

# SERVICE ABOVE SELF DEL ROTARIO

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## LOCATIONS

IF YOU MISS OUR TUESDAY MEETING YOU CAN MAKE UP ON WEDNESDAYS IN EAGLE PASS, THURSDAY IN BRACKETVILLE, THURSDAY IN ACUNA, OR MONDAY IN UVALDE.

ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH THE CLUB BOARD MEETS AT THE RAMADA INN AT NOON. ON THE THIRD THURSDAY THERE IS A MEETING OF THE ROTARY HOUSING BOARD AT ROTARY HOUSING MEETING ROOM.

THERE IS REALLY NO REASON TO NOT HAVE 100% ADDENDANCE.

## 4 WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE SAY AND DO

1. *Is it the truth?*
2. *Is it fair to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build good will and better friendships?*
4. *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

**Rotary International**  
President: William B. Boyd  
District Governor: Bruce Flohr  
Assistant Governor Fred Bowers  
Del Rio Rotary Club  
President: Mike DeBruhl  
President Elect: Tony Hernandez  
Secretary: Jan Clayton  
Treasurer: Terry Fernandez  
Past President: Gilbert Mercado  
Directors: Alan Cox, Emily Cooper,  
Deborah Draper, Brenda Hunter,  
Carol Lee, Rey Sanchez  
Sgt-at-Arms: Kurt Lemp



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19th

Put it on your calendar. The Christmas Dinner and party will be at the San Felipe Country Club this year. The time is

scheduled to be: happy hour at 6:30 pm and dinner starting around 7:00. There will be music and a fabulous dinner. Sign up now and let's make this a good time for all.

So far we have over 100 people signed up to attend. If you haven't signed up, don't worry. Come and bring a guest. The more the merrier.

## ELECTION

OFFICERS FOR 2007/2008

The Election is over and we have a new slate of officers for the coming year.

Elected a year ago is President : Tony Hernandez.

Elected 12/12 are

President Elect: Kurt Lemp

Secretary: Deborah Draper

Treasurer: Maria Martinez

Directors: Abner Martinez, Alida Helgerman, Cynthia Meissner,

David Ortiz, and Terry Fernandez.

Congratulations and the work is just beginning.

## ATTENDANCE

Richard Berain  
Bob Bishop  
Aida Campos  
Ruben Cisneros  
Jay Dobbins  
John Plumb  
Bianca Rocha  
Amanda Mossman  
Gilbert Mercado  
Ed Sanchez  
Bill Sontag  
Garry Stehle  
Susan Taylor  
Emily Cooper  
María Martínez  
Gerardo Mares  
Claudia Guerra  
Todd Felton  
George Fenimore  
Frances Rodriguez  
70% Our Goal

### SGT-AT-ARMS REPORT

#### Member Birthdays

Otila Gonzalez 12/13

#### Partners Birthdays

None this week

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Blake and Jacqueline Lewis  
12/14 10 years

#### Club Anniversaries

Deborah Draper and Brenda Hunter  
12/14 7 years  
Jeff Mahl 12/17 15 years  
Joe San Miguel 12/18 17 years

### Rotary Moment

Ches Perry continued. Paul's and Ches's lives had been intertwined for 40 years. They were so different and yet so similar in purpose and vision. Their differences strengthened Rotary because each was able to bring strength where the other was weak, but their passion for the ideal of service, their single-minded determination that tolerance and ethics and fellowship were Rotary's driving forces far outweighed their personality differences. At Paul's death Ches was there to help organize the funeral. The future of Rotary had not dimmed. "The grandeur of Rotarianism is in its future, not in its past," Paul had said in his farewell address to the 1912 convention, as he bade farewell after two years of leading the association. Ches Perry married Jessie Booth, a Chicago socialite. Ches was a workaholic, inevitably the first person to arrive at the office and the last to leave. "Saturdays, Sundays, nights and holidays meant nothing to him," Paul had once said. "He was always there. He only took one vacation in 25 years." The marriage failed, and for the rest of his career, Ches was married to his work. In a club survey sent to all Chicago Rotarians in 1919, Ches answered the questions as follows:  
**Question:** What is your favorite game?  
**Answer:** Baseball.

**Question:** What is your particular hobby?

**Answer:** My work.

**Question:** What is your foremost accomplishment?

**Answer:** My work.

Indeed it was.

"It has been said that no man is indispensable. I don't believe it. I know such a man," 1914-15 RI President Frank Mulholland said of Perry.<sup>11</sup>

Although he seldom laughed, never joked, and was a strict administrator, Ches Perry was the keyway that made the Rotary wheel work.

Albert I, king of Belgium, knighted Perry in 1927 in recognition of his services to Rotary. When he retired on 30 June 1942, the organization, which had numbered one club when he joined, had grown to more than 5,000 clubs around the globe. Despite an avalanche of requests that he run for president of Rotary International, he declined. Ches returned to his home club, ultimately serving it as president and lived in Evanston until his death on 21 February 1960. At the time of his passing, the organization he had helped form had 10,400 clubs from 115 countries.

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