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## ROTARY NEWS

### Afghan boy receives Gift of Life

**A** 14-month-old Afghan boy, Qudrat Ullah, successfully underwent open-heart surgery at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, Indiana, on March 8. The Rotary Club of Greenfield facilitated Qudrat's trip to the United States through its Gift of Life program and helped cover costs for the boy's \$50,000 surgery. Gift of Life International was launched in 1974 by the Rotary Club of Manhasset, New York, to provide surgeries to children with life-threatening heart conditions. It has since helped some 4,000 children from more than 60 countries worldwide. The Greenfield club, which established its Gift of Life program seven years ago, has provided lifesaving surgeries for more than 60 children.

### Preregistration deadline is 31 March

**T**he yearlong celebration of the Rotary Centennial will culminate at the 2005 RI Convention June 18-22 at McCormick Place in Chicago, in what promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime gathering of Rotarians from around the world. But time to register for the event is running out.. Preregistration for the convention is open until March 31, after which time only on-site registration (at McCormick Place) will be accepted. By preregistering for the event, Rotarians and guests enjoy

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## Raising the bar: Writing a new Strategic Plan

By Rick LoBello, President - Rotary Club of West El Paso

**T**his week I want to continue offering ideas on how we can raise the bar in our club. First off why raise the bar?

People talk about getting better everyday. We think about personal achievement, making life better for our families and improving the quality of life in our community. People attempt to raise the bar in all walks of life.

Rotary is no different.

A couple of years ago when the El Paso Zoo was up for AZA reaccreditation, raising the bar was a given. Zoos are evolving into conservation centers, places that focus on saving habitats

and endangered species.

Our club has been raising the bar for over 40 years. Not long ago, a strategic plan was put into place that helped lead the club in the direction of one major fundraiser per year. The bar was raised and we are moving along a new path.

How do we raise the bar in the coming years? Should we wait for one or more members to lead or do we come together as a club and write a new plan for the future?

I say let's put together a new strategic plan. I think many would agree that one is over due.

How do you feel?

### March Membership Anniversaries

- Pat Brower ..... 1<sup>yr</sup>
- Arlene Carroll.....2<sup>yrs</sup>
- Teresa Cavaretta.....7<sup>yrs</sup>
- Izzy Durran.....23<sup>yrs</sup>
- Mike Flores ..... 1<sup>yr</sup>
- Joanne Latimer.....6<sup>yrs</sup>
- Rick Loiselle .....10<sup>yrs</sup>
- Norm Peters .....19<sup>yrs</sup>
- Ken Slavin.....12<sup>yrs</sup>
- Irma White ..... 1<sup>yr</sup>

### Rotary Websites

Rotary Club of West El Paso:  
[www.rotarywestelpaso.org](http://www.rotarywestelpaso.org)

The IOS Futures Golf Classic:  
[www.elpasofutures.org](http://www.elpasofutures.org)

Rotary District 5520:  
[www.rotary5520.org](http://www.rotary5520.org)

Rotary International:  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

eClubOne:  
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

discounts. Preregister today at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

## Feds, state governments honor Rotary's centennial

As Rotary celebrated its 100th year last month, the United States government, as well as numerous state governments, recognized the contributions of Rotary clubs across the nation by passing resolutions honoring the historic milestone. The U.S. Senate recognized the many contributions of Rotary with a resolution declaring Feb. 23 as Rotary International Day. The resolution "recognizes Rotary International for 100 years of service to improving the human condition in communities throughout the world," as reported in the Congressional Record. Richard Durbin, of Illinois, submitted the resolution during the Feb. 17 session in Washington, D.C., along with fellow Illinoisan Barack Obama, Ted Stevens of Alaska, and Russ Feingold of Wisconsin. Governments of dozens of U.S. states, including Illinois, passed similar recognitions.

## Member Spotlight: Lorraine Huit

As an ongoing feature for the newsletter, Teo Cafengiu is interviewing club members to help us get to know one another better. This week's profile is on Lorraine Huit.



Native El Pasoan, Lorraine has served on the Rotary Club of West El Paso's board in various capacities and on several committees. She's one of those folks who can always be counted on to lend a hand for any club endeavor.

But Lorraine is also quite active outside the club. She's chairman of the city's Public Arts Commission. She's a former president of the Builder's Association Women's Council. She works with her husband, Delbert, at their business, Cardel Homes, and twice – 1993 and 2003 – won the Builder of the Year Award.

Before working at Cardel, Lorraine worked for the city of El Paso and, nearly 20 years ago, started her career working in interior design.

Her children also have kept her busy and now give her reason to be proud. Jacob, 25, is a UTEP graduate who studied business. He is now a builder, working on a subdivision in East El Paso. Laureta, 20, is studying philosophy and film at UTEP.

Although she is a self-described workaholic, she also likes jogging and walking, and she loves to read true stories and love stories. She is also quite interested in politics.

She joined Rotary because she wanted to help and serve the community. Her favorite Rotary memory was working on the first 4th of July Parade in 1997, which she describes as "very exciting."

As lucky as Rotary and El Paso is to have someone like Lorraine, it's good to know that she considers El Paso home. As she put it, she is here "for the long haul" because her family and business are here. Let's hope they continue to do well.

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### MEETINGS

Monday: Holiday Inn - Sunland Park, 12 PM

### EL PASO MAKEUPS

Tuesday: East El Paso, 12 PM

Airport Hilton

Wednesday: Sunrise, 7 AM

Sunland Park Holiday Inn

Vista Hills, 12 PM

Vista Hills Country Club

Thursday: El Paso, 12 PM

1st Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

Anthony, 12 PM

Dos Lagos Golf Club

Franklin Mountains, 5:45 PM

Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria

Friday: Northeast, 12 PM

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### JUAREZ MAKEUPS

Tuesday: Juarez Sur, 2:30 PM

Campestre Juarez

Wednesday: Cd. Juarez, 1:30 PM

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Juarez Chamizal, 2:00 PM

Rest. Barrigas Monumental

Juarez Americas, 3:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Frontera, 7:30 PM

Rest. Viva Mexico

Thursday: Juarez Paso del Norte, 2:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Empresarial, 2:30 PM

Rest. Barrigas Mon.

Friday: Juarez Industrial, 2:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Ejecutivo, 2:00 PM

Mision de Los Lagos

Juarez Norte, 8:30 PM

Casino Juarez

Juarez Oriente, 9:00 PM

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