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THE 2008 RYLA REPORT

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Editor's Note: *Learn more about this year's RYLA at the September 8th meeting that will feature Dana's and Carey Beamesderfer's accounts of their RYLA experiences*

This year's RYLA experience was a great one! The campers we select are always amazing and this year the camp was filled with exceptional girls. We were very pleased with the dynamics of the camp, the diversity of the girls, and also our Junior Counselors!

The girls camp participated in several events: low ropes, high ropes, Work Etiquette, Interview Skills, Health education, Financial Awareness, and several speakers on different aspects of leadership. Our own Jim Maxon spoke to the girls on Friday regarding leadership characteristics. This is the second year that I facilitated the Financial Awareness program and the girls learn a lot! They were very engaged in the different sessions and participated in everything.



2007 RYLA Campers learn confidence and team work on the high ropes.

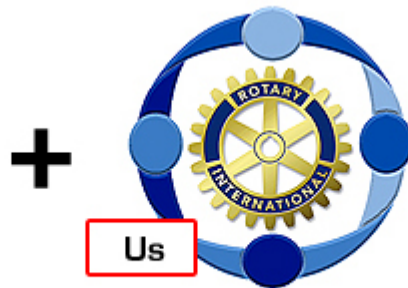
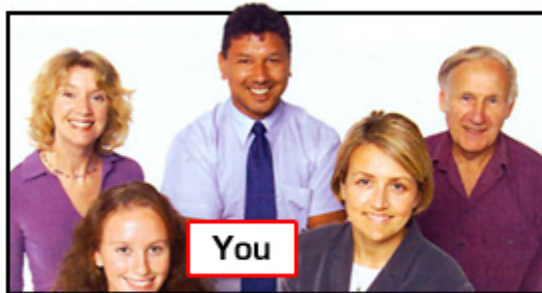
Bringing these girls together from different parts of New Mexico and West Texas enables them to meet other girls - much like they are in their dreams and challenges. It's very rewarding to be in a cabin with 10 girls from all over, see them nervous on day one, and full grown friendships blossom during the week. They keep in touch with each other and many sign up to come back the following year as a Junior Counselor.

Two Junior Counselors rode to and from camp with me. One of them has come back for three years as a JC. She loves it so much! Both are studying to be doctors and they are amazing and smart girls.

I'm looking forward to RYLA 2009! It's always a great!

West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

- ✓ 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
- ✓ September 29th – Report of Friendship Exchange – Carey Beamesderfer
- ✓ October 6th – Paso Del Norte Health Foundation – President/Ceo Myrna Deckert
- ✓ October 13th – Club Assembly
- ✓ October 20th – El Paso Airport Update – Pat Alben, Director
- ✓ October 27th – Guatemalan Water Project – Greg Chalmers & Debra Simon
- ✓ November 3rd – YWCA Celebration – Sandra Braham, CEO



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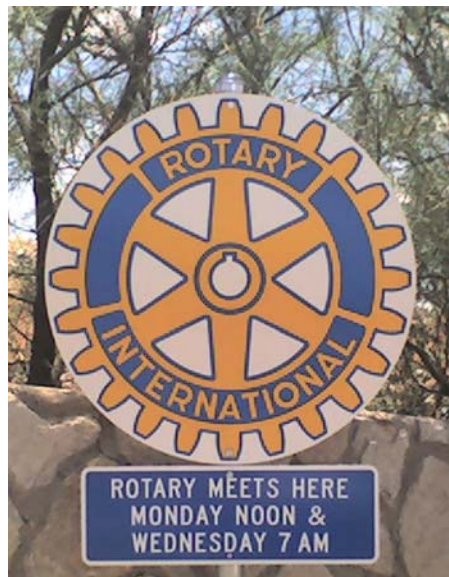
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The 4-Way Test

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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