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July 16-23

Girls RYLA

July 18

Leonie Struve

our exchange student

Jeff Banks

UTEP Asst Football Coach

July 23-29

Boys RYLA

July 25

Mayor John Cook

August 1

RYLA Campers

August 8

Chandra Almony

*AVANCE - El Paso Chapter
(Helps young El Paso families
break cycle of poverty)*

August 15

Randy Gleason

*Rotary International
Foundation*

August 22

Dr. Manny De La Rosa

*Regional Dean
Texas Tech Health Sciences
Center*

August 29

Club Assembly

September 17

**District Membership
E-Conference**



Matching Grants Top Clubs International Service Efforts

By Chava Gonzalez, International Service Director - RCWEP

The job description of a Rotarian is very simple. It consists of three parts: (a) we help the less fortunate; (b) we find the money to do it with; and (c) we enjoy working on a and b.

The Matching Grant Program is by far the best way of working on part (a). For every \$1 that our club contributes, the community gets \$7. In addition, you can't beat the opportunity of fellowship. We can visit with our sister clubs and also have a chance to visit the projects.

Our Rotary sister clubs provide many of these opportunities. They are the Juárez Industrial, Torreón Centenario and the Juárez Integra clubs.

My plan is to find two more sister clubs this Rotary year – possibly one in Chihuahua City and the other in Durango, Mexico.

We've also received approval for matching grants, including \$17,500,

in conjunction with the Juárez Industrial club. This grant will provide computers for the El Paso Zoo learning center.

At this time, the matching grant money is in a Rotary Club of West El Paso account. It's a matter of having the zoo set up a temporary location for the learning center while the new facility is being built. Once the above is done, the learning center will be established.

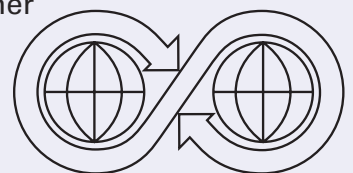
Also, we are working on a matching grant for \$21,000 with the Torreón Centenario club to provide and install kitchen equipment in six elementary schools in Torreón, Mexico. The Torreón Centenario club is in the process of sending their \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation. I will ask Bill Willey to send our \$3,000 as soon as I get confirmation from our sister club in Torreón.

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World Community Service

A World Community Service project is born when Rotary clubs from two or more countries join together to accomplish a community service project. The WCS program links Rotary clubs needing extra help with clubs in other countries that are willing to provide funds, materials, and technical and professional assistance.

The World Community Service program was officially launched in 1967. Since then, thousands of WCS projects involving Rotarians around the world have been completed. Each year, Rotary clubs pro-



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ROTARY NEWS

Exchange student ready to arrive in August

Dave Driscoll reports that Maiko Ando, who will be our club's exchange student this school year, will arrive in early August to prepare for the upcoming semester at Franklin High School.

Maiko comes from Inabe, Japan, a town of 15,000 whose economy revolves around agriculture. Our club has now found host families for her stay and we expect her to have a great year getting to know a new country and culture.

Return parade gear

Our club's Fourth of July Parade gave thousands a good dose of patriotic fun this year. Virtually all of our members helped out, giving it nice participation by our club members and the community. Richard Knopp, who chaired the parade day organization, asks that any members who still have orange vests or flags or other parade gear be sure to return it to him, so it can be saved for next year.

Plane crash claims four Rotarians

Four members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians died in an airplane crash in Long Island Sound, Conn., on June 27. Herbert K. Rollins III and his wife, Patricia, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Peter Walsh and his wife, Helen, of Wagga Wagga, New South

Wales, Australia, were on their way from Maine to Groton-New London Airport when their single-engine Cessna 182 went down in foggy weather. The plane was one of 22 carrying some 70 members of the fellowship participating in an East Coast flying tour after attending the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago.

Rotaractors conquer Everest for Centennial

A team of three intrepid mountaineers from the Rotaract Club of New Road City, Kathmandu, Nepal, celebrated Rotary's centennial by climbing to the top of Mount Everest in late May. "It's the holiest place in Nepal, and we thought it would be a unique way to celebrate 100 years of Rotary service," says Moni Mulepati, a member of the party. "We wanted to promote peace and understanding in the world and recognize Rotary's part in that." There was a tinge of Hollywood to the Rotaractors' ascent. Mulepati and her sweetheart, Pem Dorjee Sherpa, held a surprise exchange of marriage vows on the world's highest peak. They had kept their courtship and marriage plans a secret from family, friends, and even fellow climber Kami Sherpa.



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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?"

Grants... continued from front

Going forward, we will look at another matching grant with the Juárez Industrial club. That club has three possible projects. We should choose the one that impacts the most amount of people, especially children.

We should be getting something from Industrial in the next couple of weeks. We could plan a trip to Juárez to visit the proposed projects. This would also give us a good opportunity for fellowship.

Once our club's Board approves the project, I will try to have everything ready for signing in November.

Rotary Websites

Rotary Club of West El Paso:
www.rotarywestelpaso.org

The IOS Futures Golf Classic:
www.elpasofutures.org

Rotary District 5520:
www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International:
www.rotary.org

eClubOne:
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

WCS... *continued from front*

vide an estimated US\$26 million in funds and supplies.

World Community Service projects have three criteria.

- The project must be humanitarian in nature.
- Rotarians in two or more Rotary countries must be involved.
- One of the participating countries must contain the site of the project.

Eligible World Community Service projects include international projects that are:

- Listed in the WCS Projects Exchange Database;
- Formed through networking at international conventions or other meetings;
- Identified by Group Study Exchange teams;
- Completed with pooled funds, shared donated goods, or volunteers assistance; or
- Recipients of grants from The Rotary Foundation.

Trustees make changes to humanitarian grants

At their April 2005 meeting, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation made some changes to the Matching Grants program and placed a moratorium on the award of Individual Grants.

The Trustees decision raises the minimum Matching Grant award to US\$5,000, effective 1 July 2005. This change is aimed at focusing on sustainable projects that have a greater impact on communities. Applications submitted before 31 March 2005, however, may be funded under the previous rules if they are complete by 31 October 2005.

Beginning 1 July 2006, the host partner of a Matching Grant in the project country is required to make a minimum contribution of \$100. The Trustees based this decision on evidence that projects that include a financial contribution from the local community have greater local investment and oversight.

In addition, effective 1 July 2006, Matching Grant applications will require a project committee of at least three Rotarians to oversee the project's implementation.

The Trustees also decided to place a moratorium on Individu-

al Grants, as of 1 July 2005. However, all applications submitted in the 2004-05 program year may be funded if they are complete by 31 October 2005.

Other decisions from the meeting involve grant application and reporting requirements:

◆ Effective 1 July 2005, progress reports will be required every 12 months for the life of a grant, with a final report due within two months of the project's completion. All grants approved after 1 July 2005 will be subject to these new reporting requirements. After 31 December 2006, all grants will be subject to these reporting requirements regardless of when they were approved.

◆ Effective 1 July 2006, the district grants subcommittee is required to review applications before they are submitted to the Foundation.

◆ Effective 1 July 2006, sponsors have up to six months to meet all conditions for approval of a grant application and six months to meet all conditions for payment from the time the grant is awarded. The application will be withdrawn and the grant canceled if the respective deadlines are not met.

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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

Hotel Holiday Inn