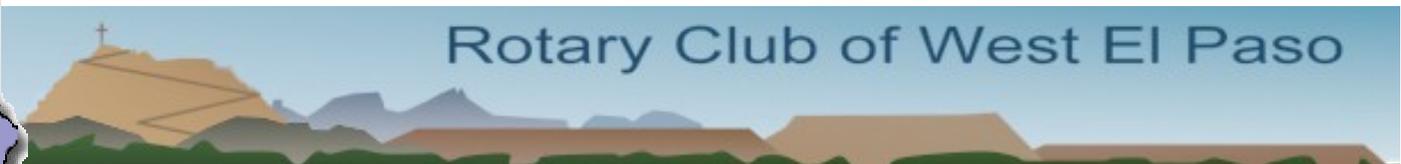


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A NEW MEMBER INDUCTION; WWII VETS FEATURED AT NOV. 12TH MEETING

By 1:10 PM at the November 12th Club meeting, a handful of members had slipped away out the back of the meeting room to attend to urgent business; the rest of us sat quietly, “. . . you could have heard a pin drop”, as octogenarian Angel Romero spoke softly into the microphone, recounting his WW II experiences as a paratrooper at D-day and the battles beyond to reclaim Europe. Earlier in the program, “Beamey” Beamesderfer recounted his similar experiences at being one of the first to land in France on D-day. The words of these two “brothers in arms” gave added meaning to Veterans Day 2007. A recent documentary on WWII said that about a thousand of our WWII vets are leaving us each day as they push into their older years – special indeed to hear first hand of their war experiences.



Above: “Beamey” Beamesderfer (left) and Angel Romero fought on D-day and beyond, and told their story at the last Club meeting.

Also on the program, Club President, Ken Slavin inducted another new Club member – Gail Gale was also sponsored by Ken and joins the Club in the “Sales Professional” category. Welcome, Gail. The “natural” theme for the Club this year has got to me the many new members that have joined our Club since the beginning of the Club year on July 1st.





Russell Autry (photo at left) recently joined the Rotary Club of West El Paso, having transferred from the Anthony Rotary Club – Welcome Russell!



Ken's Korner

As Thanksgiving approaches next week, I hope you will hit the "pause button" on your increasingly hectic lives and reflect a moment on all the blessings you have. I finally found the pause button today after a few particularly stressful weeks and it has helped me realize how silly I am about thinking life is sometimes just too rough for me. Life really is not rough at all for me because of the people I am blessed to know and lean on. The support and kind words from many of you over the last few weeks has been humbling. Because of you, I have gone from great worry about next year's golf tournament to optimism about showcasing our Club in another wonderful event for the El Paso community and the projects we support. So here is my list for giving thanks this holiday week:

1. For Carey Beamesderfer's love affair with 4th of July Parades and his difficulty saying "No"
2. For Pat Brower's joyous humor that endures those achy weather changes

3. For Dana Vogelmeier love of kids and high rope climbs
4. For Bob Peterson's strange addiction to golf tournament fundraisers
5. For Mike Schmid's bean counting abilities
6. For Bart Oglesby's ability to tell jokes that are not just offensive to lawyers
7. For King Grandpa Izzy's failure to teach his kids about birth control
8. Most of all, for your generosity to this Club with you time, talents and treasures.



Remember turkey is a drug so do not over-indulge and sleep through the entire Thanksgiving Holiday. And be sure to hit that "pause button" during the Cowboys game for something more than going to the bathroom. You will be thankful you did!

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

eCLUB ONE MAKE UPS

eClub make up procedures have been featured in La Mesa in the past – for those who want to "go direct", see this link – it will take you direct to eClub: <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

An eClub make up will take 30 minutes and can be done from your computer 24/7 and 365 days a year. You can specify that your eClub make up notifications be emailed directly by eClub to our Club secretary, Pat Brower at tpbrower@sbcglobal.net who will get your makeup logged onto your Club attendance record. Easy and convenient!

West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

- ✓ November 19th – District Governor Jackie Morgan
- ✓ November 26th – El Paso Youth Chorale Society

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. Ticket are \$15 per person and need to be purchased in advance.

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