

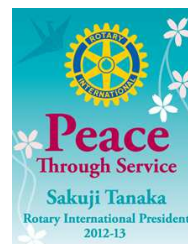


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Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. - Henry Ford

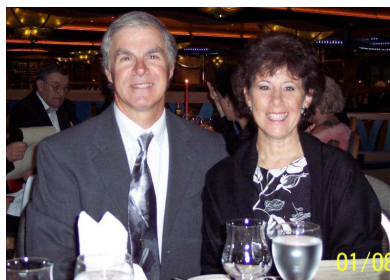
MONDAY, JULY 16 PROGRAM □ Books are Gems □ Paula Madriles

Books are Gems was started by the Madriles family after tragically losing their beautiful, loving sixteen year old daughter, Grace Elizabeth, in a car accident on September 21, 2002.

The Madriles family was surrounded by love and prayers as well as gifts of flowers and food. Additionally, people started giving monetary donations. The family wanted to use the funds in a manner that would honor Gracie’s spirit of love and generosity. Gracie’s mother, Paula, was a teacher at a very poor South El Paso elementary school. She spent the donated money at yard sales and thrift stores, buying books and educational materials to give to teachers.

Thus the idea for Books are Gems was born. Paula and friends formed a 501C3 non profit organization in January of 2003 and began fundraising. Soon the books were rolling in. Mrs. Madriles and friends were forced to rent a storage unit, and then another.

In June 2004, Books Are Gems moved into the lovely Plazita Santa Fe Shopping Center. Later in January 2010 they reached their current and more centralized location at 7744 North Loop.



Carey & Donna Beamesderfer

Carey & Donna have been married for a little more than 14 years. Each was previously married. Together, they have five children and 12 grandchildren. They moved from their home in York, Pennsylvania to Santa Teresa, NM in June 2006.

A Rotarian for 6 years, Carey has served as Youth Services Director, Executive Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and President-Elect for the Rotary Club of West El Paso and is Club President for the year 2012-2013. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has been a RYLA Counselor for 4 years as well as a committee member for the Rotary Club of West El Paso's annual Independence Day Parade.

Carey & Donna have participated in two Rotary Missions to San Jose Villaneuva, El Salvador to build houses and repair schools for people in need; and have also built three homes in Juarez, Mexico with Casas por Cristo.

Carey's other interests include travel, reading, life-long learning, photography and computer technology.

Donna is a successful Mary Kay consultant as well as a Certified Texas Master Gardener. She serves on the Rose Garden Committee for the Texas Master Gardeners and the El Paso Rose Society. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening and visiting our grandchildren.



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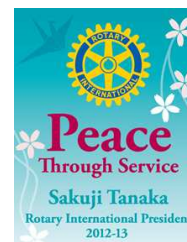


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Carey is retired from The Hershey Company where he worked for over 37 years, serving as Manager in the Manufacturing Engineering / Technical Services department at the company's main production facility in Hershey, PA. His responsibilities included Capital Project & Program Management, Plant desktop & barcode computer systems, networks and security including Plant Technical Support Services; also Maintenance Planning, Engineering Project Management and Design Services; Facility Maintenance and computerized maintenance management systems.

He attended Huntington College, Penn State University, Elizabethtown College, ICS and Thompson Institute of Technology with certifications in Industrial Engineering, Records Management, Computer Systems and Services, and Maintenance Management Systems. He is an Eagle Scout, former Scoutmaster, soccer player and coach.

Carey & Donna have also been in the residential real estate business for over 30 years and have purchased, renovated, and managed over 20 properties.

Carey taught classes at the OLLI Center for Lifelong Learning at UTEP and served on their Board for 2 years. In 2007, he completed courses as a certified Texas Master Naturalist.

Carey & Donna travel extensively, having been to over 50 countries around the world. Some of the most recent adventures included a 15 day tour of India and Nepal; a 20 day cruise to Antarctica; a trek in the Amazon jungle; sightseeing in Australia & New Zealand, Machu Picchu, the Pyramids of Egypt, the Great Wall of China, Dubai & Oman; and visits to many US & Canadian National Parks. They have also been on three Rotary Friendship Exchanges: one in Alberta, Canada; another in Lincoln, England, and the third in Ontario, Canada. They are members of the Rotary International Travel & Hosting Fellowship and really enjoyed this year's Bangkok Convention and the post-RI convention tour of northern Thailand.

Carey has been on two Earthwatch expeditions as a volunteer to assist with the scientific study of animal habitat in the outback of Australia and the jungles of Borneo, and served as a volunteer to clean up after hurricane Andrew in 1993 in Florida.

As members of the Rotary Recreational Vehicle Fellowship, Carey & Donna frequently travel with their RV on extended camping trips with the club and for personal vacations. One of our goals is to visit every national park in the US and Canada.



OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Jason Shaffer, Senior Vice President of United Bank of El Paso was sworn in on July 9, 2012. He was sponsored by Izzy Duran.

Learn more about Jason in our next issue.



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[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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