

# LA MESA



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## MORE NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED AT OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

It's getting to be a habit – and a very good one. In recent weeks, the Club has added four new members, including two at the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting – see photo below. And what do all four of these new members have in common? They each were brought to a Club meeting as a guest by a Club member. A big *La Mesa* welcome to Sandra Boswell and David Veloz!

Look for introductions on each of our new members in *La Mesa* in coming weeks



*President, Ken Slavin (left) welcomes our two newest Club members: Sandra Boswell (third from left) and David Veloz (second from right). Sandra and David are flanked by their sponsors, Club members Ellen Speights (second from left) and Lorraine Huit (far right)*

# PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Neil Armstrong had landed on the moon just the year before; The Rotary Club of West El Paso had been formed just eight years before; Richard Nixon has just begun his second year of his first term as President; the editor of the La Mesa would turn twenty-two that year, and West El Paso Rotary Club Member, Bill Mottinger would complete his first year of perfect Club meeting attendance – in case you haven't done the arithmetic yet, that would be 37 years of perfect attendance.

Close on Bill's heels is Izzy Duran with 25 years. Other receiving attendance awards included Chava Gonzalez, Jesse Allen and Cliff Walsh - all with three years of perfect attendance. Kathleen Goff, and Wes Schotten completed their first year with perfect attendance.



Above: Izzy Duran and Bill Mottinger pose with Ken Slavin after receiving pins and certificates for Perfect Attendance from the Club at the October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGE ANNOUNCED FOR 2008 PARADE COMMITTEE



Outgoing Chair, Cliff Walsh (left) with new Chair, Carey Beamesderfer

Back in 2003, Cliff Walsh became a member of the Rotary Club of West El Paso – shortly after, he became Chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee. The 2007 version of our parade was the tenth anniversary of this Club event. Cliff has decided to step down as Chair and Carey Beamesderfer has agreed to take his place. Carey, along with his wife, was an active member of last year's Parade Committee, taking the responsibility of doing the mail outs for potential Parade entrants and handling registrations.

Outgoing Chair Cliff Walsh commented that, "The parade committee is a great way to meet and get to know Rotarians, not just our club members but others who also help us out on each 4th of July. It is

also a great way to meet the community and see how much energy and vitality they bring to parade day". Cliff also noted that, "The Parade is a great way to give back to community and show the Rotary way. It was my honor to serve as the chair of the Parade committee for several years

and I hope that we can continue to inject fresh new ideas through new committee members as the parade goes into its next 10 years of giving to the community. . . . I know that Carey will receive the level of support and enthusiasm that I received while he serves in his new position as the Parade Chair.”

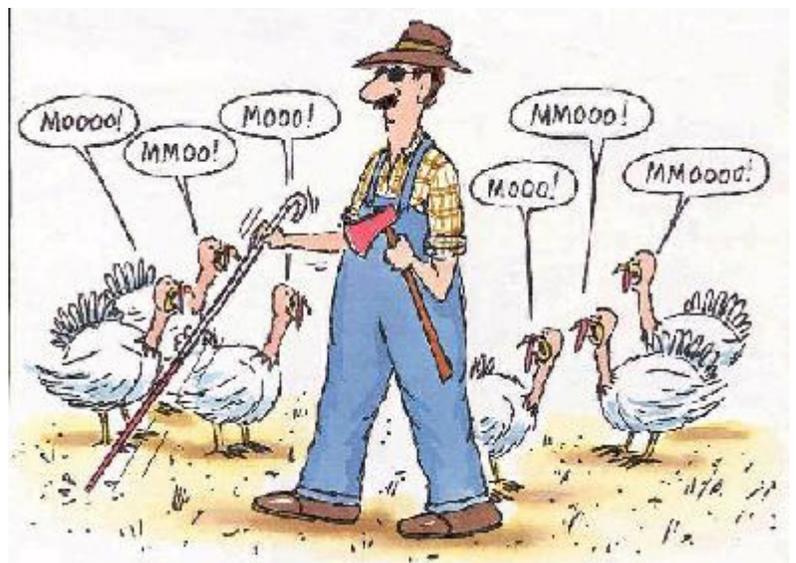
New Chair Carey Beamesderfer had this to say about his new responsibilities:

*According to Wikipedia, a parade is an organized procession of people along a street, often in costumes, and often accompanied by floats or sometimes large, lighter-than-air balloons with complex shapes. It goes on to say that parade floats were first introduced in the middle ages when churches used pageant wagons as moveable scenery for passion plays. The wagons were pulled throughout the town. The name was derived from the first floats which were decorated barges that were towed along canals with ropes held by parade marchers on the shore.*

*Well, we no longer pull barges, but we did have some outstanding floats in our 2007 Independence Day parade. Special thanks to Cliff Walsh and last year's parade committee for an outstanding job. We had a total of 80 entries, and over 20,000 people watched them perform. It was truly an awesome site as well as an incredible finish to a decade of successful parades, made possible by our El Paso West Side Rotary Club. As we begin our next decade of parade sponsorship, let us re-dedicate ourselves to giving the citizens of El Paso and the borderland, a parade to remember. I encourage each of you to contribute in some small way to its success, and help by soliciting new applicants, high school marching bands, etc. and creating another spectacular float to represent us. Lets build on our past success and have some fun doing it."*



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## West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

✓ November 5th - Club Assembly

## Rotary Websites

**Rotary Club of West El Paso**  
[www.rotaryweselpaso.org](http://www.rotaryweselpaso.org)

**Rotary District 5520**  
[www.rotary5520.org](http://www.rotary5520.org)

**Rotary International**  
[www.rotary.org](http://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:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Is it the TRUTH?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER**

**FRIENDSHIPS?**

**4<sup>th</sup> 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 Wooten's home, beginning at 6:30 PM. Ticket are \$15 per person and need to be purchased in advance.

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