

# Del Rotario

The voice of the Del Rio Rotary Club



## Texans for Lawsuit Reform Update

Chris Hughston has been a valued advisor to Texans for Lawsuit Reform since its formation in 1994. He is a 3rd generation native of South Texas and an active community organization supporter. The Texans for Lawsuit Reform organization is a grassroots group of over 16,000 members whose common goal is to make Texas the beacon state for civil justice in America. Since 1994, when the Texas civil justice system was widely regarded as the worst in the United States, TLR has helped write and get passed the most comprehensive package of lawsuit reforms in the country, and a comprehensive analysis by the Pacific Research Institute in 2007 concluded that the Texas

civil justice reforms “had created the best legal model in the nation...although more remains to be done”. Our thanks to Chris for a very informative and enjoyable meeting. Learn more about his organization and its activities at

[www.tortreform.com](http://www.tortreform.com)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don't forget that Saturday, October 18, the city has requested our help with another playground installation. This one is to be at 14th & Ave B. More details to follow...

October 15 is the application deadline for outbound GSE team members for the spring 2009 exchange to France. Full information can be found at

[www.rotary5840.org/GroupStudyExchange.cfm](http://www.rotary5840.org/GroupStudyExchange.cfm)

Jeff Mahl is still looking for a host family for our exchange student Tiffany Hung. If you are interested, or know someone in town who might be interested, please speak to Jeff. Hosting an exchange student is a wonderful experience, for both you and the student! Try it. It's easy, and will make for some wonderful memories.

The District Governor has requested that all Rotarians update their contact information on the District website: [www.rotary5840.org](http://www.rotary5840.org). Doing so will help keep our district dues low.

## Member News

**Sergeant-at-Arms Report for 10/6-10/11:**

**Member birthdays:**

**Partner birthdays:**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**  
Jacques & Liz DeLaMota, 10/7, 13 yrs

**Club Anniversaries:** Otila

Gonzalez, 10/10, 8 yrs;  
Tony Hernandez, 10/7, 5 yrs;  
Miriam Muniz-Quiz, 10/11, 3 yrs;  
Jose Palafox, 10/10, 2 yrs

**Other news of interest:** If you know something, pass it on! Drop me an e-mail, or tell me at a meeting, and I'll make sure it gets in the

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Alma's new grandbaby! Soon to be a Washington, D.C. resident...



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## Coming Events

- Tuesday, 10/7 noon, Ramada; Program Interim SFDRICIS Superintendent Tommy Hall
- Monday, 10/13, noon, Ramada; Board meeting
- Tuesday, 10/14, noon, Ramada; Program DRHS Athletic Director Dan Hurley
- Thursday, 10/16, noon, Rotary Housing; Rotary Housing board meeting
- Saturday, 10/18, 8 am, 14th & Ave B; Playground installation
- Tuesday, 10/21 noon, Ramada; Program Veronica Galindo, Southwest Texas Blood Bank

## Del Rio Rotary

- [www.delriorotary.com](http://www.delriorotary.com)
- President.....Kurt Lemp  
President-Elect.....  
Najla Weathersbee  
Secretary.....Deborah Draper  
Treasurer.....Cheryl Stidham  
Exec Sec/Treasurer .....  
Fred Bowers  
Sgt-at-Arms .....Larry Mariner  
Imm Past Pres .....  
Tony Hernandez  
Directors:  
Pat Bowers (Service Projects)  
Mike Coplan  
(Rotary International)  
Danielle Hill  
(Club Administration)  
David Ortiz (Fundraising)  
Jennifer Ramage  
(Community Outreach)  
Rey Sanchez (Membership)

# A Rotary Moment



*“Little which is worthwhile comes without effort. It could not be appreciated if it were so to come. Rotary was not the result of a stroke of genius; in fact, there is little if anything, even original about it. There is wisdom in the expression, ‘There is nothing new under the sun,’”*

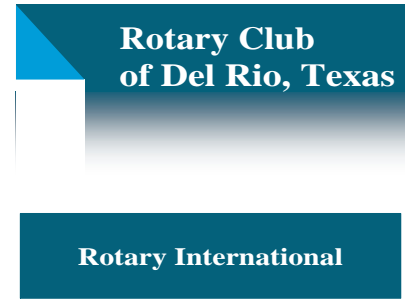
Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, page 73 [www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/rotarianage/](http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/rotarianage/)

Paul Harris would often modestly claim that Rotary was not the gigantic discovery that perhaps some thought. It is certainly true that many similar groups predate the founding of Rotary in 1905 see- <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/history/history/otherorganizations/prerotary/index.htm> – groups whose aims would often involve ‘friendship’ or ‘fellowship’ and ‘working for the common good’ but what Paul Harris succeeded in achieving was the amalgamation of all of these ideals.

Yes, Rotary is essentially a simple truth that when we come together we can change lives and make a difference and we are greater as one truly international group of community volunteers than we ever can be as 1.2 million individuals.

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District 1020  
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Rotary International

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

International President.....D. K. Lee

District 5840

[www.rotary5840.org](http://www.rotary5840.org)

Governor..... James Montgomery

Asst District Governor...Evelyne Barbutti

## The 4-Way Test of the Things We Think, Say and Do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?
3. Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?

## Attendance Statistics...as of 9/30/08

Abbott, Emile...85.7%	Hill, Danielle....100%	Sontag, Bill....57.1%
Amaro, Edgardo....85.7%	Hill, Randy.....33.3%	Sontag, John....100%
Arranaga, Tocho....14.3%	Houghton, Jack....64.3%	Stehle, Garry....100%
Beavan, Rachel....42.9%	Hung, Tiffany...50%	Stidham, Cheryl....100%
Bishop, Bob....85.7%	Hunter, Brenda....50%	Stitts, Lila....50%
Bonnee, Michael...100%	Khoury, Nick.....100%	Taylor, Susan....0%
Bowers, Fred....100%	Lemp, Kurt....100%	Weathersbee, Najla....100%
Bowers, Pat....100%	Lewis, Bill....92.9%	Williams, Hugh....100%
Cadena, Val....71.4%	Lewis, Blake....100%	Wilson, Gerald....100%
Cadena Jr., Val ....100%	Mahl, Jeff....100%	Wimsatt, Angela....30.8%
Campos, Aida....100%	Mariner, Larry....100%	
Clayton, Jan....100%	Martinez, Abner....35.7%	<b>Total Members: 78</b>
Collins, Frances....7.1%	Martinez, Maria....21.4%	<b>Exempt this meeting: 5</b>
Cooper, Emily....100%	Meissner, Cynthia....0%	<b>Required to attend: 73</b>
Coplan, Mike....100%	Montalvo, Hector....100%	<b>Credit attendance: 44</b>
Cox, Alan....71.4%	Montemayor, Irma....0%	<b>Attendance %: 60</b>
Daniels, Rita....100%	Munguia, Alberto....0%	
DeLaMota, Jacques.85.7%	Muniz-Quiz, Miriam....50%	<b>Guests: Juan Leon</b>
Del Rio, Polo.....50%	O'Leary, Harold....100%	<b>(Jacques DeLaMota), Lee</b>
Delagrang, Laurent....50%	Ortiz, David....92.9%	<b>Weathersbee (Najla Weath-</b>
Delgado, Fred....57.1%	Palafax, Jose....21.4%	<b>ersbee)</b>
Dobbins, Jay....69.2%	Perez, Melissa....92.9%	
Doucette, John.....0%	Pina, Jonathan....100%	<b>A \$35 gift certificate to The</b>
Draper, Deborah....100%	Plumb, John....21.4%	<b>Verandah was donated by</b>
Fenimore, George....21.4%	Prather, Angela....66.7%	<b>Rita Daniels for the scholar-</b>
Fernandez, Terry....71.4%	Ramage, Jennifer....100%	<b>ship drawing, and was won</b>
Foley, Dan...64.3%	Rocha del Rio, Bianca....0%	<b>by Larry Mariner. \$41 was</b>
Garcia, Elena...42.9%	Rodriguez, Frances....7.1%	<b>raised. If you have some-</b>
George, Philip...64.3%	Rutigliano, Chester....85.7%	<b>thing you wish to donate,</b>
Gonzalez, Otila....71.4%	Salinas Debruhl, Alma....7.7%	<b>please bring it to the Tues-</b>
Guerra, Claudia....100%	San Miguel, Joe...85.7%	<b>day meeting.</b>
Gulley, Haygood....71.4%	Sanchez, Ed....28.6%	
Heide, Adriana....100%	Sanchez, Rey....100%	
Hernandez, Tony....100%	Schwertfeger, Lee....92.9%	

### Make-up Opportunities

**Monday: Uvalde**  
**Wednesday: Eagle Pass**  
**Thursday: Brackettville or**  
**Acuña**  
**2nd Mondays: Board**  
**3rd Thursdays: Rotary Housing**  
**Board**  
**On the web:**  
**[Rotary E Club One](#)**