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What Future Will You Create?

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

"The world is dangerous not because of those who do harm, but because of those who look at it without doing anything." — Albert Einstein

Rotarians from Montana and Alberta, Canada, who are also members of the Rotary Waterston-Glacier International Peace Park Association, recently launched a Global Peace Committee. An email listserv has been set up to facilitate communications. Anyone who wishes to help advance Rotary Peace Parks can join by sending a blank message to peacepark-sandrotary-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

The National Park Conservation Association's Steve Thompson, the U.S.'s foremost peace parks expert, says that peace parks are part of a viable solution to some of the world's greatest conflicts.

Because the first peace parks were so successful, environmentalists and peace experts are proposing more such parks across the globe.

On the forefront of this effort are the husband and wife team of Nigel and Antonia Young. He is a peace studies professor at Colgate University and she is an independent anthropologist specializing in the former Yugoslavia. It was through their combined interests that they first came up with the idea of a peace park (about half the size of Maryland) on the borders of Kosovo, Montenegro and Albania.

Even the most avid supporters of

peace parks admit that they are not the solution to all the world's troubles. However, peace parks expert Steve Thompson says they could be a small piece of the bigger solution.

He says peace parks are more than expressions of goodwill between nations – they are actively being used as a tool to resolve conflict and ensure conservation because they require the countries involved to agree to set aside and jointly manage the new reserve.

In the last 10 years, about a dozen peace parks have been established expressly to resolve conflict, enabling the previously warring nations to cooperate in managing the territory, says Thompson.

Stay tuned for an update on the US/Mexico Peace Park project that others and I have been involved with in recent years. It is still a project worth pursuing and I hope to revitalize the effort later this year after I complete my term as your president.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

As a service club that looks to help people in need and improve our community, the Rotary Club of West El Paso is always looking for new members who can contribute to our efforts and join us in fellowship. Listed below is a proposed new member. If you have an objection to the proposed new member, please let one of the Board members, know within ten-days from this publication. Otherwise, the proposed new member will be invited to join us.

Proposed new member:

Chuck Fernandez

Classification:
Bank Manager
Proposed by:
Dave Swansen



Rotary Websites

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

The IOS Futures Golf Classic:
www.elpasofutures.org

Rotary District 5520:
www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org

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

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.

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?"**

Los Futures Golf Classic Is Fast Approaching

By Jim Weddell, La Mesa Editor

With less than a month before our club's IOS Futures Golf Classic, members of the Rotary Club of West El Paso are working hard to make this year's tournament a success.

At this writing, work is wrapping up on the program, which will be printed in full color and run in the El Paso Times April 23. Advertising deadline was April 1.

Joe Daubach is heading efforts to get participants to sign up for the Lewis Realty Group Inc Hole-in-One contest. Our volunteers are heading out to area golf courses and asking golfers to buy a chance to win the contest. Contact Joe for more details at 490-5975. Or email him at joe@sunbowl.org.

LuAnn Wieland and Leah Masters are organizing volunteers. There are a lot of ways to volunteer at the tournament, including keeping score on the leaderboard, driving a cart for a player, preparing the driving range or making sure people park their cars in the right spot. If you haven't signed up, call LuAnn at 533-3941 or email her at wielandymcavp@aol.com. Or contact Leah at 772-2848, email LEMA827F@aol.com.

Would you be willing to house a Futures player? Duane Coleman and Izzy Duran, who are in charge of housing, say they still could use some people to volunteer rooms. Call Duane at 532-8900 or Izzy Duran at 775-0046.

The IOS Futures Golf Classic is the Rotary Club of West El Paso's chief fundraising event.

The FUTURES Golf Tour will return to El Paso for the fourth consecutive IOS FUTURES Golf Classic, April 29 through May 1. The \$70,000 event will be played on the Sunrise Course at Underwood Golf Complex, located on the base of the U.S. Army Air Defense Center at Ft. Bliss.

The tournament will be contested over 54 holes and will feature a full field of 144 players. This year's event will feature a \$70,000 purse, with \$9,800 going to the winner and \$7,000 going to the runner-up finisher.

Proceeds will go to youth initiatives of the club, including Partners In Literacy, the El Paso Youth Tennis center, the El Paso Child Guidance Center and the provision of library books, desks and chairs for schools, and support of the Keystone Heritage Park archaeological site.

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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

Hotel Holiday Inn