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Newsletter - Week of 4/16/2012

Thought: *"I cook with wine; sometimes I even add it to the food."*--- W. C. Fields



This Week:

Our speaker Monday, April 16, is Richard Barraza, Jr. President of Italian Imports. Italian Imports was founded in early 1996 by the Barraza family, Riccardo Barraza, Richard Barraza, and Yolanda Barraza. It was incorporated under Barraza of Texas on August 9, 1996 and assumed the name of Italian Imports on November 1, 1996.

Why Italian, "Because Italian wines are the best. And because other than English, I only speak Italian and I understand the culture well. And, I wanted to create an opportunity for the small family owned Italian wine and artisanal food producer to enter into the USA market in a market that tends to buy name brand conglomerate goods," explained Richard.

Today we will learn about The Veneto region, the principal city in the Veneto is Venice.

APRIL SPEAKERS

Monday: April 23

Irene Valenzuela - Program Coordinator
El Paso County Economic Development

Monday: April 30

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



WEIRD FACTS

1. The chances of you dying on the way to get your lottery tickets is greater than your chances of winning.
2. You are about 1 centimeter taller in the morning than in the evening!
3. There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
4. Cherophobia is a fear of fun.

CONGRATULATIONS EL PASO

Another close race! Congratulations to El Paso for securing a spot in the #SoMeT12 Final Two.

Here are the total votes for this round:

El Paso, TX: 10,465/Cleveland, OH: 10,199



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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Every Monday we proudly and strongly recite The Four Way Test. For us, The Four-Way Test is the cornerstone of all of our actions. It has been for years, and it will be in the future. 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?

BETTER FRIENDSHIPS

Building better friendships starts with getting to know each other. Each week we will feature one of our own. This week we get to know more about David Veloz, our President.



David is a native El Pasoan. He graduated from Jefferson High School and the University of Texas. He works for Blood Systems, Inc., the corporate organization of United Blood Services, as the Regional Director of the Customer Contact Centers in El Paso and Tempe, AZ. The Customer Contact Center is responsible for about 40% of the companies' blood, which translates to 380,000 blood donations. He oversees an operation that employs 360 people, and recruits donors for 70 different centers throughout the country. He has been with United Blood Services a total of 12 years

B. What was your first job?

D. *My first job was at Western Playland where I was responsible for operating a children's ride the Spinning Saucers.*

B. What are your interests and hobbies?

D. *My main interest is my family life. I take advantage of every minute that I can spend with my loved ones. I am also focused on my job and growing within the blood banking industry. I have always been service oriented and involved in different organizations within the El Paso community. Currently, I volunteer with several of the national blood banking organizations. My hobbies are reading, gardening and yard work. I recently bought a new house with a great yard, where I spend much of my time doing yard work and grilling.*

B. What are some of your favorites - food, places to visit, etc.

D. *My favorite food is Mexican and steaks. Two of my favorite places to visit are New York City and Montreal, Canada. The most beautiful country I have visited outside of the U.S. is New Zealand.*

B. What do you like about Rotary?

D. *I like the mission and purpose of Rotary. I admire the commitment and enthusiasm that many of our members have for this organization. And of course, I like our members!*

B. One more thing, what fun thing would you like to share that no one knows about you?

D. *I bungee-jumped from a very tall building in Auckland, New Zealand.*



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

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

A NEW LOOK AT GLOBAL ETHICS AND THE FOUR-WAY TEST

By RI Director-elect Lars-Ol of Fredricksson.

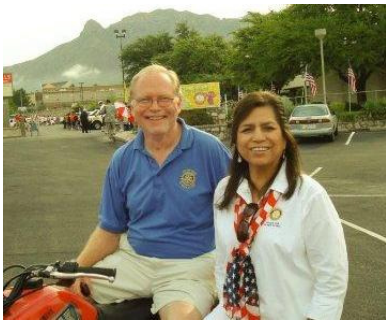
As Rotarians, we should have The Four-Way Test in mind in every decision we make, all day long. Our utmost responsibility is to speak the truth, to be fair, to build goodwill and better friendships, and to do our very best in all situations.

Life is very turbulent today, and people all over the world are exhausted in their duties. Where are the dreams of a better world? Where are we? Who are we? What is our duty to ourselves, neighbors, and fellow citizens? Where are charity and our joint responsibility to humankind?

Now more than ever, we need a vision and knowledge of what is happening around us, a new view of cultural and religious phenomena, without dividing humankind into limited and subjective categories. That's the tenet for a better world and a job for us Rotarians: not engaging in politics, but serving without any boundaries.

This happens through our programs, and it happens through acting as a guide for international coexistence, providing a forum for dialogue and discussion worldwide, giving perspective to views and models, finding new solutions using Rotarians' great knowledge and expertise, and having interfaith, multicultural, and ethical standards as guiding principles in all dealings. (Read the full article on line. Go to www.rotary.org)

Pictures from Our Past:



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