

LA MESA



Rotary Club



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Youth Exchange

"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"



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Golf Tournament Update

Our annual golf tournament will be held September 19th. Soon after our July 4th Parade we will start seeking out volunteers to help with the organization and success of the tournament. We will be looking for sponsors, teams and business's willing to put up prizes for the days event. Meetings are held on Thursdays at Carolyn Lewis's office 7338 Remcon Suite 100. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year so let's make it a good one!

Tri-District Conference

The Tri-District Conference was held in El Paso on August 7th and 8th. Thanks to Chava Gonzalez for all he does in representing our club. Here are the results of the conference.

THE CLUB'S BOARD AND OUR CLUB'S FOUNDATION ALLOCATES \$3,000 PER YEAR FOR MATCHING GRANTS. FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS:

MG VIII

THIS MG WAS FROM LAST YEAR'S CYCLE AND WAS RETURNED BECAUSE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION RAN OUT OF FUNDS.

SISTER CLUB: CLUB ROTARIO JUAREZ CENTRO
AMOUNT OF MG: \$13,750.00
PROJECT: ASSIST A SCHOOL FOR PERSON WITH DOWN SYNDROME
OUR CLUB WILL CONTRIBUTE \$1,500 BUT IT'S FROM LAST YEARS'S BUDGET.

MG IX

SISTER CLUB: CLUB ROTARIO JUAREZ INDUSTRIAL
AMOUNT OF MG: \$17,000
PROJECT: ASSIST RAINBOW ROOM EL PASO

MG X

SISTER CLUB: CLUB ROTARIO TORREON CENTENARIO
AMOUNT OF MG: \$14,050
PROJECT: PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR A CLINIC THAT WILL PROVIDE EYE EXAMINATIONS TO CHILDREN

TOTAL AMOUNT OF MG: \$44,800
PREDICATED ON TRF APPROVING THE MG's

RYLA

At our August 10th meeting Dana Vogelmeier brought some guests from the RYLA camp. In attendance was Jackie Morgan (Camp Director) and Veronica Franco (RYLA attendee). Ms. Franco gave a great speech to the club on what it meant for her to attend the camp this year as well as the lasting friendships she made during camp. Besides all the fun that was had at RYLA camp Ms. Franco also took away valuable leadership and problem resolution skills from the camps activities. Thanks to Dana and Jackie Morgan and the rest of the volunteers who gave their time to share their knowledge and experiences with future leaders like Veronica Franco.



Left to right: Dana, Vogelmeier, Veronica Frango, Jackie Morgan

Amanda Higgins

Thanks to all who made it out to the airport to welcome our newest exchange student Amanda Higgins to El Paso. Amanda and her host family joined on the 17th and introduced themselves to the club. Amanda already made a bunch of great new friends from our Interact clubs. Anyone interested in taking Amanda on different activities should contact Dave Driscoll or Loraine Huit.

Interact/Rotoract

Gail Gale and the kids (and young adults) stopped by our Club on August 17th to share their progress and experiences since joining Interact/Rotoract. Although many of the clubs are newly formed they haven't wasted any time in getting their "feet wet" and getting involved in the community. Our Rotoract club out of UTEP has joined up with La Posada Home. La Posada is a home for battered women and children. They've been able to provide mentoring and supplies to the children and mothers located at the home. The Rotoract club has also worked with the Albergue Bolivia project. When children are deported from the U.S. they are sent to a deportation station in Juarez, Mexico.

Often times the children are at the station for months while their parents make arrangements to pick them up. There is not much for the children to do since schooling is not provided. Our Rotoract club took it upon themselves to give the children something constructive to do, and were able to get 14 computers donated to the station.

Our Interact clubs have also contributed to the community. The Coronado Interact club was a part of Global Youth Services Day and helped clean up their community with an emphasis on "going green". Franklin Interact has joined up with the Miracle league, Gems Gems, and some of the members helped with the Trinity First Methodist youth camp. It's always great to meet such outstanding kids and future leaders of our community. Congratulations to Gail for assembling a terrific group of kids. Pictures soon to follow.

New Members

Please join me in congratulating our newest Club Members

Joseph Caruso - Joseph is currently a member of the Macon, Georgia Rotary Club and will be working in the El Paso area for the next two years. As such he would like to transfer his membership to our club for that period of time. He is a physician in the Emergency Trauma unit of Texas Tech. He is being proposed by Bob Peterson.

Beate Burdett – Beate was a former member of the El Paso (Downtown) Club, before being transferred to another area of the country. Having recently returned to the El Paso area, she is currently employed in the Marketing/Sales organization of Homes & Land of Greater El Paso, who's primary business activity is to promote magazine publishing. She is active with the United Way, Heart Association, Pro Musica Symphony, and she is a board member of the El Paso Museum.

Kristi Albers – Kristi is the Executive Director of First Tee of El Paso, an organization that provides young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop life-enhancing values such as confidence, perseverance and judgment through golf and character education. She recently retired (after 20 years) in the LPGA, and is currently working with our Golf Committee to sponsor and promote "The First Tee Desert Classic."

Silent Auction Begins

I'm excited to announce that beginning August 24th, our club will start holding a silent auction to raise much needed funds for our organization. Winner with the highest bid will be announced at the end of our club meeting. Also, the raffle is down to about 8 cards so odds of winning the pot are great if your number is drawn.

Upcoming Programs

-August 24 – Club Assembly

-August 31- Phillipine GSE Team



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>

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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