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**November 28**

**Scott Lynch**  
*Candlelighters*

**December 5**

**Frankie Carreon**  
*Court Appointed Special  
Advocate*

**December 8**

**Holiday Party**  
*Santa Teresa*

**December 12**

**Partners in Literacy**  
*El Paso Opera*

**December 19**

**Congressman Reyes**  
*Congressional Report*

**December 26**

**NO MEETING**

**JANUARY 2**

**NO MEETING**

**JANUARY 9**

**Al Velarde**  
*Child Crisis Center*

## PolioPlus Rotary's Fight against Polio

*By Wes Schotten, La Mesa Editor*

**R**otary International is committed to the worldwide eradication of the disease. How much do you know about this disease and Rotary's work to eradicate it?

How much you know about polio may depend upon when you were born. Many of us lived through the pre-Salk vaccine era ending in the 1950's, when polio was still common in the US. Many of us knew people that walked with canes and braces due to the ravages of the disease. As a youngster in the 1950's, I remember the fears my parents faced each summer that my siblings and I would contract

only in far away countries that might challenge our knowledge of geography.

Some of us can remember when the March of Dimes charity focused on developing a cure for the disease. Today, it works to prevent birth defects.

Since 1979, Rotary has led the fight against polio, raising more than \$500 million to combat the disease. In cooperation with other international organizations, principally the United

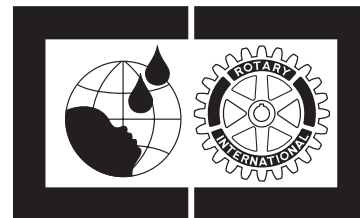
Nations, Rotary has truly led and continues to lead this international fight.

For us Rotarians, PolioPlus is not only the organization and structure that leads

the fight, but PolioPlus will provide a framework for eradication of other diseases in the future as well. This framework includes negotiating cease fires between warring factions to allow eradication efforts (principally vaccination of children under the age of five) to occur in war-torn areas of the world.

Test your PolioPlus knowledge by answering the following true or false questions about the disease: ▶▶

### PolioPlus



### Rotary Websites

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

#### Our Club

[www.rotarywestelpaso.org](http://www.rotarywestelpaso.org)

#### Our District

[www.rotary5520.org](http://www.rotary5520.org)

#### Rotary International

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

#### eClubOne

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

1. The Western Hemisphere was declared "polio-free" in 1994.
2. Nigeria led the world in 2004 with 145 documented cases of polio.
3. Polio most often strikes children under the age of three.
4. Rotary's work against polio started in 1979 with a massive vaccination program in the Philippines.
5. The six countries where polio remains endemic are India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Egypt, Nigeria, and Niger.
6. In 1988, polio was endemic in Mexico but Mexico is polio-free today.
7. At its peak, polio killed 500,000 people around the world each year.
8. The first polio vaccine was developed by Jonas Salk in 1955.
9. Poverty is the primary cause of polio in the world today.
10. The United Nations predicts that polio will be eradicated in the world by the end of 2005.

Note: *Statements 1-9 are true and number 10 is false.* ■

## EP Symphony Concert and Sun Bowl Team Luncheon in December

By Wes Schotten, La Mesa Editor

The El Paso Symphony Christmas Concert will be held in Juarez on Sunday, December 11th from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The event is being hosted by our sister club, Juarez Industrial. Tickets are \$40 and transportation over and back from Juarez will be provided at a very nominal cost. Contact Director Chava Gonzalez at 565-5025, 584-9656, or at [www.chavag@swbell.net](mailto:www.chavag@swbell.net). Please RSVP no later than Monday, December 5th.

Our final meeting of the year on Monday, December 26th has been re-scheduled to Thursday, December 29th so that we can support and enjoy the Sun Bowl Team Luncheon sponsored by the Rotary Club of El Paso at The El Paso Convention Center. Tickets cost \$30 each. However, West El Paso Rotary will pick up half of the cost of ticket for club members that attend. RSVP are requested no later than, Monday, December 12th. Director John Morrison at 532-6774 or [www.casabell@whc.net](mailto:www.casabell@whc.net) has more information.

## Win Big at Weekly Lunch Meetings

**P**resident Jim Maxon announced recently that members that bring two non-perishable food items to our weekly luncheon meetings will receive one free ticket for our weekly cash drawing. This offer extends through the meeting of December 19th. These food items will be used to stuff our Christmas baskets for needy families in El Paso. Items such as canned fruits and vegetable, pasta, rice, frijoles, cookies, and other non-perishables are needed.

We will be preparing these baskets at our meeting on December 19 for distribution immediately after the meeting. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare for this project, contact Director Lorraine Huit at 581-5179 or [lorraine@cardelhomes.net](mailto:lorraine@cardelhomes.net).

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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

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