



LA MESA



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Member Anniversaries



Marie Daugherty
Retired
1 February 1995
12 Years

Dave Driscoll
Lawyer
5 February 1990
17 Years



Bill Hagan
Banking-Mortgage
6 February 1989
18 Years

Anita Rockett
Advertising
6 February 2006
1 Year



Chava Gonzalez
Engineer
23 February 2004
3 Years

February Birthdays

John Walker	03
Rick Loiselle	04
Gerri Wootten	05
Jesse Allen	07
Ingo Klein	13
Mike Schmid	23

West El Paso 50/50 Drawing: What is it and how does it work?

By Wes Schotten, La Mesa Editor

Each weekly meeting at the Rotary Club of West El Paso ends with our "50/50 drawing". Some may not be familiar with this or how it works.

Tickets for the drawing can be purchased at the registration table at each weekly meeting – tickets cost one dollar each or three tickets can be purchased for two dollars. The tickets sold that day are put into a jar. A weekly winner is drawn from this jar. That winner then draws a card from a face-down deck of cards containing a Joker – if the weekly winner draws the Joker, he or she wins 50% of the pot – the remaining 50% of the pot goes into the Club treasury. If the weekly winner does not draw the Joker, the card drawn is discarded from the deck and the pot continues to grow. Each week the suspense builds as the number of cards remaining decrease, improving the odds of winning, and as the pot continues to increase in size.

At this writing, the 50/50 winner's share of the pot was approaching \$400.



WELP President Elect, Ken Slavin, winner of the January 29th weekly meeting 50/50 drawing, tries to draw the Joker but misses – the weekly pot continues on its upward journey. Club member Gerri Wootten looks on.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Arlene Carroll

Well, it's that time of year again. The 5th annual IOS Futures Golf Tournament is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday, May 3rd through Sunday, May 6th. The event will begin with the Pro-am tournament to be held on Thursday, May 3rd and will be held at the Ft. Bliss Underwood Golf Course, located in Northeast El Paso.

As all of you know, the planning and executing of the tournament takes an extensive amount of commitment for individuals who serve on the planning committee. The committee is now meeting on a weekly basis and is planning all the logistics and details in order to achieve a successful tournament this year.

My role is to serve on the Volunteer Committee along with Chava Gonzalez, Dana Vogelmeier and Irma White. Our job is to ensure that each committee has enough volunteers to run the

tournament. There are 16 different committees ranging from driving the golf carts to picking up the trash that are necessary in order to ensure that the golf tournament is a great success. The committees are: Admission, Cart Drivers, Construction & Banners, Driving Range, Starters, Ecology, Finance Review, Food & Beverage, Housing, Timing, Information and Volunteer Check-in Desk, Marshalls, Spotters, Media, Marketing and Finance, Parking Shuttle, Pro Am Volunteers, Scoring and Special Events.

We are trying to get an early start in gathering up as many volunteers as possible and would love to have the problem of having too many volunteers to fill all the positions. So, we are asking for your help.

For those of you who volunteered last year and are interested in volunteering again for the same committee, please contact either myself, Chava, Irma or Dana and we will get you signed up.

We would also be more than happy to visit with any new Rotary members to discuss more extensively, the duties and responsibilities of each committee. We are hoping to have all volunteer positions filled by no later than April 15th.

There are some committees that we have struggled with finding volunteers. If any of you know some non-profit organizations outside of the club that would be interested in helping,

please let us know.

Last year, we did not have enough volunteers for Timing, Marshalls, Spotters and Scoring. For those of you who are not golfers and do not understand some of the responsibilities, we will be more than happy to explain to you in further detail.

This event is becoming one of the most recognized golf tournaments in El Paso and although it does require a significant amount of work and dedication, the reward of participating and being a part of the overall success is a fulfilling one. It allows all of us as Rotarians, to work as a team and continue to build on our existing friendships and form new ones along with contributing in a meaningful way towards the spirit of our Rotary Club.

I look forward to working with all of you.

Rotary Websites

Rotary Club of West El Paso:
www.rotarywestelpaso.org

The IOS Futures Golf Classic:
www.elpasofutures.org

Rotary District 5520:
www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org

eClubOne:
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

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?"**

A "Live Report" from Celebrity Chef 2007

By Wes Schotten, La Mesa Editor

We sat down with West El Paso Rotarian, Chava Gonzalez, to get his take on the 2007 Celebrity Chef event, one of the Club's annual fund raising events.

La Mesa: Where was the CC held?

Chava: The El Paso Civic Center. The doors opened at 6:00 PM and the food started at 7:00 PM

La Mesa: What was your role in Celebrity Chef this year?

Chava: My wife Margarita and I bought tickets for the event.

La Mesa: How many years have you participated in CC?

Chava: For the past two years.

La Mesa: What was different at the CC this year?

Chava: This year we got to sit down to eat and savor the different dishes. I was a volunteer the first year bussing tables.

La Mesa: How many people were in attendance this year?

Chava: About 800 to 1,000

La Mesa: We heard that the Interact Club supported this year's CC?

Chava: Yes. Seventeen members from Interact helped out. The credit goes to Arlene Carroll and the Santa Teresa High School Interact Club.

La Mesa: For someone who has never been to a CC event, what's it all about?

Chava: It's an upscale bazaar with food booths around the perimeter of the Civic Center. Restaurants from El Paso

such as Jaxon's, the Magic Pan, La Cuesta, etc. prepare their dishes. You go around helping yourself to some of the best food in town and volunteers make sure you don't run out of white or red wine. There is also a cash bar for those who enjoy something stronger than wine – my kind if people!

La Mesa: What did you and Margarita enjoy the most about CC?

Chava: Like all Rotary functions, it was first class. Breaking bread with fellow Rotarians is what Margarita and I enjoyed the most.

La Mesa: What was the highlight of the evening?

Chava: Definitely the food, the good company and the auction.

La Mesa: What was your personal favorite of the food served?

Chava: The Magic Pan had lamb chops that were out of this world and also the desserts. I had two servings of the lamb chops and had three different desserts. All of the portions are small so you can taste the different dishes.



THEME IDEAS SOUGHT FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Editor's Note: The Rotary Club of West El Paso will once again be conducting our 4th July Parade in 2007. Cliff Walsh, the Chair for the Parade Committee, needs the following help from our membership:

The Parade Committee needs YOUR HELP!!

We are in need of a parade theme for use in the 10th Anniversary Rotary 4th of July Parade. The parade will take place on Wednesday, July 4th. The theme should reflect Rotary International values, be short/concise enough to place on a banner, and have a patriotic flavor. We would also appreciate any suggestions you may have for Parade Marshall which is consistent with your suggested theme.

Send your suggested theme to Walshc@sbcglobal.net and I will present the suggestions to the club at the upcoming meeting.



Armed with trash samples, Katherine Palafox explains the new recycling program.

Palafox Talks Trash to West El Paso Rotary

Katherine Palafox of the Keep El Paso Beautiful program briefed Rotarians and guests at the West El Paso Rotary Club meeting on January 29th on the fine points of El Paso's new recycling program. Most El Pasoans have received the new blue plastic trash cans which will be collected weekly, starting on April 22nd, along with the regular trash pickup.

Members and guests learned the fine points on "type 1" and "type 2" recyclable plastic (these are the only two types of plastic that will be accepted for now for recycling) and other interesting bits about the program. Voluntary for now, the program will eventually become mandatory.



DISTRICT ANNOUNCES 2007 RYLA SCHEDULE

West El Paso Rotary's own Ron Futrell will again be the District 5520 District Chair for RYLA this year. Ron reminds us that the absolute deadline for RYLA monies to be mailed in is April 1, 2007. The Absolute deadline for all RYLA campers' applications is May 1, 2007. Any monies or applications received after these dates will be returned with no exceptions. For more information about RYLA, contact Ron at 760-5597 in El Paso or contact the District RYLA Administration Assistant, Sharon Solis, at Soliselp@aol.com.

GIRLS' CAMP: Sunday, July 15 through Saturday, July 21, 2007
BOYS' CAMP: Saturday, July 21 through Friday, July 27, 2007

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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