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Newsletter - Week of February 27, 2012

Thought: ("Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.") — Jim Rohn: an American entrepreneur, author and motivational speaker

This Week: On Monday - *February 27* - Advocacy Center of El Paso - starring Happy Bear - **"Don't Miss This"**
<http://www.advocacycenter.org/>

- *March 5, 12, 19, & 26* - The subject for our speakers in March is Literacy - coordinated by Russell Autry.

Ann Allen - Past President of the El Paso Zoological Society - Speaks to the Club



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Visit the El Paso Zoo and the websites

El Paso Zoo - <http://www.elpasozoo.org/>

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City and County Officials and downtown business leaders will conduct a second round of public meetings to provide the community an opportunity to identify priorities to be included in the November 2012 proposed bond election. This bond is intended to improve the quality of life in El Paso, enhance our economy and identify signature projects to create a more dynamic environment for downtown and our community. The City's future cannot be decided without the community's input and the public is invited to share their ideas. Visit the City website at www.elpasotexas.gov and fill out a comment card. **Ann Allen** encouraged everyone to visit the El Paso Zoo, and also consider filling out one of the city's comment cards indicating you wish for the City to continue to make improvements to the Zoo, and in particular to some of the older (1950's era) exhibits.

Global Youth Service Day - April 20-22, 2012 - What is it? <http://www.gysd.org>

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest and longest-running service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth. GYSD is celebrated each year in over 100 countries. Each year, millions of children and youth around the world work together with schools, youth organizations, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, volunteer and national service programs, government agencies, faith communities, and other individuals to address the world's most critical issues and change their communities on Global Youth Service Day. This year's event is April 20-22 and many of our Interact students are planning to participate. Contact Gail Gale for additional information.

What Rotary Year Were These the Rotary International Themes?



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New Generations - The Fifth Avenue of Rotary Service - What is it?

(Rotary International has made young people a priority through its New Generations initiative)

New Generations is the newest "Avenue of Service" for Rotarians. It recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace & cultural understanding.

It includes the following:

- **Interact:** Rotary's service club for youth ages 12-18. Interact clubs can be community-based or school-based. Individual Rotary clubs sponsor Interact clubs and provide them with support and guidance, but each Interact club is self-governing and self-supporting. The goals of Interact include developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work, and advancing international understanding and goodwill.
- **Rotaract:** Rotary's service club for young adults ages 18-30. University-based clubs consist of undergraduate and graduate students who meet on campus. Community based clubs consist of young adults from various backgrounds, regardless of their professional or academic status. All Rotaract clubs are sponsored by a local Rotary club and conduct community and international service projects. Rotaract clubs also focus on leadership and professional development activities.
- **Youth Exchange:** Rotary's exchange program for youth and young adults. It allows students to spend up to a year living in a different country and learning a new culture. Students ages 15-19 can participate in a long-term exchange of up to one year, or they can choose a short-term exchange, which can last from several days to several weeks. New Generations Exchanges for young adults ages 18-25 can range from a few weeks to three months. Rotary clubs and districts sponsor exchange participants, who serve as ambassadors for their countries.
- **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)** - Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants range from age 14 to 30, so most clubs and districts choose to focus on a specific age group, such as 14-18, 19-24, or 25-30. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth. The program demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth by providing an effective training experience for potential leaders, encouraging leadership of youth by youth, and publicly recognizing young people who serve their communities.

Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

New Generations Alumni: Today's and Yesterday's Interactors are today's Rotaractors and tomorrow's Rotarians. Rotarians can support New Generations by finding and engaging alumni. Although former Interactors, Rotaractors, Youth Exchange students, and RYLA participants may no longer live in your district, many alumni from other countries and districts probably do.

What Else Does "New Generations" Include? Rotary International has a long tradition of fostering peace and international understanding through education.

- **Ambassadorial Scholarship Program:** The Ambassadorial Scholarships program promotes international understanding and friendly relations among people of different parts of the world. The scholarships sponsor undergraduate and graduate students, as well as qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the country where they study and give presentations about their own culture to Rotary clubs and other groups. Back home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that deepened their understanding of another culture. Through their generous contributions, Rotarians worldwide show a continued faith that today's scholars will be tomorrow's community and world leaders
- **Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution:** Rotary Peace Centers promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflicts. Peace Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

The Rotary Club of West El Paso has actively participated in the past in many of the areas within the scope of the New Generations Avenue of Service, and will continue to do so in the future, as we maintain our strategic focus on Youth and Quality of Life within our Community. Stay tuned to this newsletter for future articles on youth activities and youth organizations in the El Paso and surrounding area.



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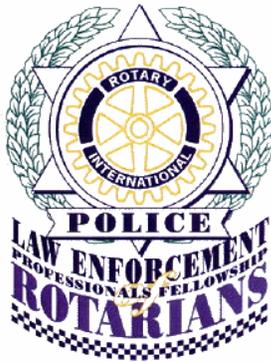


Rotary Fellowships (continued): *This week's Fellowships are:*



IFRR - International Fellowship of Railroad Rotarians - <http://www.ifrr.info>

The International Fellowship of Railroad Rotarians (IFRR) is made up of Rotarians who have an interest in railroading in any format, type, size or related interests. This may consist of steam, diesel, electric, model railroads, rail fan photography, rail travel, railroad collectibles, private rail cars, trolley cars and what ever related interest there is from the membership. **Membership is Free.** The IFRR arranges railroading activities and events as the membership desires. This may range from organizing or providing assistance for train travel international and national, to sharing tips and ideas for model railroads.



PoLEPFoR - Police/Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians - <http://www.polepfr.org/>

The PoLEPFoR promotes ties among law enforcement professionals to enhance the work of Rotary and police and law enforcement professionals locally, nationally, and internationally. They invite Rotarian Law Enforcement members to register on their Members Only Login Section of their website.



Rotary International Fellowship of Old and Rare Books and Prints

<http://www.rotaryoldbooks.org/english/indice.html> - Its goals are:

- Promoting friendship and the exchange of information on a global scale among those Rotarians who share a common interest for antique books and prints;
- Transmitting the knowledge and love for old books to other Rotarians, especially the younger ones;
- Taking advantage of the latest means of communication, which allow an easy access to a heritage which happens to be among the richest in the world.



<http://www.rotarianhomeexchange.com/>

Home Exchange is the vacation alternative where you stay in my house and I stay in yours. If the idea of home exchange is unfamiliar to you, or even a bit frightening, rest assured -- there are 250,000+ successful home exchanges every year. Swapping homes can bring many unexpected rewards. Check it out.



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Rotary Action Groups (continued): *This week's Action Group is:*



Rotarian Action Group for the Alleviation of Hunger & Malnutrition - <http://www.alleviatehunger.org/> - An association of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors supporting projects and activities designed to alleviate hunger and malnutrition in communities and nations including feeding of the hungry and malnourished among us. They share a common Goal: a World where children can grow strong, live in healthy environments, learn to be self-reliant and are empowered with skills to enable them to contribute fully to the economic and social progress in their communities. They welcome collaboration and support from like-minded individuals such as YOU and with groups who share our vision for a better World. Membership is \$20/year.

Rotary Minute

Webinars offer a convenient way to learn in depth about Rotary right at your computer, without having to travel. RI offers live webinars on key Rotary topics several times a month through GoToMeeting.com . Be sure to check the system requirements before registering. Recently completed webinars are available for your use and review at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Training/Webinars/Pages/Archives.aspx> They include topics such as: Public Perception of Rotary; Print to Digital - Moving Your Message Online; The Future of Grant-Making; and Closing the Back Door - Member Retention. The newest webinar scheduled for February 28 is: Taking on a Literacy Project - <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/457225584> .

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

Pictures from our Past:



Coronado Interact Club joins us for lunch on August 16, 2010



UTEP Basketball Coach Tim Floyd receives a thank you gift from Lorraine Huit, after speaking to our Club



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