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Newsletter - Week of January 23, 2012

Thought: (A resourceful person can see opportunity when others only see obstacles.)

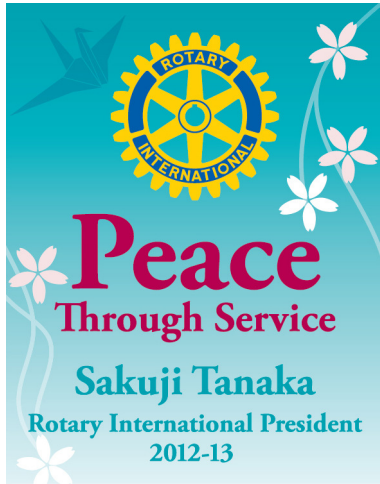
This Week: On Monday – *January 23* – “Get to know your City” – Sean McGlynn, City of El Paso, Director of Museums and Cultural Affairs

- *January 30* – “Get to know your City” – Joyce Wilson, City of El Paso, City Manager

- *February 6* - "Get to know your City" - Mayra De La Canal - City of El Paso - Dept. of Economic Development

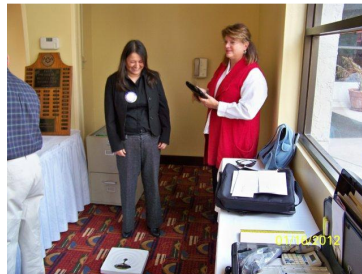
The Rotary International Theme for 2012-2013 is announced:

(See RCWEP 2012-2013 Slate of Officers on Page 3.)



RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka will ask Rotarians to build [Peace Through Service in 2012-13](#). Tanaka unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly, a training event for incoming Rotary district governors. "Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary. Peace is not something that can only be achieved through agreements, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways. Peace has different meanings for different people. No definition is right, and no definition is wrong. However we use the word, this is what peace means for us. No matter how we use, or understand the word, Rotary can help us to achieve it." Tanaka will ask Rotarians to focus their energy on supporting the three priorities of the [RI Strategic Plan](#). He added that he will ask the incoming leaders to promote three Rotary peace forums, to be held in Hiroshima, Japan; Berlin; and Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. "In Rotary, our business is not profit. Our business is peace. Our reward is not financial, but the happiness and satisfaction of seeing a better, more peaceful world, one that we have achieved through our own efforts."

District Governor's "Lose-A-Ton" Weight Loss Challenge is Underway in the Rotary Club of West El Paso



Francis weighs in with Kristi overseeing.

Club member Kristi Albers begins the weigh-in process for club members Francis Reyes & James Heard. Kristi is organizing and coordinating the event for our club. To-date we have 11 club members signed-up. Please join us and help us meet the challenge. So far the 11 people have targeted to lose a total of 100 lbs, by March 12, 2012.



James weighs in. Kristi checking #'s.

Polio Plus Donations are Needed: Past District Governor Dick Jones is leading District 5520's campaign to support Rotary International's effort to fight polio around the world. A goal has been set by our District to raise \$210,000. To-date the District has collected \$191,688. Each Club is being asked to donate, and more specifically, each Rotarian, to donate a minimum of \$25.00. To-date our club has not met this challenge. David Veloz and Carey Beamesderfer will start the ball rolling with their \$25.00 donation each. Your support will help conquer polio and meet RI's \$200 million polio eradication challenge. *We are so close.* Lets finish the job. Write a check to the Rotary Club of West El Paso; mark it for the RI Polio Plus Fund and give it to our Treasurer - Rafael Padilla. The \$25. will also be credited to your Paul Harris Fellowship award.





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Rotary Fellowships (continued): This week's Fellowships are:

IFFR - The International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians: <http://iffr.homestead.com/>



Rotary's Fishing Fellowship promotes friendship between Rotarians who enjoy recreational fishing. Further, it encourages social activities among its members and supports interaction between Rotarians and the youth of their respective communities so that young men and women may learn more about Rotary, sport fishing, and the value of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the world. The International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians is open to any of the 1.2 million Rotarians residing in over 161 different countries where Rotary International has a presence. Our membership includes Rotarians who fish inshore, offshore, fresh water, saltwater, fly fishing, bass fishing and, in some cases, simply armchair fishing.

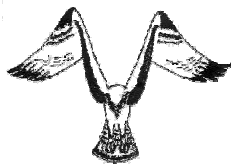
ITHF - The International Travel & Hosting Fellowship: <http://www.ithf.org/index.php>



ITHF exists to promote and facilitate regional, national and international "connections" between its members. ITHF members travel to all different parts of the world and host members from all other parts. Members' lives are enriched by these connections and cross cultural exchanges.

What ITHF Offers 1. Opportunities to "connect" with other Rotarians and partners during your travel. 2. Opportunities to "host" other Rotarians and partners during their travels. 3. Opportunities to join highly specialized, Rotary-themed, professionally guided tours of other countries and points of interest. 4. Opportunities to experience a level of Rotary fun and fellowship you may never have thought existed. 5. Opportunities to discover sites and experience adventures not available through any other means. 6. Opportunities to belong to one of the closest "families" in Rotary, enjoying rich friendships on tours, during conventions and from the many "connections" we make individually. 7. Opportunities to stay informed about experiences of other members through quarterly newsletters and updates. Membership is \$50/year.

IFBR - The International Fellowship of Bird-watching Rotarians: <http://aces1.customer.netSPACE.net.au/>



This IFBR Fellowship began in 1991 and the tradition of holding field trips commenced during the convention to seek out local birds. Over the years these trips have taken place the day immediately after the international convention in order not to interfere with any of the scheduled events of the convention. With the aid of local leaders, such trips customarily locate about fifty local species. Between 20 to 30 Rotarians and spouses usually take part in these events. The first lengthier trip occurred after the Singapore convention in 1999 and traveled through much of central Malaysia, for seven days. In May of 2001, a fifteen-day trip was organized through Southern Africa, including Kruger National Park and much of Swaziland and Botswana. Much of the transportation and accommodation in Africa was through the assistance of local Rotarians. The fellowship has financially assisted environmental projects in Bolivia, India, and South Africa. Membership is \$60./year.

FIRST NAMES OR NICKNAMES: From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis. Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are cornerstones of Rotary, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. Our Rotary club name badge fosters the first-name custom. Lets keep that practice going in our club.





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Rotary Action Groups (continued): This week's Action Group is: Polio Survivors & Associates:

<http://www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com/content/home/default2.asp>



The Rotarian Action Group for Polio Survivors and Associates is the living legacy of the Rotary Polio-Plus polio eradication program through humanitarian assistance to polio survivors of the world. This Action Group operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not controlled by Rotary. Search this site for information about polio and see what they are doing to help survivors worldwide.

2012-2013 Proposed Officers and Directors for the Rotary Club of West El Paso

Officers:

- President - Carey Beamesderfer
- President-Elect - Joanne Latimer
- Vice-President - Gale Gail
- Secretary - Francis Reyes
- Treasurer - Moni Ward
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Kristi Albers/Teresa Cavaretta
- Immediate Past President - David Veloz

Directors:

- Community Service - Rafael Padilla
- New Generations - Lorraine Huit
- Vocational Service - Duane Coleman
- Matching Grants - Chava Gonzalez/Genaro Mier
- Literacy - Sophia Kaplan
- Membership - Russell Autry
- Public Relations - Valerie Maros
- Club Service - Carol Lewis
- Paul Harris/RI Foundation - Gerri Wootten
- Social Events - LuAnn Wieland
- Newsletter Editor - Beate Burdett
- RCWEP Foundation Treasurer - Mike Schmid
- Parade Committee Chair - Lorraine Huit
- Golf Committee Chair - Kristi Albers
- District Assistant Governor - Carl Russell
- District Lt. Governor - Jesse Allen

RCWEP Foundation Members

- Bob Peterson
- Joanne Latimer
- Chava Gonzalez
- Carey Beamesderfer
- Mike Schmid
- Lorraine Huit
- Gerri Wootten
- David Veloz

Local Clubs & their Meeting Times:

- [El Paso "Downtown Rotary Club"](#) - Meetings Thursday at Noon at The El Paso Community Foundation -333 North Oregon Street -1st Floor
- [The Sunrise Rotary Club of El Paso](#) - Meetings Wednesday at 7:00am Holiday Inn Sunland Park
- [Rotary Club of El Paso Franklin Mountains](#) - Meetings Thursday at 6:00pm El Paso Comm College - Transmountain
- [Rotary Club of East El Paso](#) - Meetings Tuesday at Noon at Jaxons on Airway Blvd
- [Northeast El Paso Rotary Club](#) - Meetings on Friday at Noon at Golden Corral on Transmountain Road
- [Rotary Club of El Paso - Vista Hills](#) - Meetings on Wednesday at Noon at Vista Hills Country Club
- [Camino Real Club](#) - Meetings Wednesday ay 6:30pm at Camino Real Hotel



Rotary Club



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Friendship Exchange



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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"