

# LA MESA



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## The Rotary Club of West El Paso Honors Lil Peterson as a Paul Harris Fellow

On Monday, October 12, 2009 President LuAnn Wieland presented the Paul Harris Fellowship award to Lil Peterson, wife of Rotarian Bob Peterson, at a noon time ceremony at the Holiday Inn in Sunland Park. Paul Harris was one of the Founders of Rotary and was very involved in the development of Rotary which grew from a single club in Chicago in 1905 into the global organization we know today. The Paul Harris Award was set up in memory of his work to recognize outstanding contributions to the ideals of Rotary. It can be awarded by a Rotary Club to any person, whether a Rotarian or not, who is deemed worthy of the honor. Lil Peterson was presented this award for her outstanding contributions to our community over the past several years.



Bob Peterson stands proud as Lil accepts her PHF Award

## **Youth Activities & Upcoming Events** (Reported by Gail Gale)

So far we have had two events that have been well attended and have 5 others coming up that you will have to pick and choose on Halloween night as there are (3) events on that night. Another announcement, the applications for outbound 2010-2011 foreign exchange students are due by Oct. 31. to Dave Driscoll or Lorraine Huit. Go to [www.rotarywestelpaso.org](http://www.rotarywestelpaso.org) for application or our Interact Shutterfly Site: <http://interact.shutterfly.com/>

The jenniferann.org fundraiser (a non-profit to end teen -dating violence) was attended by 6 Franklin Students: (Julie, Alex, Jackie, Sandra, Frida, Kim, Aaron and Kim's brother from Hornedo, Efren). The adult organizers were very impressed with the Interact group and want to partner up on more events including the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Walk in Feb. This is Breast Cancer Awareness Month-October!~ Coronado had a great showing of 10 members yesterday at the event to work after school at La Casita in Anapra, NM. This was also an event in conjunction with Abe's IB project. The following members and / or students were in attendance: Abe, Justin, Adrian, Eva, Jack, Sydney, David, Veronica, Matthew and Laurencia. Santa Teresa attended the Rotary West El Paso Meeting on the 5th and presented the backpack delivery to 5 different elementary schools in their school district-- Good Work.

**Here are the events coming up, all members of all clubs, friends, family members and of course sponsors and parents invited.**

**October 24th** - Saturday - 9:30am to Noon at the Compass Bank on 7744 Northloop I-10 to Trowbridge, turn right on Trowbridge pass the Western Refinery and turn onto Northloop. It is on the right side further down on North Loop after you pass the Val Verde EPCC campus. We will be sorting books with Gems Gems and boxing them to bring back to the west side to United Blood Services Warehouse. These books will be sold at a book fair in the parking lot of United Blood Services in conjunction with a blood drive etc. to be held in Nov. or Dec. The money we make on the event will be used to do Literacy Events with Gems Gems at our adopt-a-school events. Franklin will have Roberts, CHS will have Putnam, STHS will have Riverside and our community club will have Johnson. Clent Tippin from CHS will be the project leader for this event.

**October 30th**-Friday - Downtown Rotary Halloween Dinner and Carnival--Keystone Park on 4200 Doniphan --Dinner \$15 in advance \$20 at the door for age 13 and up, ages 5-12 \$5, under 5 free. You must RSVP for this event. This is a costume party, with DJ, beer / wine for adults and carnival and haunted maze. The Rotaract Club at UTEP needs your help for the carnival and haunted maze, please come dressed in costume. The carnival is a fundraiser and proceeds will go to Rotaract. The event begins at 6:00pm. Gail is taking reservations for dinner.

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** - Saturday - Halloween 5-7 p.m. St. Mark's Church parking lot--trunk or treat--decorating contest and candy hand out--Gem's Gems will have a trunk decorated and need help for this.

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Saturday - 6 -10 at La Casita in Anapra, take donations over and help them with their community Halloween Party. The CHS club will be the host club, if interested in attending this event, we will have an event leader by then. ( Anapra is close to Western Playland-)

**October 31st** - Saturday 3-8 p.m. The High Ridge City Parks and Rec Center is hosting a haunted house and carnival. They need highschool kids to help with the entire event. This might be an event some Franklin Students want to help with, since it so close to FHS.

## **UTEP Alumni Association**

Mary Helen Padilla, VP of the UTEP Alumni Association speaks to the Rotary Club of West El Paso at the October 12, 2009 meeting. The UTEP Alumni Association is Building the Miner Nation to 5,000 strong by 2010. It is made up card carrying members of the UTEP Alumni Association dedicated to supporting, promoting and connecting Miners and the University. Membership dues help provide scholarships and support programs such as the Distinguished Alumni Awards, the UTEP Student Alumni Association and the Top Ten Seniors Awards.



President LuAnn Wieland presents Mary Helen Padilla (right) with a speaker gift, courtesy of Marisa Guererro and the Rotary Club of West El Paso.

## **Holiday Party:**

Reserve this date on your calendar – Wednesday, December 9, 2009 for our annual Holiday Party. This year it's at Ardovinos Desert Crossing starting at 6:00pm. Details and formal invitations will follow at a later date.

## **Women in Rotary** (Excerpts taken from the Rotary International website)

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary. Their vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

*"My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world,"* said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings. The response to the decision was overwhelming: By 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. Twenty years after the Council on Legislation's vote, Rotary has nearly 188,000 female Rotarians. Women have served in leadership positions as high as the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

Currently there are 187,967 female Rotarians worldwide. Sixty-three serve as district governors.

**The Rotary Club of West El Paso** is honored to have had many women serving as members, officers and directors over the past several years. This year marks the 20th Anniversary of women in Rotary and they continue to be invaluable contributors to our club's growth. Today we have 15 female members, which represent 30 percent of our overall membership, and six (6) of these women are currently officers or directors of our club: LuAnn, Lorraine, Joanne, Marisa, Gail, Sandy; and lets not forget those who also serve or have served on Committees or as past officers to ensure our club's success: Ellen, Gerri, Carol, Dana, Sofia, Kristi, Teresa, and think about our future leaders: Gail Logan and Beate Burdett. The collective contribution of these women is outstanding and their hard work guarantees a successful future for our club for a long time.



← Courtesy of: <http://intllogos.com/catalog/>

# Rotary Club Members Visit Ruiz Family Home

Several members of the Rotary Club of West El Paso visited the Ruiz family home (shown below) on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. Maria and her family were outstanding hosts, treating our members to a grand tour of their home and a wonderful dinner. As most of you know, the Ruiz family was featured on ABC-TV's Extreme Home Makeover Edition. They also served as our 2009 Independence Day Parade Grand Marshall's.



## Upcoming Club Events

October 19 - Monday – Club Meeting - Richard Dayoub Exec Director Greater EP Cham of Comm  
October 26 – Monday - Club Meeting - Lucinda Vargas - Plan Estratégico de Juárez  
November 2 – Monday – Club Meeting - Christine Hovde - The Concord Coalition  
November 4 – Wednesday - Club Social Night  
November 9 - Monday – Club Meeting – Tom Thomas – Military Liasion  
November 13 - Friday - Board Meeting (7:30am) United Blood Services' Bldg  
November 16 – Monday – Amanda Higgins – Youth Exchange Student  
November 19 – Thurs - GEAR Meeting (7:30am) JB's Cafe Gail Gale/Dave Driscoll Youth Services  
November 23 – Monday – Club Meeting - \*David Cuthbertson – FBI Agent In Charge  
November 30 – Monday – Club Meeting – Bernie Olivas – Sun Bowl Association  
December 9 – Wednesday - Club Holiday Party Ardivinos 6:00-9:00pm  
December 11 - Friday - Board Meeting (7:30am) United Blood Services' Bldg

\* Awaiting Confirmation

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### Websites:

**Rotary Club of West El Paso - [www.rotarywestelpaso.org](http://www.rotarywestelpaso.org)**  
**Rotary District 5520 - [www.rotary5520.org](http://www.rotary5520.org)**  
**Rotary International – [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)**  
**eClubOne – [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)**

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### 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 GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
4<sup>th</sup> - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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and 5<sup>th</sup> – Will it be fun?

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### Officers & Directors of the Rotary Club of West El Paso

President: LuAnn Wieland  
Vice-President: Bob Peterson  
President-Elect: Lorraine Huit  
Executive Secretary: Carey Beamesderfer  
Treasurer: Joanne Latimer  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Marisa Guerrero  
Immediate Past President: Jesse Allen

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Director – Community Services: Marcos Lizarraga  
Director – International Services: Chava Gonzalez-Barney  
Director – Public Relations: Jim Weddell  
Director – Vocational Services: David Veloz  
Director – Youth Services: Gail Gale