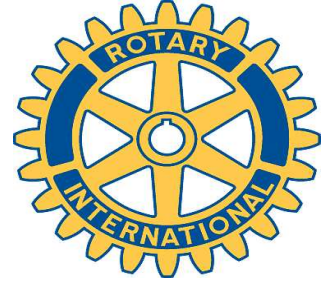


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LOCATIONS

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

We would like to grant Rotary U degrees to those Rotarians who have satisfied the requirements for a degree. We currently have seven folders in the Rotary U file box and only two of those folders have been completed.

I know that many more Rotarians have satisfied requirements for a degree, but we have been unable to verify that information due to missing folders or incomplete information.

From Rey Sanchez

District Convention

Our upcoming District Convention plans are well on their way to completion. May 18th is the date of the start of the convention to be held in San Antonio. Be sure and come to this event. It is well worth your time.

It is at the old Pearl Brewery.

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?*

TEMPORARY MIKE

Mike has been to his last meeting for the near future.

For now we are in the very capable hands of President Elect Tony Hernandez. Let's all get behind him and try to lessen the load he has to bear.

Tony has called a meeting of his new board on the this coming Thursday at 11:45 at the Country club.

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, Bob Bishop, Pat Bowers, Aida Campos, Jan Clayton, Alan Cox, Fred Delgado, Deborah Draper, Jay Dobbins, Todd Felton, George Fenimore, Claudia Guerra, Alida Helgerman, Jack Houghton, Carol Lee, Gerardo Mares, Abner Martinez, Alberto Munquia, David Ortiz, Joe Palafox, John Plumb, Armando Riojas, Joe San Miguel, Ed Sanchez.

63.24% Attendance

District Assembly 2007/2008

The District assembly is being held in Fredericksburg on the 14th of April. All present directors should urge the directors and committee leaders for 2007/2008 to attend this assembly. Think about being one step ahead on the knowledge needed to lead in the fields that will be discussed at the meeting. There will be discussions on the District Convention, International Convention and report on New Clubs, and goals. District goals and youth exchange will be discussed.

There will be break-out sessions for secretaries and treasurers. Rotary University, of which Del Rio is one of only two in the district, will be covered. Public relations and Membership will be other discussions.

Covered will be Earlyact, Rotaract, and Interact. Sessions on the Foundation and International Service will

follow. Ending the assembly, other than President Elect Training, will be Vocational Service, RYLA, Community Service, and Club Leadership.

These are all important subjects that are necessary for the successful year of Rotary.

If you are a director, officer, committee member or just interested in any of these subjects, make it a plan to attend. There is a lot of work put into this event and it is really a shame to miss any of it that could benefit everyone. Make plans, the time is soon, soon!!!

ROTARY MOMENT

One of Rotary's distinctive characteristics is that, with the exception of RI directors, who serve two-year terms, and Rotary Foundation trustees with four-year terms, the entire leadership in the organization changes every 1 July. It happens with officers in the smallest club all the way to the Rotary International president. Imagine how a multinational business with 31,000 branches and 1.2 million associates could function if each executive, each branch manager, were to turn over every year. Yet it works effectively in Rotary—and has done so for 100 years. Indeed, this annual change demands that Rotary have a continual supply of good leaders to keep the Rotary wheel rolling; otherwise the entire machine would fail. The continuity called for in long-term strategic planning is maintained, the counsel of past officers is there when advice is needed, but the new crop of leaders brings vitality, fresh ideas, and enthusiasm to the organization and its service mission

"Our strength is in our continuity, the chain of service that links past governor to current governor ... past president to present president ... Rotary veterans to newest inductees," wrote Paulo V.C. Costa of Santos, Brazil, when he was RI president in 1991. "It is the melding of experience and innovation that makes Rotary strong yet flexible."

Articles on leadership dominated the pages of The Rotarian throughout the first few decades. They were a collection of how-to features on business methods, ethical practices, salesmanship, employee relations, and character development.

When the Rotary Code of Ethics was adopted in 1915, many additional stories and convention workshops focused on the importance of incorporating those qualities as everyday practices within Rotarians' trades and professions.

In the early years, senior officers advanced in much the same way as political candidates. Clubs or districts wanting to see their man as governor, director, or RI president would announce his candidacy and then launch a campaign for his election. Over time, certain Rotarians became known as "king makers," and some clubs and districts were considered powerhouses of votes. Early Rotary conventions resembled the political rallies of today, with banners, badges, and back-room deals all designed to promote the standing of one candidate over another.

Between 1913 and 1916, a system began to evolve whereby candidates for elective office were chosen by nominating committees. By 1970, this became the universal method of selecting leaders in Rotary, and campaigning or politicking in any form was forbidden. The change seemed appropriate for a volunteer organization built on fellowship and the ideal of service to others.

Rotary has been an excellent breeding ground for leaders. RI's 1946-47 President Richard C. Hedke of Detroit wrote: "Rotary conceives of the individual Rotary club as a training ground for leaders for the long crusade to raise business standards, improve community well-being, and enlarge total world understanding. It is as simple as that."