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Youth Program News

The Franklin Club is well underway and we have our first event this weekend that involves LITERACY. The entire community is invited to attend, and both of our clubs, the Santa Teresa and Franklin clubs will be represented. In collaboration with Gems Gems on the west side, we are meeting at their warehouse inside the Compass Bank in the back of the building for a book sorting party for further distribution at their store to promote literacy in the Greater El Paso area. The event is Saturday, February 21, from 9:30 - 11:30 (you too will be encouraged to take books home or to distribute at your own discretion). The address is 7744 North Loop and is close to the EPCC campus. We hope you will meet us there with friends and family, no RSVP is necessary and this is a quarterly event that they do to involve the community and inform them of their mission to become a more literate city!

Our second event will be March 8th, in which the students will help at my poetry and art booth at the "Imagine-Peace" Event sponsored and held at the YWCA on Brown St. off of Schuster/ Murchison. The opening ceremonies will be around 12:30 and the event will take place until 4 p.m. There will cross denominational choirs, dancing, entertainment to promote multi-culturism and peace beginning from "within" yourself, the community and extending into the world! I serve on the board at the YWCA who is hosting this event, and our clubs are shooting for Presidential designations, and world peace is a category.

RYLA applications are available for Juniors in high school and are due by April 1st. Go to or prompt eligible students to download and print from the website: www.rotary5520.org

Lastly, we will be holding our informational meeting about Interact for Coronado students that are 14-18 and Freshman on up to Seniors on Wednesday, March 4th at lunch time. This will be the first step to initiating a club at CHS as we have a wonderful club sponsor who is related to our fellow club member Sandy Boswell. Her daughter, Kim Haefner a teacher at Coronado is working with me to initiate this new club. If you know of any students in your family, your neighborhood or at your church who attend CHS, please tell them about this new club coming to their school.

We will have some exciting service opportunities for youth coming up in the summer months that they can pick and choose from such as: The West Texas Food Bank, Operation School Bell, Gems Gems and to participate in our parade! As usual all West El Paso Rotarians will be invited and encouraged to attend any events with these youth clubs, as well as their parents and teacher sponsors. The goal is to serve our community, putting service above self and promote life-long membership in Rotary!

I sure have missed seeing all of you on Mondays, but it is a great feeling to see these clubs become a reality. I can't wait until you meet these kids, they are awesome! Please attend some of our events and meet them, you will be glad you did!

- Gail Gail

New Member Directory

Carey Beamesderfer, our club secretary, is working on a new club directory. If you have not supplied him with your information, please forward that to him as soon as possible. Also, if you have any thoughts on the club directory, let Carey know those as well.

Golf Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the golf tournament committee will be Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 5:30 at Caro Lewis's office. All interested members are welcome to attend.

Proposed Member

Norm Peters has proposed a new member, Joey Espinoza. Joey is a long time resident of El Paso and works with Wells Fargo Bank. He has been a visitor at our club for the last three weeks. If there are comments on his membership please contact Jesse Allen. Thanks to Norm for bringing us a prospective member, and let's all think of friends and business associates that would make good Rotarians.

Upcoming Programs

February 23 - City of El Paso, Environmental Services Dept/Ellen Smyth, Director

March 2 - Sunland Park Race Track & Casino/Bruce Brubaker, HR Director

March 9 - Gem's Gems, A Project for Children's Literacy/Lizeth Modesto



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<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 OODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4th Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

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