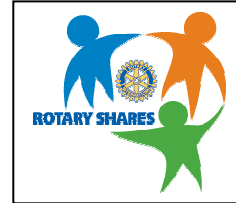


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## REPORT FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

*Contributed by Jesse Allen, Rotary Club of West El Paso President*

What is a Rotary International Convention?



Although I have been to many conventions, over the years this was the first time I had gone to a Rotary International Convention and found it to be very unique.

First of all, when you arrive, you can visit the House of Friendship, Rotary's exhibit hall. In this hall, you find booths that tell you the story of Rotary worldwide. There are booths from clubs and districts worldwide showing off projects of Rotarians, from literacy, to hunger, to medical aid, to clean water, to energy conservation. The major projects and activities of RI are represented here as well - RYLA, Youth Exchange, the Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus.

There was a section of the House of Friendship dedicated to Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. Did you know that if you have a special interest there is probably a Rotary special interest groups for you? There are associations of motorcycling Rotarians, skiing Rotarians, bridge playing Rotarians, musical Rotarians, Wine lover Rotarians ... There were about 70 of these groups represented at the convention.



The exhibit hall is also filled with entertainment from top notch musicians who bring life to the convention and significant contributions to the RI Foundation. A group called the King N Trio, who sang many of the songs of the Kingston Trio and other groups of the genre was present at many of

the sessions and have contributed over \$100,000 of their proceeds to the Rotary Foundation in the last year. Another great group was a ukulele ensemble led by a Rotarian from Seattle. They also contributed significant amounts to the RI Foundation. Other great entertainment was supplied in the plenary sessions by the international exchange students, including Salome from our club.



If you ever get to go to an RI Convention, be sure to sign up for the Home Hospitality. That is an evening where you get to meet in a local Rotarian's house, to have dinner with Rotarians from around the world. In my case, I got to visit with wonderful people from South Africa, Norway, France and California.

All of this was in addition to the content of the sessions, which I talked about last Monday's meeting, where you hear about the major topics in Rotary worldwide, such as Foundation

Directions, Polio Plus, AIDS and other health issues and Rotary's future vision.

I want to thank the club for allowing me this opportunity, and encourage the club to continue sending the incoming president to the RI Convention every year, as a great start to the Rotary year. I would also encourage all of you to go to attend an international conference to have a good time and to expand your understanding of Rotary worldwide.



**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

Club members have their parade-day assignments, the number of parade entries is climbing daily, with the usual onslaught on last-minute entries expected, and the process that began in January of this year to once again put on our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade for West El Paso is almost completed. The hundreds of details that Parade Committee members have had to deal with are almost complete. Whew!!

*Photo at left: The giant American flag that has traditionally marked the end point of our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, near Coronado High School, will fly once again. Our own Assistant District Governor, Jimmy Melver will again be working with the group that flies this flag for the Parade.*

# NEW BOARD INSTALLATION IS JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>

So no excuses, come on over to the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino and join all your fellow club members in installing our new President Jesse Allen and the 2008-2009 Board of Directors.

**When: Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM**

**Where: Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino  
Mt. Cristo Rey Room**

**Cost: Free to Rotary of West El Paso members and  
Their spouse or significant other**

**Dress: Business Casual**

Remember too that there will be no regular Club meeting on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

(Note: Some Programs and dates are tentative!)

- ✓ June 30<sup>th</sup> – New Board Installation in lieu of regular Club meeting
- ✓ July 7<sup>th</sup> – President's Meeting and Parade Update – Jesse Allen
- ✓ July 14<sup>th</sup> – Sun Metro Director Tim Omick and PIO Cynthia Grajeda
- ✓ July 21<sup>st</sup> – LULAC Executive Director Xavier Banales
- ✓ July 28<sup>th</sup> – El Paso Community Foundation Vice President, Eric Pearson
- ✓ August 4<sup>th</sup> – Classification Day/Everything we didn't know about our fellow Rotarians



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### Rotary 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**  
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

### The 4-Way Test

Members of Rotary use a simple test to guide their actions in life. Here it is:

**“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?”**

## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO

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