



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO

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Newsletter - Week of December 12, 2011

- This Week:** On Monday - *December 12* - General Bill Riley will give a presentation to celebrate Pearl Harbor Day
 - *December 14* - Christmas Party - 5:30pm (Magic Pan Restaurant - 5034 Doniphan Dr.)
 - *December 19* - Beate Burdett & Candlelighters - Our annual holiday gift basket meeting.
 - *December 26* - No meeting - Christmas Holiday
 - *January 2* - No meeting - New Years Holiday

December is Rotary Family Month: "Family is on the minds of many Rotarians in December, as Rotary celebrates Family Month. In addition to recognizing the importance of families in Rotary, the month celebrates the family of Rotary, which includes Rotarians and all those involved in Rotary's work -- from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs around the world." - (Courtesy of the RI Website - By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary International News -- 8 December 2011) Our family at the Rotary Club of West El Paso extend our best wishes to you and your family for this holiday season. ((Picture is courtesy of club member Dr. Joseph Caruso))



Happy Holidays from the members of the Rotary Club of West El Paso

Speaking of Fellowship: Do you know there are over 80 Rotary Fellowships. From sports and hobbies to professional interests, these groups draw members from around the world. They're just one more way Rotarians are promoting international fellowship, friendship, and service. Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities, or further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession; make new friends around the world; explore new opportunities for service; have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary. Each fellowship is operated independently of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Membership in fellowships is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors. Fellowships must be international in nature with active members in at least three countries. Each fellowship elects at least three officers to oversee the group's administration.



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Fellowships are expected to facilitate communication among their members and maintain regular communication with RI. Fellowships provide opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside of their own club, district, or country. Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining existing ones.

This newsletter will feature one or more of these Fellowships in every future edition. This week's fellowships are:

Rotary Heritage & History Fellowship: <http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org/fellowship/>

The objective of this fellowship is to advocate and promote the collection of Rotary club and Rotary International heritage and history; to encourage activity by others devoted to the preservation, growth and appreciation of the service club movement; to keep alive the mutual friendships created by Harris, Schiele, Shorey and Loehr, who first met in Room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago; and, to exchange information and Rotary Club, District and Rotary International heritage and history, through the fellowship publication and their website. Dues are \$20./yr or \$50 for 3 years. Members of the fellowship voluntarily compile, edit and publish (on the internet, in newsletters, by correspondence and verbally at gatherings of Rotarians) their views and opinions on the development of the service club movement.

Rotary Global History Fellowship: <http://www.rghf.org/>

The mission of this fellowship is: "As an effort to serve others, RGHF offers history training for Rotary leaders. The fellowship accumulates and preserves the complete history, values, and philosophy of the Rotary movement, as well as encourages others to do the same at every level of the Rotary movement, and publishes those histories, values, and philosophies on the internet, as well as other forms of media as expedient." RGHF is an approved Rotarian fellowship by the Board of Directors of Rotary International. To date, in excess of 30,000 items of the Global History of Rotary have been compiled. Membership dues are \$30./yr or \$120 for 5 years. Membership in the fellowship is open to all Rotarians, Rotaractors and their spouses and partners. It includes a number of RI presidents, past and present RI directors, TRF trustees, past and present district governors and many Rotarians world-wide. It is an essential tool in assisting all Rotarians and Rotaractors to gain a better knowledge and understanding of Rotary. PRIP Frank Devlyn describes the fellowship's activities as "an instrumental tool for those forward thinking people who wish to learn from our history, in order to guide our future."

The Rotary Club of West El Paso is looking for one of our members (you) or your spouse to serve in the capacity as Club Historian. You will work to help District Historian Dan Schulte by collecting and documenting the history of our club since its charter on July 12, 1962. This coming year (2012) the Rotary club of West El Paso will observe our 50th anniversary as an organization - obviously this is a time to celebrate the past and look forward to the ongoing success in our future. Will you "step up" and volunteer as the chair of this committee and/or to be a member of the committee to showcase our club's history to our District and the rest of the Rotary world. Dan Schulte can be reached at schultedks@sbcglobal.net for additional information. Also let President David Veloz or President-Elect Carey Beamesderfer know of your interest in volunteering for this opportunity.

Rotary Youth Exchange Student - Sofia Fernandez Wows the Crowd:

Sofia made an outstanding presentation to our club at last week's meeting. She was our Youth Exchange Outbound Student to Denmark and came properly dressed for the occasion in her award covered vest. Thank you Sofia for a job well done and for representing the Rotary Club of West El Paso in such a professional and awe-inspiring way.



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Monday's Speaker - Career Highlights for William H. ("Bill") Riley - Major General, USA (Ret)

- 14 total Years Experience in Middle East.
- Air Defense Artillery Command experience at ALL levels, from Hawk Battery, to Battalion, through Hawk/Chaparral /Vulcan/Redeye/ Stinger Brigade, & Deputy Commanding General of USA Air Def Arty School/Center at Ft Bliss, TX.
- 1998-2004: International Defense Consultant to Raytheon Inc., & Burdeshaw Inc.
- 1995-1998: Partner, SSRC Inc--- Real Estate Development Firm, El Paso, TX:
- 1990-1995: Vice Pres and GM, International Operations, Lear Jet Inc., Riyadh, Saudi Arabia---
 - o Managed overhead management staff of 62, plus 1510 employees.
 - o Five (5) Saudi contracts, totaling \$223 Million: primarily Aviation.
 - o Performed in crisis of Desert Shield/Storm Gulf War.
- 1984-1990:Army General Officer---
- Deputy Commanding General, Third US Army ("Patton's Own"), Ft McPherson, GA. (Major General), 1988-1990, ARCENT/CENTCOM.
- Program Manager, Saudi National Guard Modernization Program, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, (BG, MG), 1986-1988. Chief Military Advisor to Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz (now King of Saudi Arabia).
- Deputy Commanding General, US Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, TX, (BG), 1984-1986.
- Chief of Staff, Multinational Peacekeeping Force, Sinai, Egypt, (Col, BG), 1983-1984.
- Other Developmental Assignments:
 - o Brigade Commander, Air Defense, 9th Infantry Division, Ft Lewis, WA, 1980-1983
 - o US Air Defense Advisor to Saudi Army, MODA, Prince Khalid bin Sultan (Cdr of Arab Allied Forces, Desert Storm), Riyadh & Jeddah, 1976-1978.
 - o Battalion Cdr, Key West Defense Command, Florida: Commanded Hawk Missile Battalion, 1974-1976.
- As a Major, served in Vietnam as Opns Officer: Avn Badge, 3 Air Medals, Bronze Star. Graduate of Saudi Language & Culture Schools / 1976: Defense Language Institute, Monterrey, CA. / 1986: Foreign Services Institute, Wash, D.C. MBA, University of RI, 1974. ; BA, Bowdoin College, ME, 1960. / US Naval War College, Newport, RI, 1978; JFK School of Govt, Harvard, 1987; Command & Gen Staff College, 1970.

* MEMBER OF EL PASO (Downtown) ROTARY CLUB SINCE 1995.

Rotary Minute:

Share your passion for Rotary. Refer a new member to our club. There are so many people out there who want to be asked to join our club. Its simple - just start with the contact list on your cell phone. Rotary has so much to offer. Why deny your friends and business acquaintances the opportunity to be a part of the greatest civic organization in the world? Think of all that Rotary has done for you and the world. Think of all this club has done for you and our community here in West El Paso and southern New Mexico. It will do the same for them.



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