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Newsletter - Week of 4/23/2012

Thought: *“The beginning is the most important part of the work.”* Plato - The Republic

This Week:

Our speaker Monday, April 23, is Irene G. Valenzuela. Irene has been employed by the County of El Paso since October 2000. She has served as Coordinator of Community and Economic Development Programs since 2004. Irene has managed federally funded grants and programs for government institutions over the course of her 16 years in the public sector industry. Her direct responsibilities include managing multimillion dollar housing and infrastructure grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Irene also manages the County’s Revolving Loan Fund Program consisting of 23 active loans with a six figure portfolio. Prior to joining El Paso County, Irene was the Grants Coordinator for the City of Socorro for four years. Irene is a native El Pasoan. She has been married to Jose A. Valenzuela for eight years. They have a lovely daughter, Isabella, born May 2008. Irene is a 2011 graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso where she earned a MA in Public Administration.

Did you know?

- The croissant was invented in Austria (of course)
- 11% of people are left handed
- A lobsters blood is colorless but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue
- Elvis's middle name was Aron
- The average human brain contains around 78% water (yes that is the sloshing you hear)
- It took Leonardo Da Vinci 10 years to paint Mona Lisa (so be patient with yourself)

APRIL SPEAKERS

Monday: April 30

Kristy Daugherty - Interim CEO - Emergence Healthcare

Some of you wanted more information about upcoming wine dinners sponsored by Italian Imports. You can call Ricardo at 915-584-0037 or email him at wineattitude@aol.com. Or visit his website at www.italianimports.biz



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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 you get to meet me, your editor.



Beate, that's me, was born in Bad Ischl, Austria-a charming resort community outside of Salzburg. I came to the United States when I was just 12. My father was in the military. My first home was Killeen, Texas. That was not the best impression of my new homeland. Being a military brat, I have traveled all over the world. I graduated from Burges High School; went to Cal State Fullerton and got my BS in Psychology from UTEP.

I have a beautiful, intelligent daughter named Samantha who lives in Austin. (OK sound like a proud mama)

B. What was your first job?

D. *I was a mermaid at Disneyland at the Submarine rides. Fun way to spend the summer and get paid.*

B. What are your interests and hobbies?

D. *I really love decorating and antiquicking. Some day I would love to teach people how to decorate on a budget.*

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

D. *My favorite foods are Austrian, French and Italian. Or anything that goes with a great bottle of wine. I love to visit Carmel, San Francisco and Santa Fe. Of course, Austria is still my favorite.*

B. What do you like about Rotary?

D. *I like the mission and purpose of Rotary. I admire the commitment and enthusiasm and how we support each others efforts. And of course, the friends I have made.*

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

D. *I raced cars, stock cars. What a hoot. Loved the speed.*



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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



Please Join Us
 Friday May 4th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

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Pictures from Our Garage Sale – Numbers to come Monday



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