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## WEST EL PASO ROTARY MEMBERS HELP RING IN "OPERATION SCHOOL BELL"

*Rotary Matching Grant Results Seen First-hand*

*Contributed by LuAnn Wieland*

*Photos by Chava Gonzalez*



Eight West El Paso Rotary Club members – LuAnn Wieland, Sandy Boswell, Rob Sesich, Joanne Latimer, Ken Slavin, Jesse Allen, Bob Sanderson and Chava Gonzalez - thoroughly enjoyed helping more than 30 children from the Hawkins Elementary school at the El Paso Assistance League offices on October 1st. Hawkins Elementary is in a poor part of town, off of Paisano on the south side of the Freeway. The kids were well behaved and very excited about getting their school clothes and supplies. It was a real eye opener for our members to realize the good work the Assistance League does, providing clothes for about 3,000 school kids each year!



Club members in attendance helped to fit the kids in their 3 pairs of uniform pants, 2 uniform collared shirts, a t-shirt of their choice ( all the girls wanted pink), socks, underwear and a jacket ( the item our club helped to purchase through the matching grant) and a backpack. This was truly a wonderful experience and if our club members ever



want to know what we do besides have lunch on Mondays this is a prime example. The assistance league is a group of all volunteer women who have been doing the Operation School Bell for almost 20 years..... I was very proud to be a part of it and I know I speak for the members of our club who attended.

## ROTARY MATCHING GRANT SUPPORT FOR "OPERATION SCHOOL BELL" BEGAN WITH CLUB'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

It all started with the Club's Golf Tournament – part of the proceeds from the Golf Tournament were used for the the Club's portion of a Rotary matching grant in the amount of \$17,000 which then became a major contribution to the El Paso Assistance League's "Operation School Bell" program. In the photo at the left, taken in June of this year, Chava Gonzalez (far left) and Ken Slavin (far right) present the check for \$17,000 to members of the El Paso Assistance League.



## NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE FOR OUTBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE APPLICANTS

*Contributed by member Dave Driscoll*

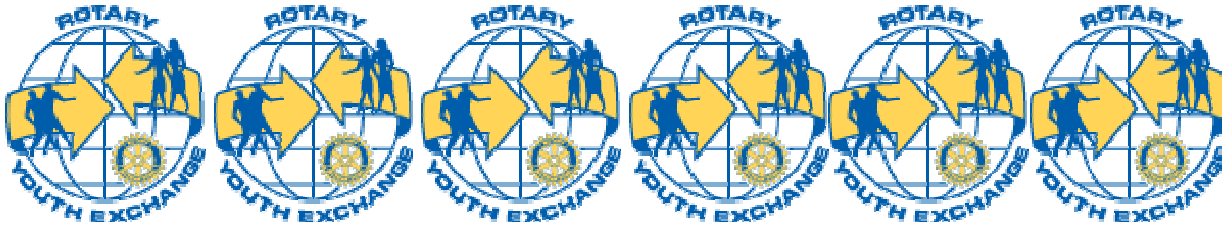
*Editor's note: Dave Driscoll tells us that local applications for the Youth Exchange are being accepted now – the process involves a Club interview so we need applicants now as the interview and Club approval, and the application for the student have to be in Albuquerque before November 1<sup>st</sup>*

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 9<sup>TH</sup>

**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

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



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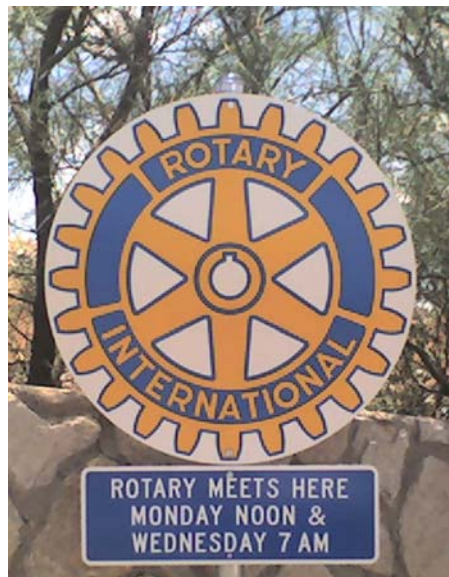
## Rotary Websites

**Rotary Club of West El Paso**  
[www.rotarywestel Paso.org](http://www.rotarywestel Paso.org)

**Rotary District 5520**  
[www.rotary5520.org](http://www.rotary5520.org)

**Rotary International**  
[www.rotary.org](http://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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Is it the TRUTH?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Will it build OODWILL and BETTER**

**FRIENDSHIPS?**

**4<sup>th</sup> Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”**

## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO

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