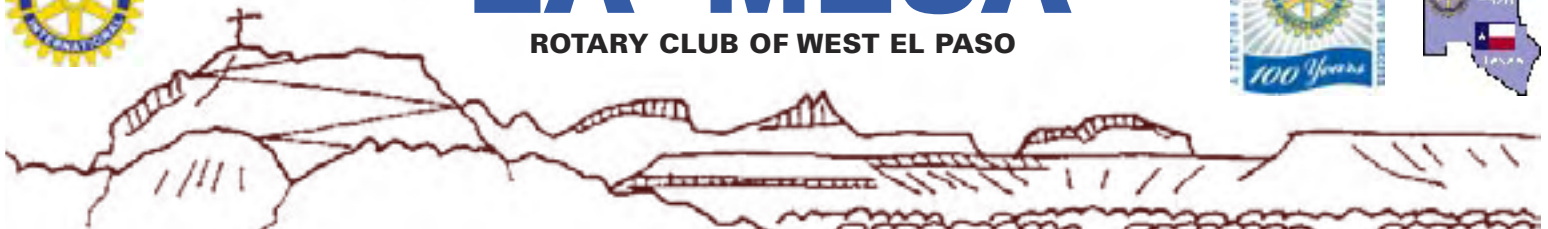




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ROTARY NEWS

Installation Dinner

The West El Paso Rotary Club will Install the New Board on Friday, June 24th. An International Dinner featuring foods from France, Italy, Brazil, and the US in a progressive dinner format.

Volunteer for the parade

The 4th of July Parade, sponsored by the Rotary Club of West El Paso, is fast upon us. If you haven't volunteered yet – and who wouldn't want to volunteer for such a fun event? – contact Richard Knopp at 581-8141. Not only does the parade bring joy to young and old alike, it is a great way to spend some time with your fellow Rotarians.



Rotarians targeted by scam e-mails

The latest wave of e-mail “phishing” scams targeting Rotarians are especially confusing because the senders’ addresses appear

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Harsh Rwanda reality shows need for Rotary

By Rick LoBello, President - Rotary Club of West El Paso

Thanks to wireless Internet and my little laptop, I am able to write you from my hotel room as I take a little break. In a few hours I will be meeting with the Wildlife Director of ORTPN, the country’s agency that oversees national parks, to discuss my plan for the guidebook



I am working on in cooperation with the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund (DFGF). On June 15, I will join Rotarians at the Novotel Umbano Kigali to give them a report on the activities of our club and to visit their number one project in helping to rebuild their country.

They are building a library for the capital city and have already received helped from Rotarians in Europe. I am sure that I will be well received and will no doubt come away from the meeting inspired even further to encourage Rotarians to help these people overcome one of the world’s most horrific tragedies of the 20th Century.

On my way over I visited with Joseph Shyaka while waiting for my plane in Nairobi. He told me of his new business as a broker for various businesses in Rwanda needing services in Kenya. I told him the purpose of my visit to Rwanda and how I was a Ro-

tarian hoping to work on some projects to help his country.

He said that he had two sisters and a little family in Kigali. The rest of his family was killed in 1994 during the genocide. He was in Burundi at the time and remembers talking to his brother Mark on the phone and how he was confident that they would be OK since they had white friends in the neighborhood that could help protect them.

If you saw the movie Hotel Rwanda, you know that most of the white



people left, as did most of the UN soldiers during the conflict. He never heard from his brother again.

All of this reminds me of the horror of World War II, and I can't help but think of all the people who were killed as I drive down the highways and look out my hotel window. The neighborhood where Dr. Alecia Lilly of the DFGF lives looks just like a scene from the movie.

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Rwanda... *continued from front*

On my first day I had lunch with Lilly and her staff. Upon pulling into the compound I met a staff person who was unloading a semi-truck load of medicines earmarked to help the people in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

He spoke French so I could not start up much of a conversation with him, but I could clearly see that he was playing a critical role in helping untold thousands of people who were suffering from political unrest across the border.



More than 3-million people have been killed in Congo over the past decade, and just outside a major relief effort was a few feet away from my luggage. I know that when I come back I will come back with a renewed commitment to live my life as a Rotarian.

I hope that you will consider joining me.

Notes... *continued from front*

to be coming from the "rotaryintl.org" domain used by the Secretariat. Rotarians should keep in mind that Rotary International will not ask for personal information to be updated via email or other electronic means. Immediately deleted any e-mail that appears to be from the rotaryintl.org domain requesting that Rotarians "confirm account information" by clicking on a link or else their "account will be suspended for security reasons." Rotarians who may have submitted sensitive personal information such as member access passwords, security codes, or credit card numbers as a result of such a scam are advised to change that information immediately.

Rotarians celebrate 100 at Paris Marathon

A youthful centennial may be an oxymoron to wordsmiths, but to the 232 Rotarians who participated in the Paris Marathon to mark Rotary's 100th anniversary, it was a

sprightly statement about commitment to service. Clad in Rotary's blue-and-gold colors, the runners came from 40 Rotary districts in 15 countries. According to Jean-Claude Brocart, governor of District 1700 and initiator of the Paris Marathon centennial project, the team was one of the largest contingents to enter the race. A total of 35,000 people participated in the marathon on April 10. "Our target was to communicate about Rotary and Polio-Plus and to give a dynamic and young picture of Rotary," Brocart said. "Every runner, especially the numerous foreigners, was quite satisfied."

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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MEETINGS

Monday: Holiday Inn - Sunland Park, **12 PM**

EL PASO MAKEUPS

Tuesday: **East El Paso, 12 PM**

Airport Hilton

Wednesday: **Sunrise, 7 AM**

Sunland Park Holiday Inn

Vista Hills, 12 PM

Vista Hills Country Club

Thursday: **El Paso, 12 PM**

1st Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

Anthony, 12 PM

Dos Lagos Golf Club

Franklin Mountains, 5:45 PM

Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria

Friday: **Northeast, 12 PM**

Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria

JUAREZ MAKEUPS

Tuesday: **Juarez Sur, 2:30 PM**

Campestre Juarez

Wednesday: Cd. Juarez, **1:30 PM**

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Chamizal, **2:00 PM**

Rest. Barrigas Monumental

Juarez Americas, **3:00 PM**

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Frontera, **7:30 PM**

Rest. Viva Mexico

Thursday: **Juarez Paso del Norte, 2:00 PM**

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Empresarial, **2:30 PM**

Rest. Barrigas Mon.

Friday: **Juarez Industrial, 2:00 PM**

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Ejecutivo, **2:00 PM**

Mision de Los Lagos

Juarez Norte, **8:30 PM**

Casino Juarez

Juarez Oriente, **9:00 PM**

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