



JULY2013

From the President



Dear Rotarians:

We're off to great start of our Rotary new year, with the spectacular and crowd pleasing Independence Day Parade, this July 4, 2013. I would like to extend a special "thank you" to our Parade Chairman, Jason Shaffer and to his

committee for your hard work and dedication in pulling off our 17th Independence Day Parade. I received emails from Kit Turpen, our DG, Mac Etheridge our AG, Mike Hackett, President of The Rotary Club of El Paso and from Bernie Sargent, of The Six Guns and Shady Ladies, congratulating us for a job well done.

Personally speaking, after 14 years of volunteering on the parade committee, I finally got to ride in the parade. I was honored just by being a Rotarian amongst all of you, I was touched by the grateful spectators and I felt the freedom in my heart as I looked up at the enormous flag that hung from the fire truck at the end of the parade route. We are truly blessed, to Live in the Land of the Free.

Our Rotary theme for 2013-2014 is, "Engage Rotary, Change Lives." I invite each of you to embark on this new journey with me by, becoming more involved in our projects, or suggesting new projects that are beneficial to our Rotary Club. By Engaging Rotary, your life will change and so will the lives of others.

I look forward to serving our Club with vigor and gusto. I am ready to, Engage Rotary and Change

Meet our Board



Gail Gale
President -Elect

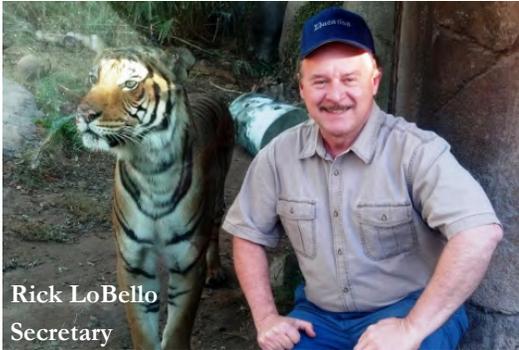


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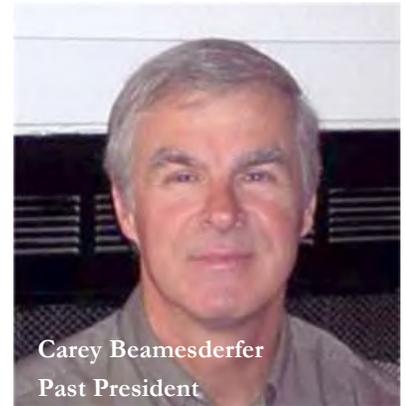
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Rick LoBello
Secretary



Kristi Albers
Sergeant-At-Arms



Carey Beamesderfer
Past President

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Congratulations to ALL for another great parade!



PARADE WINNERS: Best Overall—Six Guns & Shady Ladies; Most Patriotic—Asylum Comics & Cards; Best Design—Paws & Hooves; Best Band—Franklin; Best Float Design—La Union Maze; Best Walking Group—Westside Community Church; Best Auto—Flags Across America

2013 –14 ROTARY THEME



The Rotary club meeting you walk into today might, at first glance, seem very different from the weekly meetings of 50 years ago. And if you could pay a visit to every one of Rotary’s 34,000 clubs, you’d see men and women from all different backgrounds, speaking just about every one of the world’s languages, involved in service projects from the local to the global. You’d see clubs that are getting together to repair neighborhood playground this weekend, while working in partnership with other clubs to install sanitary facilities in a school thousands of miles away. And you’d see a group of people who are absolutely committed to making the world a better place, in ways large and small.

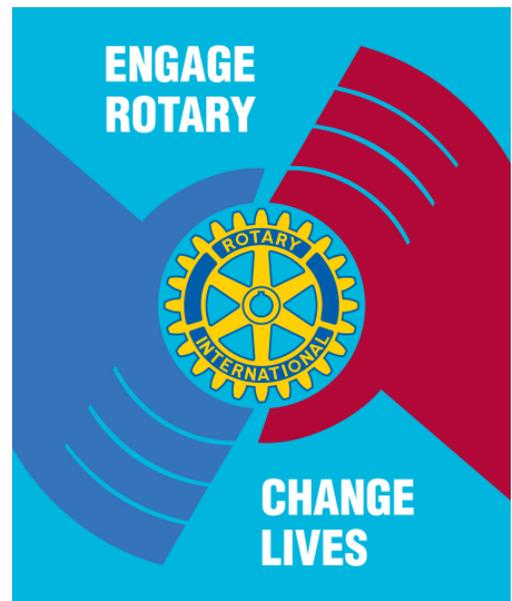
There’s a lot that’s different

about Rotary today. But the foundation that Rotary is built on hasn’t changed. Rotary is based, as it’s always been, on our core values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. These are the values that define us as Rotarians: they’re the values we live by, and the values we strive to bring to the communities we serve. Every one of us in Rotary is here because we were invited, and because we made a choice to accept that invitation. Every day since then, we’ve been faced with another choice: whether to just be a member of a Rotary club, or to truly be a Rotarian.

Being a Rotarian is a commitment that goes far beyond just showing up at meetings once a week. It means seeing the world, and our role in it, in a unique way. It means accepting our communities as our responsibility, and acting accordingly: taking the initiative, making the effort, and doing what’s right, not what’s easy. All of us came to Rotary to get involved, and to make a difference. And in Rotary service, as in just about everything else in life, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. If you only put in a

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token effort, you won’t accomplish very much, and you won’t find very much satisfaction in what you do accomplish. But when you make the decision to truly engage Rotary — to bring Rotary service and Rotary values into every day of your



life — that is when you start to see the incredible impact that you can have. That’s when you find the inspiration, the excitement, and the power to truly change lives. And no one’s life will be changed more than your own.

In the 2013-14 Rotary year, our theme, and my challenge to you, will be *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

You’ve chosen to wear a Rotary pin. The rest is up to you.

SPEAKER FOR JULY 15
Tripper Goodman



“All the quality-of-life projects were exciting”



Leonard "Tripper" Goodman III is President and CEO of the Goodman Financial Group and has been active in civic affairs for three decades. His involvement includes: Board of Directors Capital Bank; Chairman of ReadyOne Industries

board of Director; and Chairman of the UTEP Development Board. He was named by El Paso Inc. as El Pasoan of the Year for 2012. Most recently, he headed up the El Paso Tomorrow PAC that financed the campaign in support of the two bond propositions and the ballpark that voters approved last month. Under his leadership the Quality of Life Propositions 1, 2, and 3 passed with incredible margins. The bond issue included \$190 million for parks, \$180 million for a

multipurpose center, \$50 million for the zoo, \$36 million for museums and \$12 million for libraries. When asked by El Paso Inc. why he became involved in the El Paso Tomorrow PAC, Goodman stated, “All the quality-of-life projects were exciting because, first off, it was huge. It came down to \$473 million. To me, those were things we needed in this community of over 700,000 people. We did that in 2000 with a \$143 million bond issue, but we needed to do more. I wanted to be part of



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