



Espanola Rotary News

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El Presidente – August Memo



I am excited about the upcoming year and the main reason I am excited is because of you. As a group we create energy and also each one of you brings something unique to Rotary. It amazes me at how much we can accomplish, as a volunteer organization and I think there are several reasons we accomplish so much:

- Rotary is a very good organization that also provides lots of support.
- Rotary as a service organization has such an outstanding reputation which opens many doors.
- Lastly, is the quality of individuals involved with Rotary. Members are very talented and capable individuals who have their hearts set on making a difference in their community and the world we live in.

When I was a competitive wrestler one of my coaches

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The District 5520 Cruise and Raffle



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. In addition to these four fascinating ports-of-call, this incredible cruise takes you into one of the world's most spectacular fjords - Tracy Arm - to see the glaciers, waterfalls, dramatic cliffs and icebergs found only in this remote corner of Alaska. On this 7-day voyage you will be traveling in luxurious comfort aboard the elegant mega-cruise ship - the **Golden Princess!**

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".

— **DG Dennis Edwards**

**If you are already donating at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation every year you already qualify to put your name on 10 tickets and return the stubs. You are encouraged to sell additional tickets. Raffle tickets will be distributed to your clubs by mid October. The winning ticket to be drawn at the District 5520 Convention in April, 2007.*

told me that you can only expect to get out of something what you put into it. Because those simple words are so true and because I learned them first hand, it is a lesson that has stuck with me that I apply to all that I do. I have found that the more I put into Rotary the more I grow as an individual and the more enriched my life becomes. Even though I have not been a member of Rotary very long I have had many Rotary “wow” experiences. A “wow” experience is when you directly see the positive impact Rotary makes on people’s lives. It is when you witness and experience the power of Rotary. I have had Rotary wow experiences working with the high school kids we send to RYLA, and have witnessed the change RYLA has made on their lives. I have also seen the parents of RYLA be changed in a positive way because their child has gone to the camp. I have had Rotary wow experiences by hosting the international GSE teams, sharing time and experiences with the teams that visit our area from other countries has enriched my life and made me a better world citizen. I have also been fortunate enough to travel to Guatemala twice and see first hand the good work rotary does internationally to help improve health , literacy and build goodwill worldwide.

This next year I encourage you and I challenge you to have your own Rotary wow experiences.

Goals

- Increase membership. This is critical that we continue to get new members and just as important we need to retain members. Every Espanola Rotarian has a duty to spread the good news of rotary. It is just as simple as inviting someone to lunch.
- Develop leaders in our club. Increase knowledge of rotary with existing members. Train our leaders for the job they are going to take, so that they stop having to learn under fire.
- Club Survey. As a way of finding out what direction you want the club to take, Bridget is going to conduct a club survey.
- We are going to work smarter not harder by utilizing some software that Rotary International provides to clubs to help us communicate to each other and conduct club business.-**Beron Briscoe**

August Guest Speakers

1 st	District Governor
8 th	Jay Burnett, Española Public Library
15 th	Ramona Gonzales, Crisis Center
22 nd	Tana Beverwyk-Abouda, Health Centers of Northern New Mexico
29 th	Business meeting



District Governor Visits Espanola Rotary

What a great meeting we had with Dennis Edwards and his lovely wife Carolyn. Dennis emphasized the importance of key Rotary programs, grants, membership, the value of Rotary and the chance to win a cruise. And it all started the night before at Beron’s house with an ice cream and cake social. Dennis also stressed the importance of participating in the upcoming Utah conference, and Taos District conferences in 2007. A big thank you goes out to Dennis Edwards for joining us in Espanola. Beron Briscoe our Espanola president, presented him with a token of our appreciation, a Nambe silver picture frame.



Birthday’s & Anniversary’s



Deborah Simon
Anniversary is Aug 30th