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Club Assembly

September 15

Fiesta Mexicana

Club Rotario Juarez Norte

Juarez, Mexico

September 19

Sarah Ioanniddes

Maestra, El Paso Syphony Orchestra

September 26

Chris Ryan

Attorney for US Customs Office

Role of Customs Office and Border Patrol in Homeland Security"

October 3

Prentice Lofton

El Paso Opera

October 24

Mike Adkins

District Governor

Meet Maiko Ando, our visitor from Japan

By Jim Weddell – Editor, La Mesa



Three weeks ago, Maiko Ando's world made a huge change. Within 24 hours, she left the comfort of her home

in the rural, Japanese town of Uga – near Nagoya in central Japan – where her friends lived – to take up residence at our home in the Upper Valley.

She didn't just change geography. Maiko entered a world with whole new routines and customs – but one that is presenting her with new friends, a new language and new ways of living. And if learning English, going to a new school and getting used to the desert climate weren't enough, she is getting a healthy dose of Spanish and Mexican culture thrown in for fun.

Maiko, 17, is the foreign exchange student sponsored by the Rotary Club of West El Paso. She is getting her first real experience abroad. She has made one trip to Hong Kong, she says, but otherwise she has stayed home all of her life.

Back home, Maiko's father owns and runs a Toyota-Honda car dealership, where her mother also works. In Japan, Maiko attended the Maryknoll School, where she took all of her classes in Japanese but one English class, which she studied last year.

She has two sisters: Akiko, who is 19, and Maniko, 22.

In Japan, Maiko's favorite hobbies are shopping and dancing. And she's a self-described "late riser" who doesn't like rain (it rains a lot in her home state, or "prefecture," of Mie).

The first three weeks in El Paso have a challenge for Maiko, one that she has embraced and generally enjoyed.

Things haven't always gone smoothly – on her second day in the United States, when we took her to register for classes, the school nurse wouldn't allow her to register until she got her immunization shots up to date. So we took her to a clinic, which ended up giving her five shots (including a hepatitis shot – ouch!), which Maiko probably didn't expect but didn't complain about.

But all in all, Maiko says she is enjoying her time in El Paso, seeing new sites, making new friends and overall getting used to a new world.

Rotary Websites

Just click on the blue links below and you will be taken to the site.

Our Club

www.rotarywestelpaso.org

Our Golf Tournament

www.elpasofutures.org

Our District

www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International

www.rotary.org

Rotary e-learning Center

www.rotary.org/training/elearning/index.html

eClubOne

www.rotaryclubone.org

ROTARY NEWS

Rotary aids Katrina victims, evacuees

Rotary zones 29 and 30 have established the Katrina Relief Fund, a donor advised fund (DAF) with The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, to help streamline the flow of contributions from Rotarians looking to assist victims of the hurricane disaster. A committee identified by the leadership in the two zones will work with see **News...** next page

To Rotarians affected by Hurricane Katrina

By Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar 2005-06 Rotary International President



I am saddened to hear of the recent hurricane devastation along the Gulf Coast and send my sincere condolences to the communities affected by this disaster.

During this time of need, many Rotarians have contacted Rotary International World Headquarters inquiring how they can help. In order to allow Rotarians the opportunity to assist your communities, please contact us with information regarding any local relief efforts being undertaken by clubs in your area so that we may share this information with the Rotary community via the World Community Service Disaster Relief section of the RI Web site (rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefforts.html).

A description of your project, including Rotarian contact information for local relief efforts, may be sent to the World Community Service program coordinator in the International Service and RI Awards section. Rotarians wishing to con-

tribute funds and/or donated goods to hurricane victims will be able to visit the Web site to view a posting of all club and district relief efforts.

As always, when organizing your club or district's response to a local or international disaster, we recommend that Rotarians work closely with an experienced disaster relief organization such as the International Federation of the Red Cross.

You have the support of Rotarians and RI staff around the world as you face this disaster.

Notes...

local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as emergency relief agencies, to meet the most pressing needs of people in the affected areas.

For more information, go to www.rotary.org

Our prayers, thoughts with Candy, Mike

Candy Schmid, club member Mike Schmid's wife, was hospitalized in San Antonio last week awaiting a liver transplant.

Mike will appreciate us keeping Candy in our thoughts and prayers, and let's do the same for Mike ... praying for strength, peace and hope. Mike told club President Jim Maxon that he would look forward to hearing from any Rotarians who wish to call at 726-3350. Also, please feel free to send a card of support and encouragement to:

Patient Candy Schmid
Methodist Specialty &
Transplant Hospital
8026 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229

Tailgate party set for Sept. 24

The Rotary Club of West El Paso will have a tailgate party before the Sept. 24 Miner football game at the Sun Bowl. The UTEP Miners will take on the University of New Mexico Lobos. The Miners are coming off a strong 34-17 win against rival New Mexico State University, and will be looking to take their record against New Mexican teams to 2-0. Prices for the tailgate meal and game will be \$25 for adults, \$18.60 for children. A meal-only ticket will be \$11.60. See Jim Maxon for more information.

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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

1st Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

Anthony, 12 PM

Dos Lagos Golf Club

Franklin Mountains, 5:45 PM

Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria

Friday: Northeast, 12 PM

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JUAREZ MAKEUPS

Tuesday: Juarez Sur, 2:30 PM

Campestre Juarez

Wednesday: Cd. Juarez, 1:30 PM

Campestre Juarez

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