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Newest Member

Please welcome our newest member – Jaime Vela. He was inducted into membership on Monday, October 19, 2009. His sponsor was Ingo Klein.



Assistant District Governor Jimmy Melver (left) and sponsor Ingo Klein (center) welcome new member Jaime Vela (right) into our Club.

Philippine GSE Team to come to El Paso

A Group Study Exchange Team from the Philippines is scheduled to arrive in El Paso on Friday, April 16, 2010 and the Rotary Club of West El Paso will be serving as the primary host club. More details to follow at a later date. Contact Lorraine Huit and help her organize and coordinate this major event for our city. The team will be in the El Paso area for 4 days.

What is Rotary? (*Just the fact that you are a Rotarian opens doors all over the world.*)

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950s a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said:

A world-minded Rotarian:

- looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace;
- resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;
- seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;
- defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear;
- supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere;
- upholds the principles of justice for mankind;
- strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal;
- urges and practices a spirit of understanding of every other man's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life.

That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!

And did you know?

- Rotary became bilingual in 1916 when the first club was organized in a non-English-speaking country-Havana, Cuba.
- Rotary established the "Endowment Fund" in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary first adopted the name "Rotary International" in 1922 when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellows recognition in 1957 for contributors of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.
- The Rotary club which first held meetings on a weekly basis was Oakland, California, the Number 3 club.
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.

Richard Dayoub Speaks to our Club

The Executive Director of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Richard Dayoub, spoke to our club on Monday, October 19, about the chambers goals and activities. The Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce was established in 1899 and is a non-profit organization, 501-c6, that is focused on enhancing the business community in El Paso. It is the "VOICE" for El Paso business that is opportunity focused, integrity based, supporting community and military partnerships to enhance the economic prosperity of the region.



Richard began his chamber career in 2003, when he joined the Greater El Paso Chamber as its president and CEO. Previously, Dayoub had a successful career as the owner, president, and CEO of a large regional travel company for nearly thirty years. As a volunteer with the Greater El Paso Chamber, Dayoub served in numerous capacities including chairman of several operating divisions and, ultimately, as chairman of the board. He was selected to be president of the chamber in 2004 and promoted to CEO in 2007. He serves on the Metro 8, an advocacy group made up of the CEOs of the eight largest metropolitan communities in Texas. He is actively engaged in a number of civic and charitable organizations and is the only business person to participate as a board member of the University of Texas at El Paso's Collaborative for Academic Excellence. Dayoub was selected as a Ford Foundation Fellow, participating in an 18-month study with the American Chambers of Commerce Executives regarding regionalism and sustainable development.

Upcoming Club Events

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

Websites:

Rotary Club of West El Paso - www.rotarywestelpaso.org

Rotary District 5520 - www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International – www.rotary.org

eClubOne – www.rotaryclubone.org

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?

and 5th – Will it be fun?

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