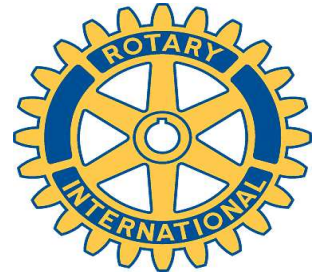


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**News of the Rotary Club of Del Rio, Texas**



Meeting each Tuesday at the Ramada Inn 12:00 noon

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**LOCATIONS**

*IF YOU MISS OUR TUESDAY MEETING YOU CAN MAKE UP ON WEDNESDAYS IN EAGLE PASS, THURSDAY IN BRACKETT-VILLE, 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.*

**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

involved with Interact. They were so successful that the District 5840 awarded many of the members with Honorary Paul Harris Fellows. After graduation she became active in Rotaract and soon became their President. You can almost figure that she built Rotaract from the remnants of Interact. And as we all know, she took the only possible course. She became a Rotarian and seldom misses a meeting and does many makeups. We should be proud of her. Thanks Amanda, for being one of us.

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**NOTE**

We will have the Orientation on Wednesday March 21st at the Ramada. We need RSVP by March 20th at Rotary lunch to reserve space. Orientation is a necessary and rewarding function of Rotary International.

**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?**

**Rotaract**

We should all be very proud of our Rotaract Club. Cynthia Meissner stayed busy getting them started and now the duty seems to have fallen on Dr. Irma Montemayor. Others have obviously helped in many ways. A.J. Flores, Rotaract President updated us on the latest actions by their club. We have in our midst one of the "grow your own". How many of us remember Amanda Mossman, the high school student who got very

## SGT-AT-ARMS

### MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

27 JAY DOBBINS 50  
31 KURT LEMP 46  
29 JEFF MAHL 64

### PARTNERS BIRTHDAYS

20 SUSAN CADENA "VAL Jr"

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

28 ALAN & BECKY COX 32  
40

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

39  
20 MIKE DEBRUHL 6  
20 NAJLA WEATHERSBEE 17

## ATTENDANCE

### Missed meeting

Tocho Arranaga, Richard Berain, Bob Bishop, Pat Bowers, Val Cadena Jr., Aida Campos, Ruben Cisneros, Jan Clayton, Mike Coplan, Mike DeBruhl, Fred Delgado, Jay Dobbins, Todd Felton, George Fenimore, Claudia Guerra, Haygood Gully, Alida Helgerman, Danielle Hill, Jack Houghton, Carol Lee, Gerardo Mares, Larry Mariner, Abner Martinez, Maria Martinez, Hector Montolva, Miriam Quiz, John Plumb, Armando Riojas, Bianca Rocha Del Rio, Frances Rodriguez, Alma Salinas, Ed Sanchez, Lee Schwertfeger, Bill Sontag, Garry Stehle, Susan Taylor,

46% Attendance

## ROTARY MOMENT

**P**olio. For most of the 20th

century, few single words could evoke more fear. In the late 19th century, before poliomyelitis had ever been clinically diagnosed, epidemics of "infantile paralysis" hit communities in Europe and North America.

The crippling disease strikes without warning, usually choosing for its victims, children who will be forever robbed of the simple gift of walking to school or playing with friends. By 1916, when a polio epidemic that started in New York City paralyzed 27,000 people and killed 7,000 nationwide, the disease had become a dreaded scourge. Some of Rotary's earliest programs involved "crippled children's work," and for a while it seemed that the organization might adopt the cause as its main service objective. Resolution 23-34 at the 1923 St. Louis convention, which enacted the rule that Rotary clubs were autonomous and that RI could not enforce Rotary-wide programs on them, defeated that proposal.

But throughout the years many Rotary clubs continued to provide wheelchairs, vocational training, family assistance, Handicamps (summer camps for disabled youth), and other benevolent acts for disabled children and young people.

But Rotary's emphasis was traditionally on the aftereffects of polio, not on the cause. Perhaps that was because for half a century polio confounded even the experts. Some blamed it on the stable fly; others claimed minute water droplets carried the airborne virus. One fact was clear: polio did not discriminate. It inflicted its devastating effects on children and adults, black and white, urban dwellers and remote villagers, rich and poor. It crippled babies in the ghettos; it did the same to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, scion of one of America's wealthiest families and a future president of the United States.

Physicians finally discovered that poliomyelitis was a virus, not a bacterium. It enters the body through the mouth and multiplies in the throat and intestines, attacking the nerves in the spinal cord. When the flow of impulses from the brain to the spine is interrupted, the affected muscle fibers shrivel and die.

This caused the Polio Plus action.