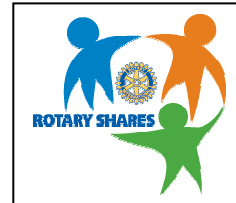


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INTRODUCING SOFI KAPLAN

Sofi Kaplan is one of many new members that have joined the Rotary Club of West El Paso since the Rotary year began on July 1st. Sofi was sponsored by Ken Slavin.



She is from Mexico City where she attended school and was educated as a Montessori Guide and Creative Dance teacher. Her father, Bernardo Ozner, is an active District 4170 Rotary Governor in Mexico City where he oversees 90 clubs. He has been active in Rotary since 1993 and has traveled around the world to all district conferences and 11 conventions. Sofi tells us that she had been encouraged by her parents and husband to join the Rotary Club and to get involved in public service.

Sofi married husband, Carlos Kaplan in 1992 and they have enjoyed living in El Paso since then. They have a business in consumer lending and sell luxury items primarily on the internet. They sell mostly Montblanc Limited Edition fountain pens. Sofi helps her husband in managing the merchandise and making sure it reaches its destination. Her husband and his family have a business called Kaplan Mortgage that helps people with less than perfect credit be able to purchase homes.

Sofi has two children - Jonathan is 13 and Aleeza is 11. Sofi has been active in her children's schools and have been involved in volunteer activities since arriving in El Paso.

New West El Paso Rotarians wear a red name badge – one of the requirements to retire one's red badge and to receive a blue badge is completing a makeup at another Rotary Club. Not satisfied to just makeup at a local Club, Sofi, joined by her family, really did a special makeup. They visited a Rotary Club in La Jolla, California. According to Sofi, this was no ordinary Club meeting – they planned a exceptional meal and program, including a concert violinist performing along with members of the San Diego Opera. Sofi and her family were warmly welcomed and introduced to the La Jolla Club. Sofi says that she has seen first hand what Rotary can do to unite a family, and she feels she is part of a world organization that is in involved in many positive activities – Sofi looks forward to being active in the Rotary Club of West El Paso.



WELP Rotary Adds Another New Member . . .

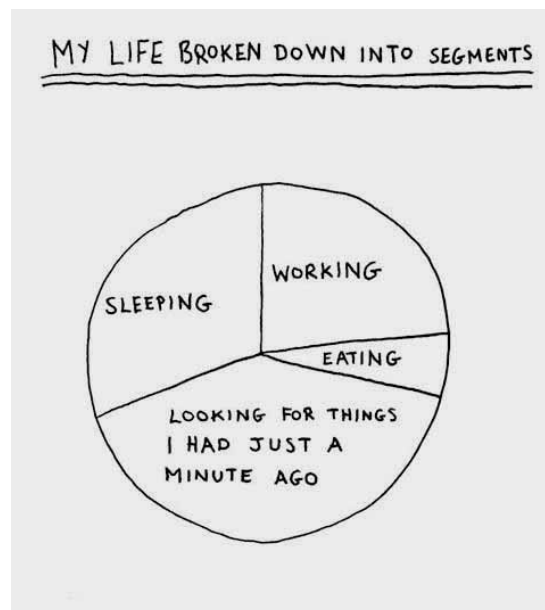
It's getting hard to keep up with – and isn't that nice! With so many new members joining the Rotary Club of West El Paso. The latest, Karen Walton, shown at left with President Ken Slavin, is transferring from a Rotary Club in far away Alaska where she, among other activities, served a term as the Club's president. Welcome to El Paso and the Rotary Club of West El Paso, Karen!



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As 2008 races up on us, some of us (the editor for sure) can reflect on the swift passage of time and the effects of aging!



West El Paso Rotary Upcoming Programs

- ✓ December 3rd (Tentative) El Paso Youth Orchestra
- ✓ December 10th Food Basket Preparation and Delivery for Candlelighters
- ✓ December 17th District 5520 Governor Jackie Morgan
- ✓ December 24th Christmas Eve – No Meeting
- ✓ December 31st New Year's Eve – No Meeting

Rotary Websites

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



Holiday Party 2007 Deadline for Tickets

The Club Holiday Party will be held on December 13th at Club member Gerri Wootten's home, beginning at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and need to be purchased in advance, no later than Friday, December 7th!! Members will soon be receiving a map to Gerri's home in the mail.

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