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**January is
Rotary Awareness Month**

**January 1
El Paso ProMusica
Performance**

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West El Paso Rotary Santas Deliver for Candlelighters

By Wes Schotten, La Mesa Editor

In past holiday seasons, our Club has prepared food baskets for needy families in El Paso that were identified by the Candlelighters. This holiday season, Candlelighters asked us to take a different approach. They asked the Club to adopt twenty families from their facility and to fill the Christmas wish lists of the children. Led by Dana Vogelmeier, we have been busy filling gift lists for some forty-six children ranging in age from "0-16". Some of the children just wanted clothes, or a Barbie, race cars – some wanted a gift card or a CD. The Club will be delivering the gifts on December 18th as part of our regular Club meeting – twelve of our Club members have signed up to deliver packages.

Candlelighters was very happy with what we were able to achieve and for our efforts in helping their families. The El Paso Candlelighters is a non-profit support group that offers assistance to families of children with cancer. They currently have 700 families registered with them in the El Paso area.

Much of the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of West El Paso was devoted to final preparation of gifts that the Club purchased for the children of Candlelighters families. The Club granted the Christmas wishes of some forty children for this project.

About a dozen "Santas" from the Club volunteered to personally deliver the gifts to the children.

The 4-Way Test

Members of Rotary International use a simple test to guide their actions in life. Here it is:

"The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

- 1st Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2nd Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3rd Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4th Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"**



Scott Lynch, Executive Director of Candlelighters of El Paso and also a member of the El Paso Rotary Club (left) and Dana Vogelmeier (right) of West El Paso Rotary organize gifts for our Candlelighters "Grant A Wish" program for children.



Chava Gonzalez was one of a dozen Club members who volunteered to deliver gifts to the children of Candlelighter families after the Club's December 18th meeting

Club Celebrates the Holidays at Annual Party

By Wes Schotten, La Mesa Editor

Long-time Rotarian Gerri Wootten opened her home to some seventy members and guests of the Rotary Club of West El Paso for the Club's annual holiday party on the evening of December 14th. In addition to Club members, spouses and guests, several guests from other area clubs and various Rotary District officials were in attendance.

Throughout the year the Club busies itself with Club business, and raising money for good causes via events such as our Golf Tournament, and Celebrity Chef. We also do "give backs" to our community via RYLA, Interact, and with our 4th of July Parade. The annual Holiday Party is a chance for the membership to celebrate together, enjoy some great Rotarian fellowship, and to live up the "fifth" part of the Rotarian 4-Way Test, "is it fun?"

One of the highlights, or course, was the food and the "story behind the food". Catered by Sooner Catering and Executive Chef Bobby Joe Turney, the food was a hit. Bobby Joe and his family were refugees from

Katrina in New Orleans. Temporarily relocated to El Paso after Katrina, they decided to stay and restart their business here.



District 5520 guests at the Club's Holiday party (L-R) PDG Dan Schulte, Donna Melver, Jimmy Melver, Kathleen Schulte.



WELP Rotarians, from left to right, Chet Morgan, Ingo Klein and Izzy Duran celebrate at the Holiday Party



From left to right, Club members Charlie Birkelbach and spouse Kathleen Goff along with Anna Schotten, wife of Club member, Wes Schotten, enjoy some Holiday cheer at the Party.



Chef Bobby Joe Turney is all smiles upon hearing the compliments for his food at the Holiday Party

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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

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