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Rotary is big part of my inspiration

By Rick LoBello, President - Rotary Club of West El Paso

There is no doubt in my mind that I have been inspired by both my love for animals and Rotary in deciding to return to Rwanda this week. As our club meets on June 6 I will have arrived in London for a three-day rest stop before boarding my flight for Nairobi, Kenya and then onto Kigali, Rwanda.

I have been invited by the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund (DFGF) and the government of Rwanda (ORTPN) to work as a volunteer on a guidebook to the Virunga Volcanoes National Park and the mountains gorillas. This will be my third trip to Rwanda. Prior to moving to El Paso in 2000, I spent 25 years in our national parks. Publication and multi-media projects have always been my passion.



I also hope to visit with Rotarians in the capital of Kigali to identify potential matching grant projects that I would like to work on. Dr. Alecia Lilly, Director of the DFGF Ecosystem Health Program lives in Kigali and will be helping me network with the Rotary Club there. My goal is to introduce myself and identify humanitarian projects that I can help with through the Paul Harris Foundation matching grant program.

I will try to write you from my little abode in the Virunga Mountains. The Karisoke Research Center has Internet service, but it does not always work.

To learn more about DFGF and Rwanda here are a couple of [websites: http://www.gorillafund.org](http://www.gorillafund.org) and <http://www.rwandatourism.com>.



Installation Dinner

The West El Paso Rotary Club will Install the New Board on Friday, June 24th. An International Dinner featuring foods from France, Italy, Brazil, and the US in a progressive dinner format.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

As a service club that looks to help people in need and improve our community, the Rotary Club of West El Paso is always looking for new members who can contribute to our efforts and join us in fellowship. Listed below is our latest proposed new member. If you have an objection to the proposed new member, please let one of the Board members, know within ten-days from this publication. Otherwise, the proposed new member will be invited to join us.

Proposed new member:

Welsley Schotten

Classification: **Training & Development Specialist** (12-13)

Proposed by: Dana Vogelmeier

JUST A REMINDER

Parade Meetings are every Friday at JB's, 5800 N. Mesa, Quail Hollow, 7a.m.