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NEAR PERFECT SUMMER WEATHER GREET'S 4TH OF JULY PARADE GOERS

By Wes Schotten, La Mesa Editor

The Rotary Club of West El Paso pulled it off again – with its typical effectiveness, if not perfect efficiency, the Club managed to cover all the details in time for nearly eighty entries to begin the trek toward Coronado High School for our annual 4th of July Parade. Mother Nature cooperated with light winds, clear skies and moderate temperatures – the latter greatly appreciated by the old classic cars, horses and the young and the old that participated in the Parade.

This year's Parade had some special features – some great planning and persistence from Carey Beamesderfer's Parade committee resulted in four marching bands and a drum line participating in the Parade – these are a real favorite with the spectators and what would a Parade be without marching bands?

An intricate and festive Noah's Ark float had to be one of the more spectacular floats in the Parade's history.

In about an hour it was all over, and the thousands of spectators who lined the streets began to disperse, still craning their necks for maybe one last entry that they may have missed.



Photos above: Probably the two best reasons for a 4th of July Parade: To celebrate our freedoms as Americans, and for families to have fun – celebration and having fun were in abundance at the Parade!



. . . It's all planning and the details: Club members and volunteers make it happen for Parade day:



Volunteers make it all happen: Top left: Volunteer Sid Stedman for the past several years has place the dozens of flags that line the median along our Parade route. His young son and a fellow volunteer are shown at about 6:30 AM on Parade day unloading the flags from the Club's storage unit. Top right: Club members and volunteers swarmed over the Club's float beginning at dawn to finish its decoration in time for the 9:00 AM start of the Parade.. Photo at the left: Gerri Wootten (right) joined by a young Boy Scout volunteer once again operated the water truck to quench the thirst of Parade volunteers and entrants at the Parade formation site on Thunderbird Drive. Gerri is pictured with Caz Swier (left) who was back in town to lend a hand – Caz had been a long-time member of the Rotary Club of West El Paso before moving from El Paso.

West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

(Note: Some Programs and dates are tentative!)

- ✓ July 7th – President's Meeting and Parade Update – Jesse Allen
- ✓ July 14th – Sun Metro Director Tim Omick and PIO Cynthia Grajeda
- ✓ July 21st – LULAC Executive Director Xavier Banales
- ✓ July 28th – El Paso Community Foundation Vice President, Eric Pearson
- ✓ August 4th – Classification Day/Everything we didn't know about our fellow Rotarians



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www.rotary5520.org

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www.rotary.org

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<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:

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?”

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