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**Newsletter - Week of 4/30/2012**

**Thought:** *“The best antidote for international fear is international understanding; the best way to cultivate international understanding is through business and social intercourse.”* — Message to the 1928 Pacific Rotary Conference, Tokyo, Japan

**This Week:**

Our speaker Monday, April 30, is Kristi Daugherty, Chief Clinical Officer, who is serving as the Interim CEO of MHMR.

Daugherty is a licensed clinical social worker and has been with El Paso MHMR since 2008. In her current role, Daugherty oversees all clinical programs and protocols for outpatient services and crisis programs for consumers with mental health diagnoses and intellectual/developmental disabilities.

**MAY 7 SPEAKER:** Bernie Sargent, Chairman, El Paso County Historical Commission.

**SAVE THE DATE:** June 28 Installation Dinner of New Officers to be held at PF Chang

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** University Presbyterian Church friends and family will be joining Casas por Cristo to build a home in Juarez on May 25-28. If you are interested in being a part of this project, please contact the church office at 584-5822. There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, May 20 at noon, following the 11:00 worship service. Call Carey for more information.

**MONDAY QUIZ:** How much money was raised at our recent garage sale? Hint – the garage sale was a great success.

**Some Rotary "Firsts"**

- . The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on 23 February 1905.
- . The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- . The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- . The first Rotary club outside of the US was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- . The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- . The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- . The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.

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**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 Gail Ponce.



Gail was born in Dayton, Ohio and spent her childhood in Columbus, Ohio and at Rhein Mein AFB in Germany. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a BBA in accounting. She is a CPA with Napier & Lillebo LLP. She is married to Albert Ponce.

B. What was your first job?

G. *I was a babysitter for several years but my first job was with an individual CPA in San Antonio.*

B. What are your interests and hobbies?

G. *Hiking, Gardening, crocheting and cooking. I also Volksmarch (organized 10K non-competitive walks sponsored by the American Volkspart Association) and whenever I travel I make sure I do a walk. I am trying to walk all the states before I die – and I am currently walking my cities from A-Z.*

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

G. *Italian and Mexican food. And of course a good bottle of wine, red or white ☺*

B. What do you like about Rotary?

G. *I enjoy the friendships I have made and admire the commitment of our members.*

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

G. *For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to go to Disneyland and ride the teacups – so when I finally got to Disneyland (3 years ago) – Albert and I rode the teacups and I got sick. I no longer want to ride the teacups.*

**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

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**ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships provide undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to study at universities in the 200 countries and geographical areas where Rotary clubs are active. While abroad, scholars participate in community service projects and speak at local Rotary club meetings and conferences, schools, civic organizations, and other forums where they serve as “goodwill ambassadors” for their home countries.

Since 1947, approximately 40,000 students from 130 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$532 million from the program through the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Alumni include former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom Philip Lader, Goucher College President Sanford Ungar, former US Ambassador to India David Mulford, and Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic Roger Ebert.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship program will end in 2013. Beginning in 2013-14, The Foundation will offer scholarship opportunities through district and global grants. This new grant structure gives Rotarians greater flexibility in sponsoring the next generation of leaders.

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