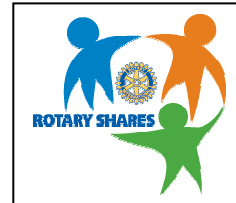


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FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT RESCUE MISSION OF EL PASO

Contributed by Dana Vogelmeier

Our current economic conditions are taking a toll on many El Pasoans and people all over the country. In a "Local Impact" survey of 180 food banks, conducted by America's Second Harvest between late April and early May 2008, 99 percent of respondents reported an increase in the



number of people being served today compared to one year ago. The average increase reported was between 15 and 20 percent. More than 90 percent of the respondents cited increasing food and fuel prices as a primary factor driving the increases in need. Other factors included inadequate food stamp benefits, unemployment, underemployment, and rent or mortgage costs. (source: Secondharvest.org)

Since there is such a big need, we have contacted the Rescue Mission of El Paso. They would greatly benefit and be happy to have us participate in a canned food drive.

As a way of highlighting the issue and demonstrating our "Service Above Self" motto, we have decided to tie this in with the community. We will be asking parade spectators to bring a canned good to the parade. We'll collect them and put them on our float as we walk the parade route. The following day, we'll take them to the Rescue Mission as our donation.

Please be sure to bring your canned goods donations to either the July 4th parade to put on the float or to the July 7th meeting.

WEST EL PASO NEW ROTARY BOARD INSTALLATION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 30th

THE PARTY's ON US!!
(That is your Rotary Club of West El Paso)

So no excuses, come on over to the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino and join all your fellow club members in installing our new President Jesse Allen and the 2008-2009 Board of Directors.

We also want to thank Ken Slavin, our outgoing President for a job well done as he hands over the gavel to Jesse.

When: Monday, June 30th – 6:30 PM
Where: Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino
Mt. Cristo Rey Room
Cost: Free to Rotary of West El Paso members and
Their spouse or significant other
Dress: Business Casual

Please RSVP no later than June 24th to
Russell Autry at 833-1234 or r.autry @reuelgroup.com. Have guests? The cost is just \$20

PLEASE REMEMBER - NO MONDAY NOON MEETING ON JUNE 30th. THE INSTALLATION
TAKES THE PLACE OF THE MEETING



Photo at left: Just how fast did that Rotary year go by? Our new - at the time - Club President, Ken Slavin (left), stands with Dan Schulte, our guest speaker, at the *last* Club Installation on June 27, 2007.

TWO NEW CLUB MEMBERS PROPOSED

The Club Board has approved two new members for publication as follows:

- Gail E. Logan who is sponsored by Jim Maxon. Gail is a CPA
- Carol Waltersheid who is sponsored by Ellen Speights. Carol is in Banking

West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

(Note: Some Programs and dates are tentative!)

- ✓ **June 16th – Assistance League of El Paso**
- ✓ **June 23rd – To be announced**
- ✓ **June 30th – New Board Installation in lieu of regular Club meeting**
- ✓ **July 7th – To be announced**
- ✓ **July 14th – Sun Metro Director Tim Omick and PIO Cynthia Grajeda**
- ✓ **July 21st – LULAC Executive Director Xavier Banales**
- ✓ **July 28th – Classification Program (Fellowship and Fun)**

QUESTION: WHAT'S A “CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM”?

Well, we will have one at our regular Club meeting on July 28th according to our new Vice President, Karen Walton. The Classification Program is something that Karen brings from her time at her last Rotary Club in Alaska. It's a good way to introduce all the established Rotarians to the new ones. Essentially, one member leads off with a two-minute presentation about themselves – family, work, education, fun stuff. Then that person picks someone to go next and so on. There will be a time keeper so no one gets long winded.

Rotary Websites

Rotary Club of West El Paso
www.rotarywestelpaso.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?”

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