

LA MESA



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Youth Exchange

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

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www.rotarywestelpaso.org - Club # 1342

January Birthdays & Service Anniversaries

Birthdays

- January 2 - Bill Hagan
- January 15 - Joey Espinoza
- January 20 - Dave Driscoll
- January 29 - Norm Peters

Service Anniversaries

- Rob Sesich - 7 Years
- Rafael Padilla - 1 Year

Four Club Members Honored by President for Distinguished Service to the Club



Jesse Allen - Independence Day Parade



Rob Sesich - Golf Tournament



Gail Gale - Adoption Awareness Picnic



Rodrigo Hernandez - Christmas Party

Congratulations to each of these honorees for their outstanding work, commitment and "Service Above Self"

Club Assembly - Directors Reports

Literacy Chair - Russell Autry

All projects are on track.

1. Next up:

The formal moves to a book/movie club for interested members.

Completion of the first (of four) Rotary Children's books – based on the four way test.

February 23 Desert View School (Sunland Park) STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math)

2. Fair judging.

We need 14 volunteers – 6 in the morning and 8 in the afternoon.

March 7 La Fe Academy Library building (we are helping them get books for their very first library).

3. Our annual Four Way Test essay contest is on the horizon.

4. Trivia contests will continue.

International Services - Chava Gonzalez

Following is a status report of the Matching Grant program

Matching Grants in Progress

1. The Rainbow Room - Will try to close by March 2011.

2. The 3-H Grant is in progress - Will take another year to close.

3. Simplified Grant - Must be closed by the en of March. We have \$1,000 available to use.

New Matching Grants

1. Juarez Industrial application is at the Rotary Foundation waiting for approval.

2. Juarez Chamizal - The grant has been approved and is awaiting funding.

3. Torreon Centenario - The grant has been approved and is awaiting funding.

Secretary Services - Carey Beamesderfer

Ongoing and new assignments are in progress

1. Collecting past issues of LaMesa newsletter (older than the year 2000) to be scanned for historical record and future reference.

2. LuAnn Wieland has agreed to be this year's Independence Day Parade Committee Chair. Parade to be held on Monday, July 4, 2011. Committee work to begin this month. Permit approved.

3. Help wanted to begin work on the International Showcase event. See club website for more details. www.rotarywestelpaso.org - Click on "Future Projects."

4. Current club membership - 52 Active Members; 4 Honorary Members

Upcoming Programs - Dana Vogelmeier

January 17, 2011 - Monday - Dr. Dailey - Director of African American Studies - UTEP

January 24, 2011 - Monday - Mida at El Paso Economic Development/City

January 31, 2011 - Monday - Ray Chavez, UTEP Police - Identity Theft/Fraud

GEAR Meeting Schedule - David Veloz

January 22, 2011 - Saturday - 8:30am -Noon at the United Blood Services Bldg conference Room

Club Services - Sandy Boswell

See Sandy to sign-up to participate in the weekly club meeting opening ceremony. She also helps to solicit volunteers for the annual Celebrity Chef dinner event.

Don't forget to sign up for these upcoming conferences:

PETS Conference - March 10-12, 2011 - El Paso, TX

District 5520 Conference - April 14-17, 2011 - Ruidoso, NM

RI International Convention - May 22-25, 2011 - New Orleans, LA

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead>

Have You Visited Our Club Website Recently? <http://www.rotarywestelpaso.org/>

Everything you want to know about the Rotary Club of West El Paso is there, **and we are ALWAYS looking for your input and ideas. The key to success of our club is:**

PARTICIPATE - PARTICIPATE - PARTICIPATE - in meetings, events, * everything we do*
- Don't become a RINO (Rotary in Name Only)

*******Here are 25 ways you can help immediately*******

1. Help write and publish this newsletter or maintain our website - See Carey
2. Advertise or Promote Rotary events in the Community - See Beate
3. Become a RYLA Counselor or contribute money to send a camper to RYLA - See Dana
4. Join the July 4th Parade Committee - See LuAnn
5. Help with the GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team coordination - See Lorraine
6. Travel with the next RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchange) to Australia or Taiwan - See Carey
7. Volunteer your time & expertise to help people on the next El Salvador mission. - See Carey
8. Help organize the next golf tournament - See Kristi
9. Get involved with the Youth Exchange program - See Carina or Lorraine
10. Help with the opening of a regular club meeting - See Sandy
11. Increase literacy in our community and/or promote the 4-Way Test Contest - See Russell
12. Build a better future by serving our youth through Interact or Rotoract - See Gail
13. Have an idea for a vocational service award - See Cliff
14. Want to understand more about the "magic" of Matching Grants - See Chava
15. Interested in a scholarship for a friend or family member - Find out about our Ambassadorial Scholarship - See Lorraine; or scholarships for Interact students - See Luann or Gail
16. Start a fund-raiser for our club - See Lorraine or David Veloz
17. Have an idea for the future of our club- Join our "Vision for the Future" committee - See Carey or Russell
18. Help organize an International Showcase event or an Adoption Awareness picnic - See Carey or Gail
19. Help fight Polio by contributing to the Rotary Foundation. Become a Paul Harris Fellow - See Gerri
20. Donate to the Rotary Club of West El Paso's Foundation - See Mike, or visit our website
21. Participate in the annual Celebrity Chef event - See Gerri or Sandy
22. Do you know of a good speaker for our club meeting - Talk to Dana
23. Want to be our Club Trainer - See Lorraine
24. Bring a potential member to a meeting. Introduce him/her to Rotary - See David
25. Make a list of 25 additional ways to help Rotary and our Club. - You can do it!

The opportunities in Rotary are endless - Find out: **Participate - Participate - Participate
"Make the time & effort" to learn all you can about this incredible organization.**

Websites:

Rotary Club of West El Paso - www.rotarywestelpaso.org

Rotary District 5520 - www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International – www.rotary.org

eClubOne – www.rotaryclubone.org

The 4- Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

1st - Is it the TRUTH?

2nd - Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3rd - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4th - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



and 5th – Is it fun?

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Officers & Directors of the Rotary Club of West El Paso

Officers

- President: Lorraine Huit
- Vice-President: Dana Vogelmeier
- President-Elect: David Veloz
- Executive Secretary: Carey Beamesderfer
- Treasurer: Joanne Latimer
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Kristi Albers

Directors

- Director – Club Services: Sandy Boswell
- Director – Community Services: Vacant
- Director – International Services: Chava Gonzalez
- Director – Public Relations: Beate Burdett
- Director – Vocational Services: Cliff Walsh
- Director – Youth Services: Gail Gale
- Director - Literacy - Russell Autry
- Youth Exchange Officer - Carina Munoz