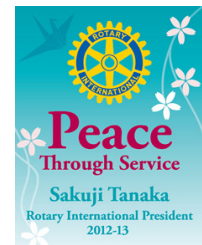




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**The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page. – [St. Augustine](#)**

**Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.– [Mark Twain](#)**

**MONDAY – NOVEMBER 19 – The RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchange) Team (8 Men) from Rotary District 4340 in Santiago, Chile will be our guests.**



Sergio Flores Anabalon  
**RFE Team Leader**  
 (CPA/Owner of Mfg Co)



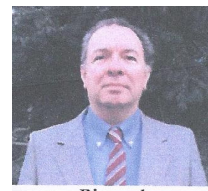
Geraldo Alfredo Espinoza Valle  
 (Truck Comp Owner)



Luis Arturo Pavez Pardo  
 (CEO – Wood Comp)



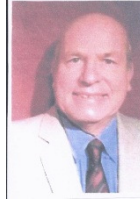
Luis Arturo Pavez Berrios  
 (Businessman)



Nicholas Barrueto Naranjo  
 (Irrigation Systems Mgr)



Rene Morales Ramirez  
 (Entrepreneur/Investor)



Luis Stefan Gutierrez  
 (Ads & Paper Distribution)



Ignacio Valverde Araveno  
 (Agriculturalist)

**Last Week - [Maria Rocha](#) – Director, Veterans Transitional Living Center, and [Robin Rollins](#) – Social Worker for the Veterans Justice Outreach Program of the US Department of Veterans Affairs gave us an enlightening overview of the homeless veterans situation in El Paso.**



Maria Rocha – Director, Veterans Transitional Living Center



Robin Rollins – Social Worker Veterans Justice Outreach Program

**Reminder:** If you haven't already paid this quarter's club dues and meals, please do so at your earliest convenience. Also, your tax-deductible donations to the Rotary International Foundation and/or the Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation will help us meet this year's community and worldwide service goals.



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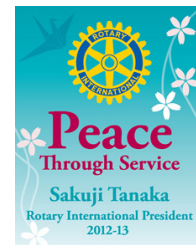
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**President's Message** (*Rotary's International Travel Opportunities*)

It's a big world - and there are multiple opportunities that Rotary offers to its members that enable them to see many parts of the globe while enjoying the friendship and fellowship of other Rotarians. Case in point is this week's visit by an RFE team from Chile. This is part 1 of the exchange. Part 2 takes place in January 2013 when an RFE team from District 5520 visits District 4340 in Santiago, Chile. Earlier this year a team from England visited the El Paso area and a return visit to England is being planned for 2013. This is only one of the many ways that Rotary provides opportunities to travel around the world. You are all familiar with our Youth Exchange program – we've hosted students from Denmark, Sweden, Japan, Austria, Switzerland, Brazil, Belgium, Norway, Estonia, Argentina and the Netherlands. We've also sent students to many of these same countries. In addition our club has helped send Ambassadorial Scholars to various places around the world, and past RFE's have included visits to Canada, England, Sweden and Australia. Let's not forget the Rotary projects that many of our past and current members have been involved with, including projects in Guatemala and El Salvador, and current plans for a trip to Bolivia and helping our neighbors in Mexico. Are you familiar with Project LINK? Project LINK is a searchable database that lists Rotary club and district community service projects in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods, and/or partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. If you're interested in serving as a volunteer in a foreign country, this database will help you identify the best "fit" for your skills. RI's Polio Plus campaign is always looking for volunteers to assist with immunization days in India, Pakistan, Nigeria and elsewhere.

Rotary also has annual conventions. The one last year was in Bangkok, Thailand and in 2013 it is in Lisbon, Portugal. Future annual conventions are planned for Sydney, Australia (2014)– Sao Paulo, Brazil (2015) – Seoul, Korea (2016) and Atlanta, Georgia, USA (2017). These conventions are outstanding and I would recommend every Rotarian make an effort to attend one of them, sometime in their Rotary career.

This year (2012-13), Rotary International will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums. Each forum will be a two- or three-day program to engage and inspire Rotarians and community leaders to champion President Sakuji Tanaka's RI theme, *Peace Through Service*. The location, theme, and date for each forum are listed here for your reference, along with websites where you can find further details. Berlin, Germany - *Peace Without Borders* - Nov 30 to Dec 2, 2012 - [www.rotary-global-peace-forum-berlin.de/en/](http://www.rotary-global-peace-forum-berlin.de/en/) - Honolulu, Hawaii, USA -*The Green Path to Peace* – Jan 25-27, 2013 - [www.peaceforumhawaii.com/](http://www.peaceforumhawaii.com/) - Hiroshima, Japan - *Peace Begins with You* - May 17-18, 2013 - [www.info-hiroshima.co.jp/peace/](http://www.info-hiroshima.co.jp/peace/)

In addition, most Rotary Fellowships and Action Groups are actively engaged in promoting travel and fellowship in every part of the Rotary world. Some of these include: ITHF – International Travel & Hosting Fellowship; RVF – Recreational Vehicle Fellowship; Home Exchange Fellowship; etc. and various Action Groups focused on Health Care, Literacy, Hunger and Malnutrition, etc. These are easy to join, cost very little and promote Rotary's ideals of service and "doing good," while enjoying friendship and fellowship with like-minded people.

So there you have it. I encourage you to reach out and check out the "big" Rotary picture. There are over 33,000 Rotary clubs around the world. Go visit one – or ten, or twenty. There is an "app" for your I-phone that can tell you exactly where they meet, wherever you are in the world. You can also search the RI website for more information about Rotary travel opportunities. GO FOR IT!



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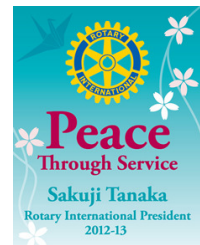


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### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 19 – Monday – 11:00am – RCWEP Foundation Board Meeting – Holiday Inn

Noon – Club Meeting – Chile RFE Team

5:30pm – Social Event – Café Central – 109 North Oregon St. El Paso

Come and socialize with the Chile RFE Team

Nov. 22 – Thursday – **Happy Thanksgiving**

Nov. 26 – Monday – Club Meeting - Noon– Speaker – Cathy Swain – Executive Director - The Hub of Human Innovation - <http://hubofhumaninnovation.org/>

Dec. 1 – Saturday – Sunrise Rotary Club Bell Ringers at Sam’s Club (Details to follow at a later date)

Dec. 3 – Monday – Club Meeting – Noon – Speaker from Latinitas whose mission is to empower young Latinas through media and technology. <http://laslatinatas.com/>

Dec. 7 – Friday – **Christmas Party** – 6:00pm – Gerri Wootten’s Home - 6760 Gato Rd. El Paso, TX.

Dec. 10 – Monday – Club Meeting – Noon – Speaker to be announced

Dec. 11 – Tuesday – Stocking Stuffing with the El Paso “downtown” Club – 6:00am – at First Presbyterian Church, 1340 Murchison Dr., El Paso, TX. – *Volunteers Needed*, followed by the annual Children’s Christmas Party at the Coliseum. (More details to follow at a later date.)

Dec. 14 – Friday – Board Meeting – 7:30am – UBS Conference Room

Dec. 15 – Saturday – Sunrise Rotary Club – Christmas Craft Project at YWCA Transitional Living Center (Details to follow at a later date)

Dec. 17 – Monday – Club Meeting – Noon – Candlelighters – Gift Baskets

Dec. 24 – Monday – **No Club Meeting – Christmas Holiday**

Dec. 25 – Tuesday – **Merry Christmas**

Dec. 28 – Friday – Sun Bowl Team Luncheon – sponsored by the El Paso “downtown” Rotary Club.

Dec. 31 – Monday – **No Club Meeting – New Year’s Holiday**



### Early Act – What is it?

EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for elementary students from ages 5 to 13. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary clubs in which the school is located. The mission and operation of EarlyAct are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provide the foundation and natural succession into Interact.



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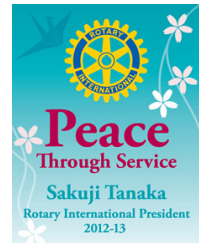


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EarlyAct provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world. At a young age, all students can easily be encouraged to be caring and helpful. Their minds are open to recognize the dignity and worth of each individual which builds respect for others.

EarlyAct also engages students in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects which benefit their school, local and global communities.

Our club is looking into the possibility of sponsoring an EarlyAct club. Contact Gail Gale, Gerri Wootten and/or Yvonne Ruiz for more details.

**Local Clubs, President's & their Meeting Times:**

[El Paso "Downtown Rotary Club"](#) - (Pres - Deborah Falknor) Meetings Thursday at Noon at The El Paso Community Foundation -333 North Oregon Street -1st Floor

[The Sunrise Rotary Club of El Paso](#) - (Pres - Regina Gines) Meetings Wed at 7:00am Holiday Inn Sunland Park

[Rotary Club of El Paso Franklin Mountains](#) - (Pres - Jackie Caton) Meetings Thursday at 6:00pm El Paso Community College - Transmountain Campus

[Rotary Club of East El Paso](#) - (Pres - Joe Nebhan) Meetings Tuesday at Noon at Andale Restaurant – 9201 Gateway Blvd West

[Northeast El Paso Rotary Club](#) - (Pres - Jose Amezcua) Meetings on Friday at Noon at Golden Corral on Transmountain Road

[Rotary Club of El Paso - Vista Hills](#) - (Pres - Hugo Noriega) Meetings on Wed at Noon at Vista Hills Country Club

[Camino Real Club](#) - (Pres - Juan Villalba) Meetings Wednesday at 6:30pm at Camino Real Hotel

[Anthony Club](#) - Meetings Thursday at Noon at Das Lagos Country Club



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