



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO

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Newsletter - Week of 4/9/2012

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Everyone can do small things every day that help children to have healthy, safe lives.

Thought: "Let us be the ones who say we do not accept that a child dies every three seconds simply because he does not have the drugs you and I have. Let us be the ones to say we are not satisfied that your place of birth determines your right to life. Let us be outraged, let us be loud, let us be bold." Brad Pitt, actor



This Week:

Our Speaker Monday, April 2, is Brooke Underwood, Director of Convention Development El Paso Convention Center & Visitors Bureau.

As Director, she manages and leads convention sales and services, convention marketing, communications, and film commission. She is also responsible for identifying market opportunities; developing long and short term marketing and sales strategies and development of training programs for staff with the objective of attracting conventions, meetings, and events securing hotel room nights.

She graduated from The University of Texas at El Paso with a BBA in Marketing

APRIL IS GET TO KNOW YOUR COUNTY

Monday: April 16

To Be Announced

Monday: April 23

Irene Valenzuela - Program Coordinator –
El Paso County Economic Development

Monday: April 30

Kristy Daugherty - Interim CEO - Emergence
Healthcare (formerly MHMR)

Impress Your Friends With Inconsequential Facts!

- Alaska could hold the 21 smallest states
- If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom. (So will an olive in beer!)
- Kermit the Frog is left-handed.
- Non-dairy creamer is flammable.

CONGRATULATIONS EL PASO FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF OTTO DRODZ

The El Paso Fire Department has a vision that guides the organization towards excellence. That goal is achieved through deliberate planning, adaptability and the courage to embrace challenges and opportunities. The El Paso Fire Department aspires to become a model department, setting standards for fire departments around the country. The department has achieved an ISO public protection classification (PPC) rating of 1, the best available. Out of almost 46,000 fire districts in the United States, only 43 have achieved a PPC of 1. You can read more about accomplishments and strategic planning on the Fire Department website.

Thank You Chief Drodz and all the outstanding members of our El Paso Fire Department.



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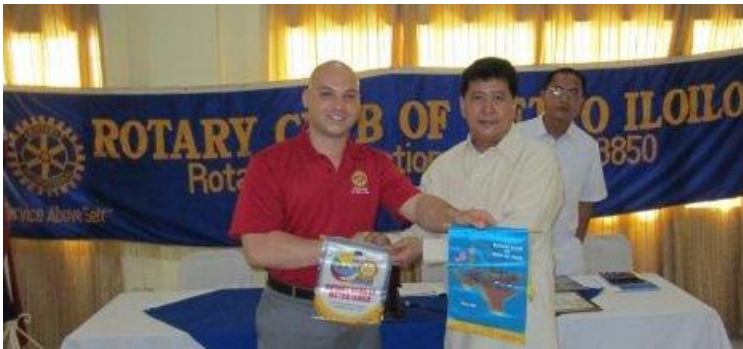
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At our last meeting our club honored one of the El Paso Fire Dept's finest -Lt. Gonzalez Soto for distinguished service to the citizens of El Paso's West Side.

UPDATE from our own JOSEPH CARUSO



Sorry I've been out of touch lately. I finished up at Texas Tech in early March and made the move to Houston.

I've been in Houston long enough to unpack a few boxes and then went off to the Philippines. I was on vacation there for about 10 days and was able to make it to two Rotary Club meetings in the city of Iloilo which is on Panay Island.

I gave a little talk about our club and its initiatives as well as our district and El Paso in general. I exchanged banners with both clubs. I'm hoping to make it to one last El Paso meeting to formally say goodbye (probably sometime in May). I'll get the banners to you when I get down.

Unfortunately due to travelling, I haven't had much time in Houston yet and so far have not been able to attend any meetings here.

I'm going to try to transfer into a club in Houston, but won't be able to begin the process until May. I've appended some photographs of my Rotary meetings in the Philippines just to let you know that I'm still flying the colors.

“CHOOSE THE CRUISE” – Ticket sales benefit Rotary International Annual Program Fund. For just a \$10 donation you could receive a \$1500 Travel Certificate to enjoy a cruise to any destination of your choice. Contact Gerri Wootten if you haven't gotten your tickets.

DON'T FORGET OUR GARAGE SALE April 21 – Never know what treasure you might find.



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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

Interact is Rotary International’s service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.

Pictures from Our Past:

(Happy Hour Fellowship - Sept. 22, 2011)



(Happy Hour Fellowship - August 10, 2010)



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