

Del Rotario

The voice of the Del Rio Rotary Club



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Points of Interest

2nd in the series. Rotarian Dr. Susan Taylor expanded on the Medical changes being effected by Gov't Health Legislation. She presented a very detailed history of Medicare, Medicaid and "Cadillac" plans available to older people.

In 1935, when Social Security was enacted, Medicare was not added due fears of Government interference in Health Care. This held true until 1965. Medicare was born followed by Medicare, Medicare advantage plans Part C, and Part D and prescription Benefit. They have done exactly what the Government feared. Grown tremendously.

When Medicare went into effect in 1966, the ratio of taxpayer to beneficiaries over the age of 65 was relatively large. With baby boomers aging, the Medicare rolls are swelling. In terms of insurance risks, the Medicare and Medicaid population are the neediest and most expensive due to age and socio-economic status.

Drug pricing by Medicare is another extremely large problem, especially for small practices and in less populated areas. Drugs were moved from "Average Wholesale Pricing" to "Average Retail Pricing". This has resulted in most drugs that are purchased by small practices and billed to Medicare are reimbursed at less than acquisition cost. Large group practices, Hospitals in heavily populated areas can make a small profit for some drugs. Single physician practices can very easily lose money on drugs they administer to their in office patients.

The probable result of these actions is the closing or bankrupting of many medical practices in smaller, less populated areas, and the necessity created for "rural" populations having to travel to the larger higher populated areas for medical treatments.

Most of us have experienced this situation in the past and know of the problem associated

with going 150 miles from home to see a doctor and return home the same day, or staying away from home overnight adding the expense of a room and food for an extra day or more.

The trend is towards more large practices and government subsidized providers.

This is mainly due to increased purchasing power for supplies and drugs and due to the increased administrative burden of insurance billing, Electronic Medical Records and decreasing revenue.

To top all of the above, the Medicare Sustained Rate Growth has determined that Medicare will cut 21% from physician payments beginning at the end of February unless the Government extends the date or completely eliminates the reduction.

It does seem that we have a problem.

Member News

Sergeant-at-Arms Report for :
02/01/10 02/28/10

Member Birthdays:

Mike Coplan	17
Deborah Draper	21
Brenda Hunter	12
Melissa Ann Perez	22
John Sontag	18

Partner Birthdays

Sandra (Tocho) Arranaga	24
Bill (Emily) Cooper	01

Lily (Tony) Hernandez	17
Mister (Loral) Hunt	08
Elaine (Kurt) Lemp	12
Manuel (Roxy) Ortiz	23
Rudy (Mellissa) Perez	28
Conchita (Joe) SanMiguel	01

Wedding Anniversaries:

Fred & Pat Bowers	23	36
Jeff & Ramona	17	36
Irma & Eduardo Montemayor	22	29
Gerald & Janis Wilson	17	49

Club Anniversaries

Chester Rutigliano 04 35

PERKS of Growing Older

You sing along with elevator music.

Your eyes won't get much worse.

Philosophy of Ambiguity

1. Is there another word for synonym?
2. Where do Forest Rangers go to get away from it all?
3. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

A Rotary Moment



Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing resources to deliver urgently needed relief to the millions affected by Haiti's devastating earthquake. District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown in 55 planes filled with more than 50,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix to bypass logistical problems in the hard-hit capital of Port-au-Prince. The United Nations estimates that more than half of the buildings in the capital have collapsed. About 200,000 people are dead and millions more homeless. "Rotary had an incredible infrastructure established before the quake, which has made our relief efforts very effective," says Dick McCombe, past district governor and Haiti liaison chair. "We're flying in supplies through backdoor channels and doing things a lot of agencies can't do."

The district's Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation, is working with local clubs to deliver aid to Port-au-Prince and those who have taken refuge in the countryside. McCombe says Rotary was in a good position to help in Haiti, with 33 projects already underway to provide water, sanitation, medical care, and education. "We changed from teaching children how to read to saving their lives," says McCombe.

Clubs in the district have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for short- and long-term recovery. "Rotarians are incredibly generous and are doing what needs to be done," says McCombe. "We are setting aside some of these contributions for long-term recovery."

Rotarian Claude Surena, head of the Haiti Task Force and president of the Haitian Medical Association, is sheltering more than 100 injured people in his damaged home in Port-au-Prince. His house has become a makeshift hospital and medical distribution center. Within the next two weeks, McCombe says, a barge will be hired to transport 20 to 30 tons of clothes, blankets, folding beds, and other items to Haiti from Nassau, Bahamas.

ShelterBox has already delivered more than 3,300 containers to Haiti, with another 1,000 or more scheduled to be deployed. "This is the largest, quickest, and most complex deployment in our history," says John Leach, head of operations for ShelterBox. "We organized across four countries to get ShelterBoxes to the people of Haiti quickly." Each box contains a tent that houses 10 people as well as a stove, blankets, and other essential items. Doctors have been using supplies from the containers to treat the injured. Hospitals in the capital city are using the tents to provide emergency shelter for postoperative patients. "There's hundreds of thousands of people that are injured. The walking wounded are everywhere," says Mark Pearson, one of three Shelter Box response team members in Haiti. "People are getting taken to hospital now, eight, nine days later."

The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund primarily for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate toward recovery efforts. The fund has raised more than \$48,000 so far. A one-time \$5 donation to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund can be made by texting ROTARY to 90999.

Rotary International

www.rotary.org

International President.....John Kerry

District 5840

www.rotary5840.org

Governor..... Clarence "Reggie" Williams

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

Members **Attendance**
Bold = Missed meeting Consecutive missed meetings
 effective 01/01/2010 signified by number missed

Abbott, Emile		Gulley, Haygood	
Arranaga, Tocho	4	Heide, Adriana	
Ayers, Jeff		Heilner, Bill	
Kevin Bass		Hernandez, Tony	
Beavan, Rachel	4	Hill, Danielle	
Bishop, Bob		Hill, Randy	
Bonnee, Michael	2	Hunt, Loral	3
Bowers, Fred		Hunter, Brenda	
Bowers, Pat		Johnson, Cheryl	4
Boyd, Glenn		Khoury, Nick	
Cadena, Val		Lemp, Kurt	
Cadena Jr., Val		Lewis, Bill	
Campos, Aida		Lewis, Blake	
Clayton, Jan		Mahl, Jeff	
Collins, Frances	3	Mariner, Larry	
Cooper, Emily	2	Martinez, Abner	
Cooper, Kelt	2	Martinez, Maria	
Coplan, Mike		Montemayor, Irma	2
Cox, Alan		O'Leary, Harold	
Daniels, Rita		Ortiz, David	
Davenport, Polly		Ortiz, Roxy	
DeLaMota, Jacques		Palafax, Jose	2
Del Rio, Polo		Perez, Melissa Ann	
Delagrang, Laurent		Pina, Jonathan	
Delgado, Fred		Plumb, John	3
DeMotte, Paul		Prather, Angela	
Draper, Deborah		Ramage, Jennifer	
Fernandez, Terry		Reyes, Belinda	
Garcia, Elena		Rodriguez, Frances	4
George, Philip	3	Rutigliano, Chester	
Gonzalez, Otila		San Miguel, Joe	
Guerra, Claudia		Sanchez, Rey	
		Sontag, Bill	
		Sontag, John	
		Stehle, Garry	
		Taylor, Susan	

Taylor, Tommy 4
 Weathersbee, Najla
 Williams, Hugh
 Wilson, Gerald

Total Members: 71
 Credit attendance 47
 Attendance %: 66

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](#)

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCH BUCKET

1/19/10 = 1102.65

Bucket = 60.03

New total for

1/26/10

\$1162.68

Fred Bowers won the draw and picked a three of spades. He donated his winnings to the Scholarship Fund and on a second drawing he won peanut brittle donated by Kurt Lemp.

Thanks Kurt and Fred.