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**Bob Soltice**

*Flags Across America*

**June, 27**

**Club Assembly**

## Rotary News

### RSVP ASAP for Installation Dinner

The Installation for Jim Maxon as president of the Rotary Club of West El Paso, and the officers and board will be this Friday, June 24. If you have not RSVP'd but plan on attending, be sure to e-mail Leah Masters at [LEMA872F@AOL.COM](mailto:LEMA872F@AOL.COM) or call her very soon. The dinner will be international at different Rotarians' homes.



### Decatur boosts FUTURES purse

The FUTURES Golf Tour will launch its first major championship next year in Decatur, Ill., with a purse of \$100,000, making it the Tour's richest purse. The Tour announced today in Decatur prior to the start of its longest-running tournament, the Michelob ULTRA FUTURES Charity Golf Classic. The tournament will be renamed the Michelob ULTRA FUTURES Championship. **see Notes...** on back



## Lending a hand goes far in Rwanda

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

Today, I was warmly received by the Kigali Rotary Club. I visited the site of their main service project and attended their Wednesday evening meeting.

My contact in Kigali is a member of the club. She is Dr. Alecia Lilly of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund. Before the meeting there was a big party at the hotel, and I got to hear and see a group of Rwandan singers, dancers and drummers. They were really good and I took some video.

I was very impressed by the project that this club of only 40 members has been working on for four years. They are building a three-story public library that, when finished, will be the first public library in the history of the country!

They are convinced that the lack of knowledge by the majority of the people played a big part in contributing to the genocide of 1994 and I am sure that they are right.

So many people who I have met at the little hotel in Ruhengeri (10 rooms) and at the Karisoke Research Station have told me that they would like to go to school, but do not have the money. Many kids don't go to school at all because their parents are too poor to

send them.

So, if Rotarians can build a public library, the project could be duplicated everywhere and then people of all income levels would be able to visit and learn without needing money.

So far these Rotarians have raised over \$900,000 and the main structure is almost complete. They need \$800,000 to finish the interior and already have donated shelves, books and furniture.

I am very impressed by the spirit of the Rwandan people and will soon be making a DVD to show anyone who would like to learn more about the library project and the country. I am amazed at the determination of these people to rebuild their country after the horrors of the war and genocide just a few years ago.

I hope you will join me in helping rebuild Rwanda. First World countries like the United States turned their backs on these people during the genocide. This is an opportunity to help them now while there is a chance for a better future.

In closing, a few words about the Volcanoes National Park and the mountain gorillas:

**see Rwanda...** on back



## Rwanda... *continued from front*

I had planned to put some of my pictures of the gorillas on my website before I returned, but I don't think that is going to happen. The dial-up Internet connections are way too slow and I can barely down-

load a single picture. I will have to wait until I return to my high-speed connection in El Paso.



I will be meeting with government officials to discuss the guidebook project in the morning and will be spending the rest of the week spending more time in the mountains with the gorillas and interviewing park guides and others for the book.

I'll see you on the 24th at the installation.

## Rotary Websites

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

**The IOS Futures Golf Classic:**  
[www.elpasofutures.org](http://www.elpasofutures.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>

### *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?"**

## Notes... *continued from front*

onship at Hickory Point Golf Course starting next year. The IOS FUTURES Golf Classic in El Paso, which had a purse of \$70,000 in 2005, is the Rotary Club of West El Paso's major annual fund-raising event.

## CLUB LOSES LONG-TIME MEMBER



**R**ich Sandenaw moved to Santa Fe, NM and resigned his membership on May 31st.

In a letter he wrote, "I take many terrific memories of good friends and good times with me... but we'll be close enough to visit frequently. We also hope to buy a big enough house to have visitors." He also plans to join the Santa Fe club as soon as possible.

Rich had been a member since 1990 and was President of the club from 1994-1995.

His presence will be missed and we wish him all the best in his new home.

### OFFICERS

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### MEETINGS

Monday: Holiday Inn - Sunland Park, 12 PM

### EL PASO MAKEUPS

Tuesday: East El Paso, 12 PM

Airport Hilton

Wednesday: Sunrise, 7 AM

Sunland Park Holiday Inn

Vista Hills, 12 PM

Vista Hills Country Club

Thursday: El Paso, 12 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

Anthony, 12 PM

Dos Lagos Golf Club

Franklin Mountains, 5:45 PM

Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria

Friday: Northeast, 12 PM

Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria

### JUAREZ MAKEUPS

Tuesday: Juarez Sur, 2:30 PM

Campestre Juarez

Wednesday: Cd. Juarez, 1:30 PM

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Juarez Chamizal, 2:00 PM

Rest. Barrigas Monumental

Juarez Americas, 3:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Frontera, 7:30 PM

Rest. Viva Mexico

Thursday: Juarez Paso del Norte, 2:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Empresarial, 2:30 PM

Rest. Barrigas Mon.

Friday: Juarez Industrial, 2:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Ejecutivo, 2:00 PM

Mision de Los Lagos

Juarez Norte, 8:30 PM

Casino Juarez

Juarez Oriente, 9:00 PM

Hotel Holiday Inn