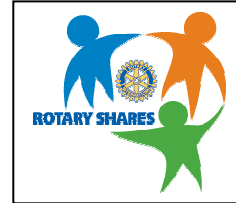


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TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PUEBLO ON OCT 26-27

Our own District 5520, which includes all of New Mexico and extreme West Texas (the latter would be us in El Paso), District 5470 which is North of us in Colorado, and District 4110 which is South of us in Mexico and one of nine Rotary Districts in Mexico, will be holding their Tri-District Conference in Pueblo, Colorado on October 25th to 27th. The link below will take you directly to the registration page for the Conference: <http://www.rotarytridistrict.org/tridistrict07/registration.html>

If you'd like to try something new for the Tri-District Conference and avoid the hassle of today's air travel, consider the following: A group is trying to charter a bus to the event and will need a total of 47 riders. They are planning to head out at noon, Thursday, October 25th and will return on Sunday, October 28th. A roundtrip ticket costs only \$65. To make a reservation on the charter bus, contact Malena Field (915) 546-6254 or at mfield@elpasotimes.com or contact Max Johnson at (915) 544-2582 or at rotaryep@swbell.net.



FOUR NEW MEMBERS PROPOSED FOR WELP ROTARY

It's been a while, but the Rotary Club of West El Paso Board has voted to accept four new members to our Club. As is required of new members they must next be "published" in our newsletter for review by the Club membership. The proposed new members are:

Name	Sponsor	Classification
• Sofia Kaplan	Ken Slavin	Marketing & Sales – Other (21-99)
• David Veloz	Lorraine Huit	Non-Gov't. Organization/Ass'n. Manager (19-02)
• Sandra Boswell	Ellen Speights	Real Estate Sales (25-02)
• Russell Autry	Jesse Allen	Service Industry – Other (27-99) Political Consulting

Note that all are new members, except Russell Autry who is a transfer from the Anthony New Mexico Rotary Club.

Ken's Korner



That's right—October is upon us. Or, as we say in the Fun Club

of District 5520--Rocktober! We are going to Rock Rotary's world this month and what a great start! Your Board has approved the addition of 4 new members that you see listed in this newsletter. Great work and keep that new blood flowing into our Club. Share Rotary with a friend and bring them to one of our lunch meetings. Don't miss our meetings in Rocktober as we should be especially entertaining this month.

October is Vocational Service Month for Rotary International. We will have some programs devoted to Vocational Service this month so be sure to come and be sure to make-up in you cannot come so we can maintain our attendance requirements with the District and with Rotary International.

This year's Christmas Party is set for Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 6:30pm at Gerri Wootten's house. This year we will be

charging \$15 a person in order to have a nice meal for the party and we will be passing around a sign-up sheet at future meetings for that event. Please try to come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow Rotarians and their spouses or significant others.

Your hard earned dollars at work: At our recent Board Meeting of the Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation, the following donations were approved.

\$1,800—to Sponsor to boys and to girls to RYLA camp next summer

\$1,500—YMCA Learn to Swim Program

\$1,000—Candelighters for Christmas baskets and gifts this year

\$3,000—for Matching Grant that was approved last year

At the October 15, 2007 Board Meeting, your Board will decide whether or not we are able to continue with the Futures Tour Golf Tournament in 2008. That decision will be based on whether or not we have the funding from a new sponsor or sponsors to cover the prize money we would be required to pay. If we are

unable to continue that fundraiser, we will need to find a new fundraiser for our projects. Please be ready to pitch in on that effort with ideas and elbow grease should we be unable to go forward with the Futures Tour.

Speaking of pitching in, please give Cliff Walsh a big pat on the back for all his hard work as chair of our 4th of July Parade Committee. He has done a wonderful job over the years and we are grateful. Cliff is stepping down as the Chair of that committee so I need someone to step up and take on that responsibility. If you are interested and willing, please let me know soon so we can make a smooth transition for that great annual club project.

Thanks to everyone in our Club for your support, kind words and sense of humor. A lot of good things are happening because of your efforts so let's keep having Fun!

Ken Slavin
2007-2008 President,
Rotary Club of West El Paso



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On Clubs – from Groucho Marx

“I don't care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members”.

“I have a mind to join a club and beat you over the head with it.”

From the wealthiest person in America – Bill Gates

“Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose”.

“Like almost everyone who uses e-mail, I receive a ton of spam every day. Much of it offers to help me get out of debt or get rich quick. It would be funny if it weren't so exciting”.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the regular Board meeting date has been changed to Monday, October 15th at the Sunland Park Holiday Inn, right after the regular Monday Club meeting.

West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

- ✓ October 1st - Jaime Esparza, a Stem Cell Donor relates his experience
- ✓ October 8th - Open
- ✓ October 15th - Togo Railey - UTEP Miners '66 Basketball Player
- ✓ October 22nd - Earthwatch Expedition - Carey Beamesderfer
- ✓ October 29th - Ken Hudnall - Author of "The Ghost of El Paso"
- ✓ November 5th - Club Assembly

Rotary Websites

Rotary Club of West El Paso
www.rotaryweselpaso.org

Rotary District 5520
www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

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

The 4-Way Test

Members of Rotary 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?”

Holiday Party 2007 Date Set

It's not too early for us to mark our holiday season calendar for December 13, 2007 – The Club Holiday Party will be held that evening at Club member Gerri Wootten's home, beginning at 6:30 PM.

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