

# LA MESA



Rotary Club



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Youth Exchange

**"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"**

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**Hall of Fame - As we approach Thanksgiving Day - Remember to Thank Each of These 11 Members who have given over 25 Years of Service to the Rotary Club of West El Paso**



**James Heard  
40 Years**



**Bill Mottinger  
39 Years**



**Robert Sanderson  
36 Years**



**John Halverson  
35 Years**



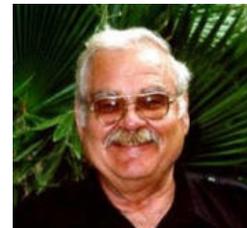
**Ingo Klein  
34 Years**



**Izzy Duran  
27 Years**



**John Walker  
27 Years**



**Dave LeMone  
26 Years**



**Norm Peters  
26 Years**



**Chet Morgan  
26 Years**



**Burt Blacksher  
26 Years**

## Youth Exchange Student – Amanda Higgins Speaks to the Club



Amanda Higgins – Youth Exchange Student from Sweden

Amanda is 16 years old and lives in Skovde Sweden. She attends a secondary school known as Vasaskolan which is only two minutes from where she lives in a terraced house in the city center with her sister Rebecca and her mother Catherine. They also have a dog - Bilbo. Skovde is a small town (55,000 people) about 2 hours from Gothenburg. Her main interests are down hill skiing where she has been competing on a national level since she was 11. She attends ski training camp every weekend in the north of Sweden. Amanda has lots of friends and they love to do things together, like listening to music, dancing and shopping. She also likes to travel and her favorite place in Greece. Amanda is very independent, outgoing and her friends say she is fun to be with.

### **What do You Know About Polio?** (courtesy of the Rotary International website)

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The poliovirus invades the nervous system, and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age, but mainly affects children under five years of age.

#### **PolioPlus**

In 1985, Rotary International created PolioPlus – a program to immunize all the world’s children against polio. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional US\$200 million toward a US\$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These efforts are providing much needed polio vaccine, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$4 billion to the effort.

#### **Polio Today**

Today, endemic wild poliovirus has been eliminated from all but four countries in the world (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan), and less than 2000 cases were reported worldwide in 2008. Though great

progress has been made, challenges remain. Overall, the quality of immunization campaigns must be improved, and more funding is critically needed. In response, governments, donors and international agencies have endorsed a plan with clear milestones to tackle these and other challenges to a polio-free world.

**Global Polio Eradication Initiative**

With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm and top private sector contributor to a global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Since its launch in 1988, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative - spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF - has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent. At the time, more than 125 countries were polio-endemic, and more than 350,000 children were paralysed by the disease each year.

**Rotarians in Action**

Besides raising funds, over one million men and women of Rotary have donated their time and personal resources to help immunize nearly two billion children during mass immunization campaigns throughout the world. Rotarians prepare and distribute different types of mass communication tools to get the message to people cut off from the mainstream by conflict, geography or poverty. Rotarians also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, administer the vaccine to children and provide other logistical support.

**Lasting Legacy**

The savings of polio eradication are potentially as high as \$ 1.5 billion per year - funds that could be used to address other public health priorities. The savings in human suffering will be immeasurable.

**Upcoming Club Events**

- November 23 – Monday – Club Meeting - David Cuthbertson – FBI Agent In Charge
- November 28 – Saturday – Interact Health Day
- November 30 – Monday – Club Meeting – Bernie Olivas – Sun Bowl Association
- December 9 – Wednesday - Club Holiday Party Ardivinos 6:00-9:00pm
- December 12 – Saturday – GEAR Meeting – Lorraine Huit’s Office
- December 18 - Friday - Board Meeting (7:30am) United Blood Services' Bldg

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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**

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