



# LA MESA

ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO



SERVICE Above Self

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**December 5**

**Frankie Carreon**

*Court Appointed Special Advocate*

**December 8**

**Holiday Party**

*Santa Teresa*

**December 12**

**Partners in Literacy**

*El Paso Opera*

**December 19**

**Holiday Baskets & Holiday Music**

**December 26**

**NO MEETING**

**JANUARY 2**

**NO MEETING**

**JANUARY 9**

**Al Velarde**

*Child Crisis Center*



## An Attitude of Gratitude

*By Jim Maxon, President - Rotary Club of West El Paso*

**A**s you celebrated Thanksgiving last week, I hope that you, as did I, gave thanks for the opportunity to be a Rotarian, more specifically, a West El Paso Rotarian...and, for the many opportunities we have to live out our motto and theme for this year, SERVICE ABOVE SELF. We are a club of Rotarians that so willingly serve in so many ways, and make a difference in the lives of the people we touch and the community in which we live.

Another opportunity to serve will be upon us on Monday, December 19th, when we will

assemble and deliver Christmas baskets through Candlelighters to families of children struggling with cancer. What a blessing that will be both to those families and to us, and I hope that you will make an extra effort to be a part!!

This is also a special time for the other pillar of Rotary, which is fellow-

ship. We will celebrate Christmas/Hanukkah at our annual, festive Christmas Party on Thursday the 8th, followed by an opportunity to enjoy the sounds of Christmas with the El Paso Symphony in Juarez on Sunday December 11, then our Christmas Basket meeting on the 19th...and, finally a chance to fellowship with and support our fellow Rotarians in the Downtown Club, as well as the Sun Bowl players, at the Sun Bowl Team Luncheon on Thursday, December 29. Don't miss them!!

On behalf of your Board of Directors for this year, I want to again express our thanks to you for all that you do; and I hope that you will join us in celebrating the season, and enjoying extra opportunities we will have for fun and fellowship!!

And, stay tuned... the New Year promises to be an exceptional one for West El Paso Rotary!!

## Frontline Report on Rotary's Katrina Work

*Editor's note: The following contains excerpts from a report written on November 26th by Don Chauvin, Governor of Rotary District 6200.*

**D**on Chauvin offers two unique perspectives on Katrina recovery efforts in Louisiana. He is involved directly in Rotary's effort to provide aid and recovery and he lives in the area hit by Katrina.

Don notes that South Louisiana is in the "recovery" stages -

the need for immediate relief aid is passing. Now they are on to the tough task of "rebuilding homes and lives". He notes that, "Trailer cities have popped up in nearly every community providing displaced victims with an opportunity to put their family back together".▶▶

### 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)

►► Schools have been hit hard and many are badly damaged or destroyed. This forces students to “platoon” into the schools that remain; this includes attending school on Saturdays for some students.

New Orleans itself has started a slow recovery. The French Quarter is functioning but much of it is to cater to the relief workers that are everywhere. Help wanted signs abound. Many businesses are awaiting repairs or employees or both.

Don tells us about Rotary’s work in Louisiana thus far –

*I must tell you that the Rotary family has opened their hearts to the victims of both of these storms [Katrina and Rita]! The outpouring of help has been tremendous and it continues even today.*

*...we have countless number or individuals who have given monetarily which allow the Trustees of our Foundation the ability to provide immediate relief to victims on an as needed basis. We have used the monetary contributions to purchase food items, medical supplies, transportation costs, household furniture, appliances, school uniforms, school supplies, shoes, and numerous other types of cleanup and as-*

*sistance aid.*

Many Rotarians want to know what the current needs are for Rotary efforts.

*We ask that you continue with your monetary contributions as this provides us with a means of providing the greatest degree of flexibility in satisfying the needs of the victims as we enter the recovery phase of relief. We ask that you use your influence to help secure big ticket items from corporate America. We need basic household appliances like washers, dryers, hot water tanks, microwaves, toasters, refrigerators, etc. In addition we can use furniture items such as bedding, tables, chairs, desks, etc. which can be put to immediate use.*

Rotarians that want to help can send contributions through the District’s General Secretary, Janice Bradshaw (Voice – 800-301-8560) Rotarian Joe Hidalgo and his relief team may be contacted at relief@katrina6200.com. If you wish to make a tax deductible monetary contribution, please submit these to:

Rotary District 6200  
Attn: Janice Bradshaw, Gen Sec  
P.O. Box 44365  
Lafayette, LA 70504

## December Holiday Activities for West El Paso Rotary

President Jim Maxon announced at the November 28th meeting that we will have live entertainment at the Holiday Party on December 8th at the Santa Theresa Country Club in the form of a five-piece musical combo. Jim also announced that we will play “stump the band” ala the old Johnny Carson Tonight Show with this musical group. Bring your toughest tunes to the party!

Don’t forget the Christmas Concert in Juarez on December 11th by the El Paso Symphony – see details elsewhere in this addition of the La Mesa.

Ken Slavin has told us that Congressman Reyes will not be speaking to us as previously planned during our December 19th lunch meeting. Therefore, we will be using this time instead stuffing food baskets for the Candlelighters for needy families. Plan on giving some of your time during this Christmas season on the 19th.

December 19th is your last opportunity to bring to non-perishable food items to the weekly lunch meeting in exchange for a free ticket to our weekly drawing.

## Plans for El Paso Symphony and Celebrity-Chef Dinner Highlight Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the West El Paso Rotary Board was held on November 11th. Among the agenda items were details on two upcoming events.

The Juarez Industrial Rotary Club will be hosting the El Paso Symphony in Juarez on Sunday, December 11th. The Symphony will play at the Cibeles in Juarez. Cost for club members is \$45 which includes the concert and brunch. For those that would like transportation to the concert, a van will leave for the concert from the Sunland Park Holiday Inn at 11:00 AM. The event will con-

clude at about 3:00 PM. For more details, contact Chava Gonzalez.

Member Chuck Fernandez described the Celebrity Chef Dinner which will be held on Friday, January 27th. Proceeds from this event will be used to aid the Texas Tech Medical School in El Paso. The Dinner will be at the El Paso Convention Center where attendees can park for \$4. The Board has agreed to support this function at the same level as years past – we will purchase a table, participate in the auction and we will provide volunteers from our club to assist.

### November Birthdays

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Joanne Latimer     | 5  |
| Mike Flores        | 11 |
| Fran Timbrook      | 14 |
| Leah Masters       | 16 |
| Sue Noah           | 18 |
| Bob Peterson       | 24 |
| Melissa Macias     | 25 |
| Charlie Birkelbach | 30 |

### December Birthdays

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Pat Brower       | 3  |
| Irma White       | 7  |
| Teresa Cavaretta | 11 |
| Dave Swanson     | 12 |
| Duane Coleman    | 21 |

# Member Anniversaries November and December



**Bill Willey**  
Financial Analyst  
1 November 1985  
**20 Years**  
Sponsor: Izzy Duran



**LuAnn Wieland**  
Association Manager  
16 November 1998  
**7 Years**  
Sue Noah



**Burt Blacksher**  
Bank Manager  
1 December 1986  
**21 Years**  
Bill Willey

**Jesse Allen**  
Software Engineer  
1 November 1990  
**15 Years**  
Kenny Lawton



**Jim Maxon**  
Training Specialist  
15 November 1999  
**6 Years**  
Ingo Klein & Ron Futrel



**Ellen Speights**  
Real Estate Sales  
1 December 1995  
**10 Years**



**Gerri Wootten**  
Quilting  
1 November 1990  
**15 Years**  
Bill Willey



**Pete Sellers**  
Real Estate Appraiser  
22 November 1999  
**6 Years**  
Tom Stripling



**Rick LoBello**  
Biologist  
29 December 2002  
**3 Years**  
Caz Swier

**Mike Moore**  
Dentist  
8 November 2004  
**1 Year**  
Rick Loiselle



**Kathleen Goff**  
Optometrist  
31 December 2002  
**3 Years**  
Leah Masters



**Mike Schmid**  
CPA  
1 November 1995  
**10 Years**



**John Walker**  
Financial Analyst  
1 December 1982  
**23 Years**



**Marty Mordecai**  
Investment Advisor  
31 December 2002  
**3 Years**  
John Walker & Jim Maxon

## OFFICERS

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| President        | <b>Jim Maxon</b>        |
| President Elect  | <b>Ric Ligner</b>       |
| Vice President   | <b>Ken Slavin</b>       |
| Secretary        | <b>Jesse Allen</b>      |
| Treasurer        | <b>Leah Masters</b>     |
| Sergeant at Arms | <b>Teresa Cavaretta</b> |
| Past President   | <b>Rick LoBello</b>     |

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
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| Vocational Service    | <b>Irma White</b>     |
| Community Service (A) | <b>Arlene Carroll</b> |
| Community Service (B) | <b>Lorraine Huit</b>  |
| International Service | <b>Chava Gonzalez</b> |

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

**Mike Adkins**  
**Wes Schotten**

## MEETINGS

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| Monday: Holiday Inn - Sunland Park, 12 PM   |
| <b>EL PASO MAKEUPS</b>  |
| Tuesday: <b>East El Paso</b> , 12 PM<br>Airport Hilton  |
| Wednesday: <b>Sunrise</b> , 7 AM<br>Sunland Park Holiday Inn<br><b>Vista Hills</b> , 12 PM<br>Vista Hills Country Club  |
| Thursday: <b>El Paso</b> , 12 PM<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Fellowship Hall<br><b>Anthony</b> , 12 PM<br>Dos Lagos Golf Club<br><b>Franklin Mountains</b> , 5:45 PM<br>Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria |
| Friday: <b>Northeast</b> , 12 PM<br>Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria   |

## JUAREZ MAKEUPS

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| Tuesday: Juarez Sur, 2:30 PM<br>Campestre Juarez |
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| Wednesday: Cd. Juarez, 1:30 PM<br>Campestre Juarez<br>Juarez Chamizal, 2:00 PM<br>Rest. Barrigas Monumental<br>Juarez Americas, 3:00 PM<br>Campestre Juarez<br>Juarez Frontera, 7:30 PM<br>Rest. Viva Mexico |
| Thursday: Juarez Paso del Norte, 2:00 PM<br>Campestre Juarez<br>Juarez Empresarial, 2:30 PM<br>Rest. Barrigas Mon.   |
| Friday: Juarez Industrial, 2:00 PM<br>Campestre Juarez<br>Juarez Ejecutivo, 2:00 PM<br>Mision de Los Lagos<br>Juarez Norte, 8:30 PM<br>Casino Juarez<br>Juarez Oriente, 9:00 PM<br>Hotel Holiday Inn         |

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