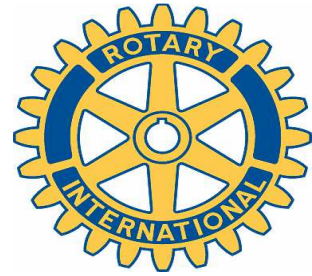


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News of the Rotary Club of Del Rio, Texas



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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.

FOUR WAY TEST THINGS WE THINK, 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

Valentines Dinner

If you didn't make it to the Valentine's Day Party and Dinner, you missed out on a great time. Dinner was fabulous, music was great, and camaraderie, second to none. Some of us are surprised as to the dancing abilities of some of our members. Everyone had a memorable time and are looking forward to the next fellowship get together



WEDDING PARTY

Pictured are the members of the wedding party who traveled to Valentine, Texas, Valentines Day, for the nuptials of Mike and Alma "DeBruhl". Tony and Lily stopped by and picked up Mike and Alma. They then proceeded to Larry and Helen's house to complete the group for the trip to the wedding. Congratulations to both Mike and Alma.

SGT-AT-ARMS

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

- 12 BRENDA HUNTER
- 17 MIKE COPLAN
- 18 JOHN SONTAG
- 21 DEBORAH DRAPER

PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS

- 01 BILL COOPER
- 01 CONCHITA SAN MIGUEL
- 11 JEAN FAGAN
- 12 ELAINE KEMP
- 17 LILY HERNANDEZ
- 24 SANDRA ARRANAGA

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 JEFF & RAMONA MAHL 33
- 17 GERALD & JANIS WILSON 46
- 20 ARMANDO & SUSIE RIOJAS 25
- 22 IRMA&EDUARDO MONTEMAYOR 26
- 23 FREDD & PAT BOWERS 33

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 CHESTER RUTIGLIANO 32yr.
- 09 LARRY LINDENSCHMIDT 19YRS

ATTENDANCE

Missed meeting

Richard Berain, Val Cadena, Jan Clayton, Emily Cooper, Alan Cox, Jay Dobbins, Raul Dominguez, Deborah Draper, Jim Fagan, Todd Felton, George Fenimore, Otila Gonzalez, Haygood Gulley, Larry Lindenschmidt, Gerardo Mares, Irma Montemayor, Miriam Quiz, Alberto Munquia, Harold O'Leary, David Ortiz, Jose Palafox, John Plumb, Jennifer Ramage, Armando Riojas, Bianca Rocha Del Rio, Frances Rodriguez, Joe San Miguel, Ed Sanchez, Bill Sontag, Garry Stehle, Lila Stitts, Susan Taylor, and Najla Weathersbee.

50% Attendance

APPS

Area Presidents Problem Solving

This has been a worth while program that has helped several presidents do a little better job performing their duties this year. It has been, basically, a round table meeting of presidents to offer both problems and solutions that have affected all clubs.

The program will probably be continues next year with modifications.

The final meeting of APPS will be this Saturday, for our area. If you are aware of problems or solutions that our club has addressed, please contact President Mike or President Elect Tony during the week. PE's are going to be at the final meeting.

ROTARY MOMENT

As the Rotary movement spread through continental Europe in the 1920s, especially those countries where the Roman Catholic Church was influential, rumors surfaced about Rotary's connection to Freemasonry. In some countries, the local Masonic lodge is considered a meeting place for fraternal fellowship, while in others, it's suspected as a dark and secret society. Although some Rotarians were Freemasons, Paul Harris argued forcefully that the movement had no special connection with Masonry. "I will answer by unequivocally stating that I have never been a Freemason, nor have I either directly or indirectly had any dealings or relationship with them," he wrote in a letter to Romanian district governor Agripa Popescu in 1937. "I can say that Rotary has never been in any manner associated with Masonry, and I have never heard of Masonry's having influenced or attempted to influence Rotary."

In the late 1920s, certain Catholic Church officials embarked on a campaign against Rotary. The authoritative Vatican journal *Civiltà Cattolica* leveled severe criticism at the organization, based on the alleged link between Freemasonry and the Rotary Code of Ethics.

This moralizing and philosophical teaching, the church leaders claimed, indicated that Rotary was promoting itself as a universal religion, in opposition to the church's view that the pope is the leader of the one true church. "By presenting itself as a guide to good living, in complete independence of any denominational creed or moral authority, Rotary encourages the all too common view that man is his own sufficient guide in interpreting the moral law," explained the pamphlet "Forbidden and Suspect Societies."

The Vatican banned priests from Rotary club membership—despite the affirmation by the many Rotarian priests that they had never witnessed any Masonic connection or promotion of a universal religion in Rotary's manifesto.

"Many of our leading Catholic priests are enthusiastic Rotarians, and I believe that all our Catholic bishops admire the spirit and the work of Rotary," attested Father John Cavanaugh, CSC, of Notre Dame University in Indiana, USA. RI President Tom Sutton of Mexico—a Catholic—traveled to Rome and Madrid in 1929 to explain Rotary to bishops, cardinals, and the pope. Much of the antagonism had begun in Spain where, in 1928, the bishop of Palencia issued a bulletin titled "Good Catholics Cannot Belong to Rotary Clubs." The edict was widely publicized, and in 1929 the church issued a Resolution of the Holy Congregational Consistory that led to similar warnings from bishops in Spain, the Netherlands, and Quebec, Canada.

That same year, the RI Board drafted a statement declaring that Rotary had no connection with Freemasonry, that religious discussions were "positively forbidden in Rotary," and that it had no secret political connections of any kind. *La Civiltà Cattolica* published the eight-point statement and the Board considered eliminating the Code of Ethics but realized that would create dissent in its ranks, especially if it were suspected that it was done to appease the Pope. So they chose a more passive approach. New members who had traditionally been issued a framed placard of the Rotary Code of Ethics would now receive the Object of Rotary.