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FOR OUR NEWEST CLUB MEMBERS: ROTARY GEAR MEETINGS TO BEGIN

Contributed by LuAnn Wieland

Editor's Note: If you are one of our many new Club members, see the information below; and if you are a veteran member see below for what LuAnn has planned for these new members as they begin the process to trade in their red name badges for blue ones.

We are going to begin the first sessions of the GEAR Meetings for new members of the Rotary club. For those of you who've already attended some of the sessions from the last Rotary meeting, you will only need to attend the sessions that you missed. I will contact Club President, Jesse Allen to find out which sessions were missed last year. I would like to begin in October with the first session, which is New Member Orientation/Club Operations. We will hold a meeting twice a month on a continual basis and continue to rotate the sessions except for the New member session (A) which may have to be done more often according to how many new members we induct. Below is an outline of the sessions. If you can attend each meeting you will all be official "blue badge" members by the end of the year!!

- A. New Member Orientation/Club Operations
- B. Club Service
- C. Community Service
- D. Vocational Service
- E. International Service
- F. Rotary Foundation/Paul Harris Foundation

Each GEAR meeting will consist of one of these topics. In order to get your red badge replaced with a blue badge you must attend all the sessions. The sessions will be approximately 45 minutes long. If you are a brand new member and would like some information regarding our club projects, attendance, members, make-ups etc there is very helpful information on our website at rotarywestelpaso.org. We'll go over everything at the GEAR meetings and it is our hope that our new members will have a better understanding of Rotary and how our club operates.

Please let me know which time is best for you to attend the meetings:

- Early Morning - Wed or Fri.
- Noon Meeting - Prior to regular Monday meeting
- After Work Meeting - 5:30 PM Tuesday or Thursday

OUTBOUND APPLICANTS STILL WANTED FOR YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Contributed by member Dave Driscoll

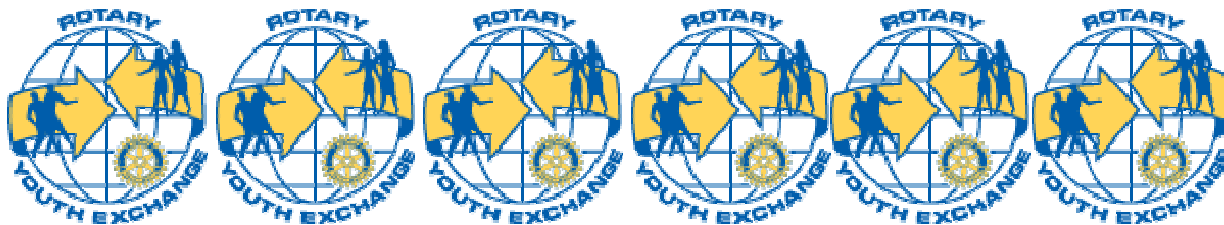
Editor's note: Dave Driscoll tells us that local applications for the Youth Exchange are being accepted now – the process involves a Club interview so we need applicants now as the interview and Club approval, and the application for the student have to be in Albuquerque before November 1st

The District Youth Exchange Committee is now accepting applications from students who wish to be considered for the Exchange Program in the 2009-10 school year. The deadline for receiving applications is November 1, 2008. Interviews will be held with the students and parents in Albuquerque and Roswell on November 8, 2008.

The Youth Exchange program accepts applicants between the ages of 15-18½ in August 2009. This excludes many graduating seniors, however, we do have two countries that will take students over the age of 18, so these students will have a limited choice of countries.

The club pays nothing to sponsor an outbound student. Children and grandchildren of Rotarians are eligible.

The application process at the local level is very informal and anyone interested can contact Dave Driscoll (Cell 525-2233) who will gladly answer any questions that you may have which will assist you in discussing the program with the interested students and their parents.



MORE ABOUT ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE:

The basics for interested students

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you'll spend up to a year living with a few host families and attending school in a different country.

Whether you participate in Rotary's long-term or short-term Youth Exchange programs, you'll learn a new way of living, a great deal about yourself, and maybe even a new language. You'll also be an ambassador, teaching people you meet about your country, culture, and ideas. You can help bring the world closer – and make some good friends in the process.

More than 8,000 young people each year have experiences like these through Rotary Youth Exchange. It's the opportunity of a lifetime. Are you ready for it?

ROTARY'S WORLD UNDERSTANDING EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 9TH

TO: ALL MEMBERS

FROM: CHAVA GONZALEZ

SUBJECT: ROTARY'S WORLD UNDERSTANDING EVENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 09, 2008

WHAT: RECEPTION AND DINNER

WHY: TO HONOR RI PRESIDENT-ELECT JUNE AND JOHN KENNY FROM RC OF GRANGEMOUTH, SCOTLAND AND FOR SOME HEAVY DUTY FELLOWSHIP WITH ROTARIANS FROM 5520 AND 4110.

WHEN: THURSDAY OCTOBER 09, 2008
AT 6:30 PM

WHERE: EL PASO COUNTRY CLUB

COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON.
CONTACT MAXINE JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RC OF EL PASO, AT 544-2582 FOR TICKETS

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!

West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

- ✓ **September 29th – Report of Friendship Exchange – Dan Schulte**
- ✓ **October 6th – Paso Del Norte Health Foundation – President/Ceo Myrna Deckert**
- ✓ **October 13th – Club Assembly**
- ✓ **October 20th – El Paso Airport Update – Pat Abeln, Director**
- ✓ **October 27th – Guatemalan Water Project – Greg Chalmers & Debra Simon**
- ✓ **November 3rd – YWCA Celebration – Sandra Braham, CEO**
- ✓ **November 10th – Wine 101 – Vic Poulos, Owner Zin Valle Winery**
- ✓ **November 17th – Guess the Mystery Rotarian (Fellowship and Fun)**
- ✓ **November 24th – Candlelighters Project – Dana Vogelmeier**
- ✓ **December 1st – State of the City – Mayor John Cook**
- ✓ **December 8th – Sun Bowl Association – Bernie Olivas, Executive Director**



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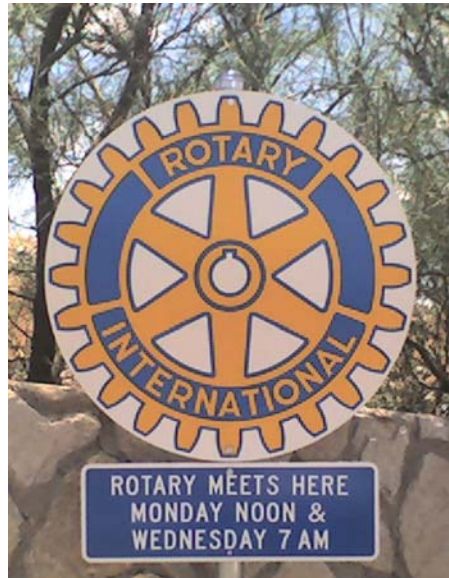
Rotary Websites

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 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 OODWILL and BETTER

FRIENDSHIPS?

4th Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

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