



ROTARY CLUB OF WEST EL PASO
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Newsletter - Week of February 6, 2012

Thought: (The greatest discovery you will ever make is the potential of your own mind - Jose Silva)

This Week: On Monday - *February 6* - Mayra De La Canal - City of El Paso - Dept. of Economic Development
 - *February 13* - Greg Allen - Chief of Police for the City of El Paso
 - *February 20* - El Paso Dept of Tourism
 - *February 27* - Advocacy Center of El Paso - starring Happy Bear <http://www.advocacycenter.org/>

West El Paso Rotary Club is visited by both El Paso City and Rotary International VIP's

On Monday, January 30th the Rotary Club of West El Paso was honored to have several key people from both Rotary International and the City of El Paso present at our Club meeting. They included Past Rotary International President - Frank Devlin (from Mexico City); Past RI Vice President - Sonny Brown (an El Paso resident), and El Paso City Manager - Joyce Wilson (our guest speaker). Thank you to all.



Top Left - Alexander Domino (Exchange Student - Denmark)
 Top Middle - Sonny Brown; Frank Devlin (Right)
 Bottom Row - Lorraine Huit, Francis Reyes, Gail Gale

Joyce Wilson - El Paso City Manager

February Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Birthdays

- February 03 - John Walker
- February 07 - Jesse Allen
- February 13 - Ingo Klein
- February 18 - Marcos Lizarraga
- February 23 - Mike Schmid

Anniversaries (Years of Service with RCWEP)

- Bill Hagan - 23 Years
- Dave Driscoll - 22 Years
- Chava Gonzalez - 8 Years
- Gerri Wootten - 7 Years
- Moni Ward - 2 Years

P.E.T.S. is Coming (President Elect Training Seminar) Presidents-Elect are required to attend. Presidents Elect-Elect, Membership Directors/Chairs, and Public Relations Directors/Chairs are strongly encouraged to attend since PETS will emphasize these areas of club responsibility. All District 5520 Committee Chairs, LGs and AGs and other Leadership Team Members are expected to attend.

Register at: <http://rotary5520.org/training/index.html>

Rotary District 5520 PETS 2012 (for 2012-2013 Rotary Year)

Sign-in beginning at noon, Opening Session 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012

Ends noon Saturday, March 10, 2012 - Cost, including meals is \$90.

Location: Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North Hotel

Reminder: Bring a check and size requirements to cover the cost of your District 5520 "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" shirt to our Club meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012.



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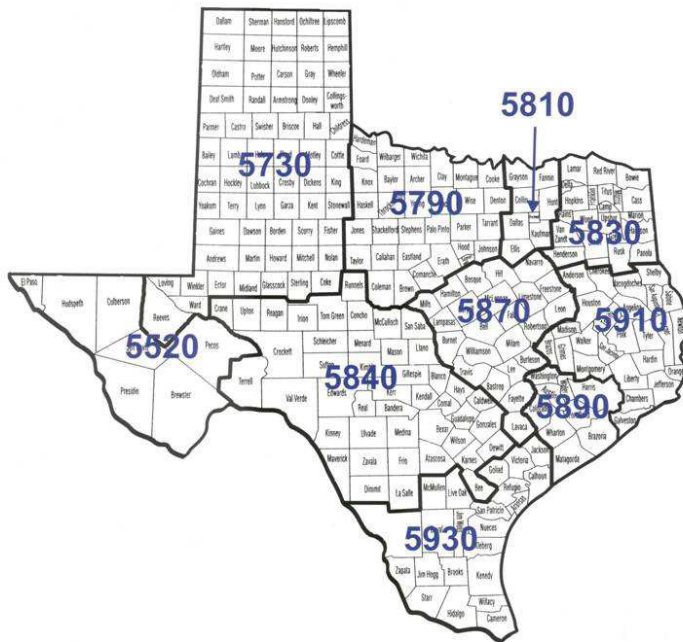


July 4, 2012 - Parade Day - It's on a Wednesday this year.



This year's Parade Committee Chair is Lorraine Huit. She is looking for volunteers to help her with our Club's 16th Independence Day Parade. Please join us on Friday, February 10th at 7:30am at the Pastry Chef restaurant on Shadow Mountain for our kick-off meeting. Help us put the PLAN together. **We need you!!**

Do You Know Our Neighbors? The Rotary Club of West El Paso belongs to District 5520 which includes all of New Mexico as well. Here is a map of the other Districts in Texas. Also, our friends and neighbors to the South - in Juarez, Mexico are part of District 4110 - <http://www.rotary4110.org>



District 5730 - Northwest Texas - <http://www.ridistrict5730.org/>
 District 5840 - South Central Texas - <http://www.rotary5840.org/>



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Rotary Fellowships (continued): *This week's Fellowships are:*



<http://www.rotariansquilt.org/>

The Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists is a group dedicated to promoting quilting and fiber arts as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship is an avenue of providing help to those in need, such as: tactile quilts for the blind, warm quilts for children who are in the care of social services because of neglect or abuse, and quilts or fabric toys to comfort children in countries that have experienced war, famine or other disasters. The fellowship is open to Rotarians, partners or widows of Rotarians, Inner Wheel members, and members of Rotaract who work in this art form or have an appreciation for its beauty, design and history around the globe. The RFQFA has dues that must be current in order to be a member in good standing. Dues are \$15/year (US\$) or \$100 for Lifetime Membership. Dues will be billed annually. Dues are used for administrative costs, such as maintenance of the website, postage, etc.

"..Just as the pieces of the quilt are sewn together with interlocking stitches, all people are linked together in the fabric of our world. In a way, the patchwork quilt represents all the different people of the world. We are individual in our attitudes, life-styles, and backgrounds, yet we share so much of what it means to be human."

Teresa Gustafson "Love Is a Blanket"

(RSFI) Rotarian Singles Fellowship International - <http://www.rsfiinternational.org/>

The Rotarian Singles Fellowship is one of the newest of the Rotary Fellowships. It began in Oakland, California (District 5170) in 2007; RSF California was the first founding Chapter. All Single Rotarians can join RSF International. The only requirements for joining are that you are a Rotarian and Single. As RSFI grows they look forward to having Chapters located worldwide. Once a member you are encouraged to become involved. Any questions should be sent via email to: info@RSFIInternational.org Networking with fellow Rotarian Singles and friends is a delightful way to share ideas, make travel easier and more economical by sharing room expenses, provide support for Rotary service activities, make lasting friendships and practice the ideals of Rotary. (This is not a dating service.) Membership is \$20/year.

Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship - <http://www.rotarywine.net>



Their objective is to learn more about wine, wine and food pairings and any other topics related to the appreciation of wine so that your appreciation of good wine will be enhanced. They will accomplish that by sharing their own knowledge and experiences and by learning from the many wine experts and knowledgeable Rotarians throughout the world. They want you to become actively involved in their fellowship and to share your tasting notes and wine experiences. The Wine Appreciation Fellowship is a wonderful learning tool for those who are interested in expanding their knowledge and sharing ideas regarding all aspects of wine appreciation. The fellowship has an email newsletter and members are encouraged to visit the interactive wine website frequently for updates, features, articles and information on wine events and trips. Annual meetings are held at the RI International Conventions. Membership is \$20/year.



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Rotary Action Groups (continued) <http://www.ragdiabetes.org/>



Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes



The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that diabetes-related deaths will increase by more than 50 percent in the next 10 years without some kind of intervention. Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes (RAG Diabetes) charter president PDC C. Wayne Edwards is leading this Rotary organization to provide the opportunity of Service to attack the problems caused by diabetes. "Our RAG Diabetes will be a positive force in increasing the awareness of diabetes, coordinating treatment and education of diabetes patients, and providing diabetic supplies. Please join us in the Rotarian effort to manage and reduce this worldwide epidemic."

To be successful in our efforts to combat the worldwide diabetes epidemic, we must build a structure. Your membership is essential to the success of the RAGDiabetes. Joining together we can be a major force for Rotary Service in diabetes related programs. Annual membership is \$25. As a member of the RAGDiabetes, the following membership benefits will be available to you:

- Awareness of the availability of funds for diabetes projects;
- Notification of worldwide diabetes projects
- Opportunities of service with diabetes projects;
- and a Periodic RAGDiabetes newsletter.

Rotary Minute

In the annual Rotary calendar several months are designated to emphasize major programs of Rotary International. The Rotary fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th.

- * July is a "Club" Month. This is the time when each club begins its new fiscal calendar and works to promote its membership and activities to the individual communities it serves.
- * August is "Membership and Extension" Month, a time to focus on Rotary's continuing need for growth, to seek new members and form new clubs.
- * September is "New Generations" Month. Rotary clubs of the world give special emphasis to the many Rotary-sponsored programs which serve children and young people. During this month many clubs give increased attention to youth exchange activities, such as RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact and Rotaract.
- * October is "Vocational Service" Month. During this period, clubs highlight the importance of the business and professional life of each Rotarian. Special activities promote the vocational avenue of service.
- * November is "Rotary Foundation" Month. Clubs and districts call attention to the programs of The Rotary Foundation and frequently cultivate additional financial support for the Foundation by promoting contributions for Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members.
- * December is "Family" Month. A time to celebrate family life and holiday fun.
- * January is "Rotary Awareness" Month. This is a time to expand knowledge of Rotary and its activities among our membership and throughout the community.
- * February is designated as "World Understanding" Month. This month was chosen because it includes the birthday of Rotary International, February 23. During the month, Rotary clubs are urged to present programs which promote international understanding & goodwill, as well as launch World Community Service projects in other parts of the world.
- * March is "Literacy" Month. It's a time when Rotary clubs and districts promote Literacy awareness in their communities and around the world.
- * April is set aside as "Rotary's Magazine" Month. Throughout the month, clubs arrange programs and activities which promote the reading and use of The Rotarian magazine and the official regional magazines of Rotary.



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- * May is another "Club" Month where the club is free to choose its own theme and promote growth and fellowship. Typically the District Conference is held in May to celebrate the success of the past Rotary year.
- * June is "Rotary Fellowship" Month - A time for reflection on the past year and a look forward to the new year with its new theme and new slate of club and district officers and directors.

Each of these special months serves to elevate the awareness among Rotarians of some of the excellent programs of service which occur within the world of Rotary.

Local Clubs & their Meeting Times:

[El Paso "Downtown Rotary Club"](#) - Meetings Thursday at Noon at The El Paso Community Foundation -333 North Oregon Street -1st Floor

[The Sunrise Rotary Club of El Paso](#) - Meetings Wednesday at 7:00am Holiday Inn Sunland Park

[Rotary Club of El Paso Franklin Mountains](#) - Meetings Thursday at 6:00pm El Paso Comm College - Transmountain

[Rotary Club of East El Paso](#) - Meetings Tuesday at Noon at Jaxons on Airway Blvd

[Northeast El Paso Rotary Club](#) - Meetings on Friday at Noon at Golden Corral on Transmountain Road

[Rotary Club of El Paso - Vista Hills](#) - Meetings on Wednesday at Noon at Vista Hills Country Club

[Camino Real Club](#)- Meetings Wednesday ay 6:30pm at Camino Real Hotel

Do You Remember? A little less than 2 years ago!! These 3 people became Blue Badge members.



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