



# Espanola Rotary News

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## PETS Conference in Arizona March 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>



This was a great conference. Before attending I had little idea of what Rotary International was all about. Friday morning started with a parade of flags from every nation in the world. I felt like an Olympian, witnessing a great event, with amazing people at an extraordinary moment in time. The rest of weekend did not disappoint either. Besides participating in small daily group seminars, covering the basics of effective-functioning Rotary Clubs, I met with other Pres-Elects who were in the same situation as me. Some of the best learning happened by being with each other.

There was a lot of energy also generated by key motivational Rotarian speakers from across the USA. One guest speaker's speech was entitled, "The Reluctant Rotarian" I think his was the best, as he listed off all is reluctance at doing a service project, and then his sense of fulfillment and reward having completed the project and having made a difference.

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## District 5520 Cruise and Raffle



### Espanola Members Money & Tickets Due: April 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Several years ago Rotary International District 5730 (The part of Texas that includes the Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin) initiated this fund raising project to increase their District's contribution to the Rotary Foundation. The result has been that over \$1,400,000 has been raised by District 5730 in just six years. Paul Harris Fellowships have increased dramatically and scores of Rotarians (plus many of their friends and family members) have a wealth of memories to treasure from their participation in one or more of these Rotary District 5730 cruises. This year, Rotary International District 5520 is initiating this very same program to significantly increase the money raised by our District for the Rotary Foundation which will ultimately increase the money available to be spent on grants within this District. Please help make this program a success by selling at least 10 raffle tickets\* and by being a part of the fun on our first ever District 5520 Cruise".

For Rotary International District 5520's first cruise group we are going to ALASKA. During this **August 25- September 1, 2007** roundtrip cruise from Seattle, Washington you will discover Alaska's spectacular "Inside Passage" coastline with ports-of-call in Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan, Alaska plus Victoria, British Columbia.

— DG Dennis Edwards

## District 5520 Convention May 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> in Taos, NM



Get ready for an exciting weekend event close to home. Ken Beesley, Deborah Simon, Manuel Valdez, Harpal & Japa Khalsa and Christine Bustos have already said they were going. Don't miss it, register early for \$65 discount.

This is just a reminder that the Early Bird Registration for the District Convention will end March 31st. If you have not registered for the convention and do so between now and March 31st. you can save \$65 on the total convention package.

Reregister on-line at:  
<https://www.eventville.com/Catalog/EventRegistration1.asp?EventId=1002265>

Complete information about the convention is at:  
<http://rotary5520.org/Convention/index.html>



**98th Annual RI Convention**  
Salt Lake City  
June 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2007

*"Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration."*  
— **Thomas Alva Edison**



**Ron Pomeroy** – *New Espanola Rotarian*

I was born and raised in Northwestern Pennsylvania. My father was a minister. In the summer heat of August of 66, I attended the College of Santa Fe working on a business degree. Later on I entered the insurance business in 1969 right here in Espanola. We've now had our insurance agency for 37 years. I met my wife Joann and have been married now for many joyful years. We have 4 children. Hers, mine and ours. Just like the movie title.

I enjoy hunting, fishing, and back packing with my brother Fred. Golf has been fun, just took up the sport 6 years ago. Joann and I are members of Eldorado Community Church and involved in the Christian walk.  
-Ron

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



**Joe Romero**  
B.D April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Al Hernandez**  
Anniversary: April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Robin S. Thompson,**  
B.D April 25<sup>th</sup>