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## Newest Club Member - Moni Eckes-Ward



Moni with sponsor Marisa Guerrero

Moni became our newest red badge member on Monday, February 1. She is transferring from the Franklin Mountain Rotary Club where she has been an active member for the last 8 years. Moni is currently employed by Wells Fargo Bank as an Implementation Consultant. She enjoys running, arts, classical music and camping. Please welcome Moni into our club as she begins another chapter in her Rotary career.



## Dennis Dorman Rides A Bike to Help Eradicate Polio

Dennis Dorman and his wife Julie have been married for 43 years. They grew up in a small town in Iowa; have two sons and five grand-daughters. Since retiring to the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, he is actively involved in/or a member of the Shrine of St. Patrick Parish, Knights of Columbus, Westside Chamber of ommerce, Elks, Rotary and the Iowa Club. In addition he volunteers his time at the Laurie Center & Laurie Senior Center and does photography for various organizations and the local community.

Dennis is planning to ride a bicycle from San Diego, CA. to St. Augustine, Florida beginning on March 1, 2010 with the hope of completing it on May 4, 2010. He will have a support vehicle driven by his close friend Howard Thieland accompanying him while he rides. **He will be riding in support of Rotary International's goal of eradicating polio worldwide.**

He will arrive in El Paso on **Thursday, March 18th**, and will be staying overnight at the home of Rotarian Carey Beamesderfer & his wife Donna in Santa Teresa, NM. (See further details below and on Page 3).

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Re: Rotarian Rides For Polio Plus

Dear Carey Beamesderfer,

As you know, Rotary's goal, our goal, of eradicating Polio worldwide is not, as yet, achieved.

Though Rotarians have contributed approximately 800 million dollars to date, there still is work to be done. Should we quit in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter? I and others say no. Rotarians do not quit. Rotarians do not give up.

It is understandable that many of us are frustrated that our 800 million has not finished the job. In addition to Rotarians continuing to give and our worldwide partners continuing to give, we must expand our search for resources. We must be more inclusive in giving others the opportunity to be involved and to contribute.

One such way is to involve our communities in Fund and Fun activities to benefit the Polio Plus campaign. We'll not only raise awareness about the Polio Virus but we'll create positive Rotary PR and most importantly raise the needed funds to reach the last four corners of the world where the Polio Virus still lurks. Positive Rotary PR contributes to membership growth opportunities and other fund raising opportunities in our Clubs and Districts.

A Missouri Rotarian is taking the Polio Challenge to heart. Rotarian Dennis Dorman is riding a bicycle from San Diego, California to St. Augustine, Florida, (too cold in Missouri, this Rotarian is smart), to create awareness about Polio, raise funds for the Polio Plus effort and generate positive PR for the Rotary Clubs and Districts along the way.

We're asking for your help and support. We're asking that you involve your Polio Plus Chair and Rotary Public Relations Chair. We're asking that you promote to your Clubs and ask for their participation.

Attached is information on Rotarian Dennis, a draft schedule of when he'll be peddling through your District and some suggestions on how your District and Clubs may participate.

Thanks in advance for your support. Let's "End Polio Now".

Regards,

PDG Jerry W. Franklin  
District 6080 Polio Plus Chair

Have Fun In Rotary

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**Carey,**

I have been in contact with Dennis on several occasions and have sent a couple of e-mails to clubs along his route asking that they contact Dennis and support his effort in whatever ways they can.

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# HELPING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ERADICATE POLIO



by riding a bicycle from  
San Diego, Ca. to St. Augustine, Fl.

## MISSION I RIDE THEY WALK

To raise money for Polio Plus  
To increase membership to Rotary International

### Objectives

To educate Rotarians and the public about Polio, Increase donations, and Encourage new members to join Rotary.

### MY PASSION

I am Dennis Dorman, a member of the Rotary Club of Laurie-Sunrise Beach in District 6080 (Missouri).

Two years ago I had the opportunity, along with fellow church members, to go to El Salvador. We lived with the indigenous people in a small mountain village. From the experience I gained a deep appreciation of how devastating disease can be to a country and its people. In being a Rotarian I have learned about our commitment to eradicate Polio worldwide.

Although great progress has been made the challenge still lies ahead in four countries. In looking at what I might do to support this cause and seeing first hand the life-long effects of disease, it has been easy for me to develop a deep passion for Polio Plus.

So, "I RIDE THEY WALK".

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

To make this ride a reality and successful I ask for your support with the following:

- To decrease ride expenses, we are seeking host families for overnight stays. (shower and sleeping accommodations, meals optional)
- Your encouragement to others to support and donate to Polio Plus.
- Your prayers that the ride will be successful and safe.

## THANK YOU-----GOD BLESS

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Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary Club  
Jerry Franklin – Past District Governor  
District 6080 Polio Plus Chair  
Jeff Robbins- Treasurer

## Looking Forward in 2010

March 4-7 – PETS Conference (Albuquerque, New Mexico)  
March 18 - Polio Plus Bicycle Rider - Dennis Dorman rides Through El Paso  
April 16 – 21 – Philippine GSE Team Visit (El Paso, Texas)  
May 6 – 9 – District Conference (Santa Fe, New Mexico)  
June 20 – 23 – RI Convention (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)

## Upcoming Club Events

February 8 – Monday – Bob Cook – President/CEO – REDCO  
February 12 – Friday – Board Meeting – UBS Office – 7:30am  
February 15 - Monday - To Be Announced  
February 22 - Monday - Beto O'Rourke - City Representative  
March 1 - Monday - Elizabeth Terrazas - President Junior Achievement of the Desert Southwest  
March 8 - Monday - Mike Price - UTEP Football Coach  
March 12 - Friday - Board Meeting - UBS Office - 7:30am  
March 15 - Monday - Mark Matthys - Executive Director - Red Cross of the Southwest  
March 22 - Monday - Dr. Lorenzo Garcia - EPISD Superintendent

## Websites:

**Rotary Club of West El Paso - [www.rotarywestelpaso.org](http://www.rotarywestelpaso.org)**  
**Rotary District 5520 - [www.rotary5520.org](http://www.rotary5520.org)**  
**Rotary International – [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)**  
**eClubOne – [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)**

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

1<sup>st</sup> - Is it the TRUTH?  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
4<sup>th</sup> - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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and 5<sup>th</sup> – Will it be **fun**?

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## Officers & Directors of the Rotary Club of West El Paso

### Officers

President: LuAnn Wieland  
Vice-President: Bob Peterson  
President-Elect: Lorraine Huit  
Executive Secretary: Carey Beamesderfer  
Treasurer: Joanne Latimer  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Marisa Guerrero  
Immediate Past President: Jesse Allen

### Directors

Director – Club Services: Sandy Boswell  
Director – Community Services: Marcos Lizarraga  
Director – International Services: Chava Gonzalez  
Director – Public Relations: Jim Weddell  
Director – Vocational Services: David Veloz  
Director – Youth Services: Gail Gale