

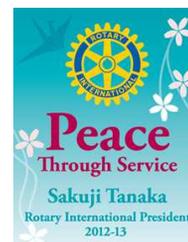


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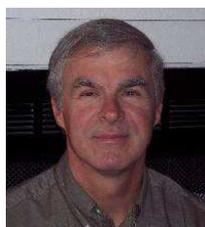
Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. - Henry Ford

MONDAY'S PROGRAM □ Club Assembly

No guest speaker this week as it's our monthly club assembly. This meeting we wrap up the Rotary year and get all the latest committee updates

History has shown that clubs, which have a "significant" percentage of their members participating in the annual Assembly tend to be highly effective Rotary clubs with regular growth, above average attendance, and outstanding participation in all club activities.

All members please be in attendance, and invite any future Rotarians that wish to get the inside scoop on club



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FOR THE WEEK

First and foremost, Congratulations to Lorraine Huit and her Parade Committee for another successful "Independence Day" celebration. Having participated on this committee for several years, I know the amount of time and skill it takes to pull off an event of this magnitude. All of you who helped make our 16th annual parade another success should feel "elated" for all your hard work and for a job well done. The compliments we received from participants and spectators alike, far outweigh the minor glitches we had on Parade Day. As always, we look forward to doing it again next year. As all of you know, our country's "Independence Day" should never be taken for granted. Yesterday I received this email which helped me to better understand the sacrifice our original founding fathers made so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. Here is that email:

A Humble History Lesson in Loyalty to the Death, for All of Us!

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

- Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.
- Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the

Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

- Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

- Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.



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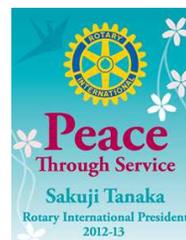


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Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Ruttledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes and remember your 4th of July holiday, and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: Freedom Never is Free!

16 ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

"Please thank the entire team that worked so hard on the Parade. Speaking for our team, we really enjoyed the crowd and the cloudy weather. It was a great 4th of July!" Bernie Sargent, Six Guns and Shady Ladies.

"My family goes every year. We love the parade. Thank You Rotary," The Barraza Family



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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



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