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ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO FOUNDATION UPDATE

Contributed by Club President, Jesse Allen

We held the first meeting of the Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation this past Monday. The foundation is the entity that manages the money for our charitable giving. Every year this helps support our recurring activities, notably the 4th of July parade, RYLA, Matching Grants, 3h grants, and holiday baskets. In addition, there have been various charities that we have supported from time to time, such as the Red Cross, the YMCA, and the El Paso Times literacy program. The only source of this money for the last seven years has been our golf tournament.



For those of you who are not aware, our foundation is a separate entity from the club and has its own board of directors, budget and bank accounts. So operational income and expenses, such as our dues, meal charges, payments to the Holiday Inn, and miscellaneous club expenses are club activities and are not related to any foundation activities. The foundation is for our charitable activities.

Mike Schmid, treasurer of the foundation reported that at this point, we have a little over \$30K in the foundation accounts. And, because of the conclusion of our golf tournament, the board voted to remove the restriction that we set aside a reserve for contingencies related to the golf tournament. This gives us the opportunity to allocate some money for projects. But we must all keep in mind that this is a limited resource, that we have recurring expenses, and we still face the task of defining our fundraising efforts that will drive future charitable activities.

The board did vote to fund some activities at this time, however. Specifically we discussed items which have been recurring and a part of our yearly activities. We voted to fund RYLA campers for next year at the same level that we have in the past. This has allowed us to send two boys and two girls to go to RYLA. We also voted to allocate \$3000 to a Matching Grant for this year. Chava will investigate potential projects for the board to review. We also voted to allocate \$500 to a 3H grant which can be used to support supplies for needy children. Other events which we do every year will be reviewed at a later meeting. These are holiday baskets and our 4th of July parade.

Looking to the future, we, as a club, must look to the ways that we will replenish the foundation funds so that we can continue to pursue these and other works that help us help others.

More about the Rotary Foundation . . .



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The mission of The Rotary Foundation internationally is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Photo Above: Rotarians partner together on National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India.

BOARD MEETING TIME AND LOCATION CHANGE FOR NEW ROTARY YEAR

Club President, Jesse Allen, has announced that Club Board meetings will now be held at the Jaxon's at Mesa and Castellano at 11:30 AM on the first Tuesday of each month. All Club members are welcome. And for all of you new Red Badge members, remember that attending a Board meeting is one of the requirement for trading that Red Badge in for a Blue Badge.

eClub MAKEUPS CHANGES

Those Club members who like to do their makeups on eClub, please remember that eClub makeup notifications now need to be emailed to our new Club Secretary, Carey Beamesderfer, at careydb740@elp.rr.com.

West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

- ✓ **August 4th – Classification Day/Everything we didn't know about our fellow Rotarians**
- ✓ **August 11th – Texans for Lawsuit Reform – Bob Hoy**
- ✓ **August 18th – LULAC Project Amistad – Executive Director Xavier Banales**
- ✓ **August 25th – El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau – Bill Blaziek**
- ✓ **September 1st – Labor Day Holiday – No Club Meeting**
- ✓ **September 8th - RYLA Summary – Dana Vogelmeier and Carey Beamesderfer**
- ✓ **September 15th – Alzheimers Association – Autumn Aguilar**
- ✓ **September 22nd – University of Texas El Paso/ President Diana Natalacio**



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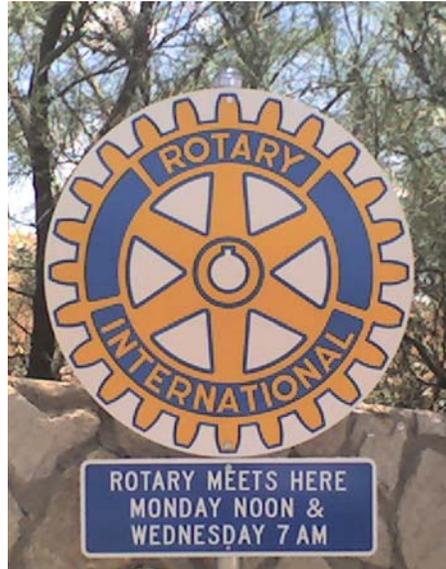
Rotary Websites

Rotary Club of West El Paso
www.rotarywestelpaso.org

Rotary District 5520
www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

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



In case you missed it – the Sunrise Club and our own West El Paso Club recently teamed up to put this sign in place, just as one turns off Sunland Park Drive onto the driveway up to the Sunland Park Holiday Inn.

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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