

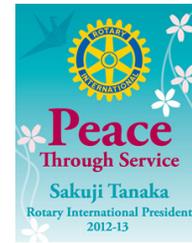


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“Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.” Anais Nin

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, PROGRAM – RYLA GIRLS SHARE CAMP EXPERIENCE –Meet Judy Aguilar, Carla Coss and Jamie Loper



What is RYLA? Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an international program that was created by Rotary International to encourage strong leadership in youth. Young people chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expenses-paid camp to develop and enhance leadership skills through activities conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect.

RYLA aims to teach what it takes to be an effective leader. Every RYLA includes the following topics:

- ✿ Fundamentals of leadership
- ✿ Ethics of positive leadership
- ✿ Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- ✿ Conflict management and problem solving
- ✿ Building self-esteem and self confidence
- ✿ Elements of community and global citizenship
- ✿ Rotary's purpose of service to the community and world



HELPS US WELCOME – LAURA ZWANZ- Our Exchange Student

Arriving 8:00 pm Monday, August 20

Let's give her a warm Rotary and El Paso Welcome



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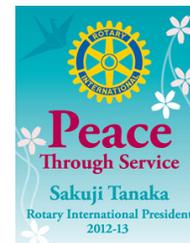


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President's Message: Rotary Opens its Door to Us in Iceland

As many of you know Donna & I were in Iceland for the last 10 days. For those of you who are not familiar with Iceland it is both a country and an island of 39,756 sq. miles or about one-third larger than Scotland or Ireland. Its highest peak, Hvannadalshnjúkur, rises to 7,000 ft. and over 11 per cent of the country is covered by glaciers, including Vatnajökull, the largest in Europe. Situated on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, Iceland is a hot spot of volcanic and geothermal activity: 30 post-glacial volcanoes have erupted in the past two centuries, and natural hot water supplies much of the population with cheap, pollution-free heating. Rivers are harnessed to provide inexpensive hydroelectric power. Out of a population numbering more than 320,000, half live in the capital Reykjavík and its neighboring towns in the southwest. Keflavík International Airport is located about 35 miles from the capital. The highland interior is uninhabited (and uninhabitable), and most centers of population are situated on the coast.

Today there are 30 Rotary clubs in Iceland with about 1,200 members. Iceland has one Rotarian for every 266 inhabitants which is among the highest, if not the highest per capita in the world. Eighteen of the clubs in Iceland have evening meetings, eight have lunch meetings and two have breakfast meetings. The Rotary movement came to Iceland in 1934 when RC Reykjavík, Rótarýklúbbur Reykjavíkur, was established. At first Iceland was part of a District in Denmark but since 1946 it is a separate District, number 1360. The immediate past District Governor is Tryggvi Pálsson. His term ended June 30, 2012.

Donna & I had the wonderful opportunity to meet Tryggvi, and stay with him and his wife Didda in their home in Reykjavik. We arrived in Keflavik and rented a car which we drove to Tryggvi's home. Along the way we made several stops. One was a place called the Bridge of the Continents. This is where the European tectonic plate and the North American tectonic plate merge in the mid-Atlantic ridge which formed the country of Iceland. They are currently pulling apart at the rate of 2cm/year.

The other place we stopped was the famous Blue Lagoon. This geothermal spa is one of the most visited attractions in Iceland and most Icelanders consider it one of the Wonders of the World. We bathed in it for about 2 hours before getting back on the road.

Upon arrival we were greeted by Tryggvi and his grandson. Later that day we had a wonderful dinner of Artic trout which Didda made for us and their family, including her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. The following day we did a walking tour of Reykjavik to some of the spots Tryggvi recommended.

The balance of our trip was spent touring Iceland on the Ring Road – Route 1 which circles the island for approximately 900 miles. The waterfalls, geysers, mountains, fiords, glaciers and streams were spectacular. We also visited several museums and other places of interest in each town and stayed in farm guesthouses during most of the trip. Several of the roads are gravel, however most of the Ring Road is paved and easy to navigate.



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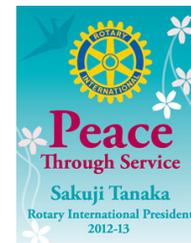


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I would highly recommend this country for your next vacation. The people are very friendly; the scenery is breath-taking, and the climate in August is cool & refreshing. Try it, you'll love it.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- August 27, 2012 - Monday - RCWEP Board Meeting - Holiday Inn Conference Room 11:00am
- August 27, 2012 - Monday - District Governor - Mark Glenn
- September 2012 *** New Generations Month *****
- September 3, 2012 - Monday - No Meeting Labor Day
- September 10, 2012 - Monday - Australian Rotarians
- September 15-18, 2012 - Saturday -Tuesday - England RFE Team
- September 17, 2012 - Monday - England RFE Team
- September 21, 2012 - Friday - RCWEP Board Meeting UBS Conference Rm. 7:30 am
- September 22, 2012 - Saturday - First Tee Desert Classic Golf Tournament - George Underwood Course**
- September 24, 2012 - Monday - EPCC Librarian Susan Barnum

SAVE THE DATE:

SOCIAL – AUGUST 24 6:00PM – JESSE & ANN ALLEN
6425 Calle Placido Drive

Bring your favorite beverage and a light snack to share with friends



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First Tee Desert Classic Golf Tournament
Saturday - September 22, 2012 - 9:00 am

<http://firstteedesertclassic.com>



The Rotary Club of West El Paso has once again joined forces with The First Tee of Greater El Paso to host The First Tee Desert Classic, a premier golfing event for all levels of local golfers. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit The First Tee of Greater El Paso along with other community projects of the Rotary Club of West El Paso.

The First Tee is a national non-profit youth organization where life skills and core values are taught through the game of golf. The First Tee was established by the World Golf Foundation in 1997 and the First Tee of Greater El Paso became the 207th official chapter when it was formed in April of 2008.

50th Anniversary Event - As you know, our club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and Saturday - **September 29th, 2012** marks the exact date (plus 50 years) when our original Charter Dinner took place - September 29, 1962. That event was held at the El Paso Country Club. Let's do it again. A recent survey showed support from about 1/3 of our membership to hold a dinner this coming September 29 at the same place with a similar menu. If you haven't responded to the email about this event, please let President Carey Beamesderfer know so we can finalize the decision on whether we should proceed with this or not.

19th Annual Celebrity Chef Evening - Thursday, October 18th, 2012 - El Paso Convention Center. The various Rotary Clubs of EL Paso will host this event and the doors will be open at 6 pm and the buffet lines open at 7 pm. They will also tempt you with a silent auction, offering trips, jewelry and days at the spa, among many other exciting items and a gift basket raffle. Our club is once again being asked to sponsor a table of 10 for \$1,000. The Rotacare Clinic of El Paso will be supported by the funds derived from this event. The clinic will be free standing without any government funding. Let's do our best to support this outstanding project.

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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