



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO
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Newsletter - Week of March 26, 2012

Thought: ("Invest three percent of your income in yourself (self-development) in order to guarantee your future - Brian Tracy - Motivational Speaker")

This Week: March 26 - (Speaker - To Be Announced)

Literacy Month Continues



Irene Mendoza (left), Russell Autry & Martha Toscano (right) working together to improve literacy.

Martha Toscano, Literacy Coordinator for the El Paso Public Library was our speaker this past week. She spoke about the status of Literacy in West Texas. The Literacy Center offers a specialized collection featuring ESL, GED & CITIZENSHIP. They also offer information and referrals on adult education and basic literacy throughout El Paso County. For more information, call the Literacy Hotline @ 543-5494. The Literacy Center is located in the Main Downtown Library on the 1st Floor (501 N. Oregon.)

The Rotary Club of West El Paso is dedicated to improving literacy in our community through grants and service projects; partnering with local schools and businesses; promoting participation by club members to read to students or serve as judges for local science fairs, essay contests, etc. & providing backpacks & school supplies to elementary school students.

To learn more contact our Club Literacy Director Russell Autry at r.autry@reuelgroup.com

Update on Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)

There are several RFE's, both incoming and outgoing, that are planned for the Rotary year 2012-2013, beginning with an incoming RFE in September with a group from England. There will be 12-14 people on this RFE and they will be in the El Paso area during the period from Sept. 15-18. We need host families for these people. Also, there is an inbound team from Chile coming in November, then an outgoing RFE to Chile in January 2013; an inbound RFE from Saskatchewan, Canada in March 2013, and a corresponding outbound to Canada in May 2013, followed by an inbound team from Sweden in June. All this activity requires hosts and hopefully participation and interest by each of you in some of the outbound travel groups. Each host family will be asked to provide a biography and picture for each RFE and all travel expenses are the responsibility of the Rotarian, as no RI or District funds are used to support the program. Host families provide a room and often breakfast, but the participants must be prepared to cover other expenses. There are many variables with a given RFE, as each one is based on what the hosting District offers to do. These decisions are known before each trip begins. Our current Club Coordinator for RFE's is Carey Beamesderfer. Please contact him at careydb740@elp.rr.com if you can host during the September 15-18 inbound RFE from England.





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Rotary Club of West El Paso (We Focus On Youth in our Community)

Rotary's "New Generations" Program includes RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact & Rotaract. Every year, thousands of talented & dedicated young people, ages 12-30, have an incredible experience in Rotary's "New Generations" program. <http://www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/youthprograms/pages/ridefault.aspx>

Here are some of the other organizations in El Paso that focus on youth:

YWCA - El Paso Del Norte Region -The YWCA is all the people who make it their goal to make other people's lives better - through much needed services and programs for women, girls and their families. It is the empowerment and building of community one family at a time. Every year, the lives of more than 62,000 people in 17 counties of west Texas and southern New Mexico are touched by the YWCA El Paso del Norte Region. <http://ywcaelpaso.org> (915) 533-7475

YMCA of El Paso - The YMCA of El Paso strengthens the foundations of our community through well-being and fitness, camps, family time, swim, sports and play, and other activities for people of all ages, incomes and abilities. We're more than just a place to work out. At the Y, we help build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all with the core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility at the heart of everything we do. With a commitment to nurturing youth development, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility, the Y ensures that every individual has access to the essentials needed to learn, grow and thrive. <http://elpasoyymca.org/> (915) 532-9622

Boys & Girls Club of El Paso - Their mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. <http://www.bgcelpaso.org/> (915) 532-7410

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest - Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouting is a unique place where a girl can learn valuable leadership skills for the benefit of her future, her community and her country. Through Girl Scouting, girls build the courage to grow strong physically, mentally and spiritually, the confidence to pursue their dreams, and the character to serve their communities and fellow Girl Scouts. <http://www.gsdsw.org> (915) 566-9433

Boy Scouts of America - Yucca Council - The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Yucca Council Proudly serves El Paso, Hudspeth, Dona Ana, Otero, Sierra, Grant and Luna counties in West Texas and Southern New Mexico. The Yucca Council was recently ranked number one for the largest membership increase in the nation. With an army of volunteers supported by its professional staff, the Yucca Council served 9,443 people, which included 7,040 youth and 2,403 adults, in 265 youth programs throughout its seven counties in 2011, a 26.1% increase in youth. <http://www.yuccabsa.org> (915) 772-2292

Global Youth Services Day(s) is Coming - April 20-22, 2012

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. (Contact Gail Gale for more details)





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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Check Out Our New Club Tri-Fold Brochure: (Do you see anything that needs changed?)

Avenues of Service

Rotary is divided into different avenues of services that enable the members of our club to have a variety of ways to contribute to the club and community so as to find something compatible with their interests.

These avenues of service are as follows:

- ↓ Club Services
- ↓ Community Services
- ↓ Vocational Services
- ↓ International Services
- ↓ New Generations Services

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We also have numerous projects and special events throughout the year in which members can participate and have fun. They include:

- ↓ Independence Day (July 4th) Parade
- ↓ Golf Tournaments
- ↓ Social Events, Parties & Dinners
- ↓ International Youth Exchanges
- ↓ Group Study Exchanges
- ↓ Rotary Friendship Exchanges
- ↓ RYLA Youth Leadership Camp
- ↓ Interact & Rotaract Clubs
- ↓ Rotary Fellowships & Action Groups

Best of all - we serve the needs of the community & the world in numerous ways:

- ↓ Holiday Food Baskets for Families
- ↓ Literacy Projects for various schools in El Paso & New Mexico
- ↓ 4-Way Test Essay Writing Contests
- ↓ Grants to various local & international non-profit organizations & charities
- ↓ Scholarships for juniors in high school to a world class leadership camp
- ↓ Volunteer opportunities
- ↓ Leadership training seminars as well as numerous opportunities to network with local business leaders & civic organizations



Our Annual July 4th Parade

Every year the Rotary Club of West El Paso sponsors the annual Independence Day Parade for the citizens of El Paso and southern New Mexico.



We support local organizations with a primary focus on youth and quality of life in the El Paso & southern New Mexico area. Remember: "It shouldn't hurt to be a kid."



The Rotary Club of West El Paso

"Service Above Self"

Serving west El Paso and southern New Mexico since 1962



We Invite You to Join Us

Club Meetings - Mondays at Noon
Holiday Inn - 900 Sunland Park Dr.
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What is Rotary?

Founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, and three other businessmen, Rotary has become the largest service organization of business and professional leaders in the world. Rotarians work together to provide humanitarian service, promote ethical standards in all vocations, and build goodwill and peace in the world community. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belonging to over 33,000 Rotary Clubs today serve their communities in over 200 countries. At the same time, these business and professional leaders actively improve their communities and the world. They enrich their personal and professional lives through fellowship and the rewards of service to others.

Each Year Rotary has a unique theme.



Our Club Banner



Rotary Theme

The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- and 5th - Is it FUN!!

Rotary Club of West El Paso

About Us

We are Club #1342 in Rotary International District #5520. We meet on Monday's at noon at the Holiday Inn on Sunland Park Drive, just off of I-10.

What are the responsibilities of membership?

Members are expected to attend weekly club meetings and pay annual dues to our club, our Rotary district, and Rotary International. Rotarians are expected to participate in local or international Rotary club activities and projects. Club leaders encourage members to aspire to committee, club and District leadership roles.

What are the attendance requirements?

An attendance record of 50 percent is required to remain an active Rotarian. Any missed meeting must be made up within 14 days before or after the regular meeting. To accommodate busy schedules, there are various opportunities to make up missed meetings, including on-line via the Internet, visits to other local clubs, and/or participation in club projects, social events, etc.

What is the minimum age to be in Rotary?

There is no minimum age to join Rotary. You may be invited to join Rotary at any age after you become established in a career and have the time and financial resources to meet all Rotary club membership requirements. If you're interested in joining our Rotary club, ask club members about the time and financial commitments necessary for fulfilling membership requirements, and consider whether you can make those commitments.

Interested in Membership in the Rotary Club of West El Paso?

Membership in the Rotary Club of West El Paso is by invitation, therefore no dues and no payments are needed to express an interest in joining our club. Guests are invited to attend several meetings to determine their interest in active membership. A brief biography of every potential new member will be posted in our newsletter and reviewed by the existing membership.

Cost of Membership

Rotary International & District - \$ 8/Month
Monthly Dues (Includes "Rotarian" Magazine and Weekly Newsletter)

Monthly Meals (Approximately) - \$48/Month

Installation Fee (one time only) - \$200
(Includes Rotary Shirt/Clip/Pin & New Member Packet)

Request a membership application from any Club member and join us for the greatest adventure of your life!



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Rotaract



Interact



Friendship Exchange

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"



RYLA



Youth Exchange



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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 Minute - *How Can We Make our Rotary Club More Family Friendly?*

Fill in the blank and email your answers to : westelpasorotary@elp.rr.com

Pictures from Our Past: (Installation of Officer's Dinner - 2010)



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