scholarships. Can you help?

Rotary Minute: "The 1905 members of the Rotary Club of Chicago, so valued the friendship of their fellow-members that they put a ban upon religious and political discussions, fearing that they might become disturbing factors, and they were richly rewarded for their foresight. There was plenty of dynamite in questions which might have been raised; but they were not raised. The formula was very simple; it read, 'Go about your common tasks together, avoid discussions of dissentious subjects, and your reward will be friendship.' The formula was worthy of adoption in much wider circles." Paul P. Harris, Page 59 from "This Rotarian Age" 1935



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Rotoract



Interact



Friendship Exchange



RYLA



Youth Exchange

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