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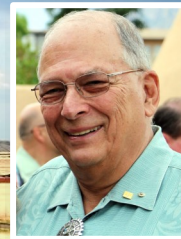
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On Route 5520 ...

with DG Dave Anderson



Our Foundation

October is traditionally recognized as “Foundation Month” within our Rotary community. It is particularly special this year as we celebrate OUR Foundation’s 100th Anniversary. One hundred years ago our Rotary President, Arch Klumph, received the initial gift of \$26.50 and said ‘We should do good in the world.’ He could have never imagined what he started!

That gift and desire to “do good” has been the basis for OUR Rotary Foundation. That gift of \$26.50 has led to over three billion dollars in humanitarian aid ‘doing good in the world.’ OUR Foundation has continually been rated as one of the most effective charities in the world. Where some “charitable organizations” return less than five cents on the dollar raised to their causes, OUR Foundation has consistently provided well more than 95% of the funds raised to ‘do good in the world.’

We have a number of programs designed to raise funds for OUR Foundation. Many of us have the distinction of being Paul Harris Fellows, based on contributing at least \$1,000 to OUR Foundation. Clubs and individuals have the opportunity to contribute directly to OUR Foundation for general purposes or to support specific grants and activities. Our District sponsors an annual “Cruise Ticket” raffle where each District Rotarian is asked to contribute \$100 to join the “Every Rotarian Every Year” (EREY) effort. In turn they get the opportunity to win the prize while supporting the activities of OUR Foundation. Some clubs just add \$100 to their annual membership dues and automatically become EREY clubs.

As the end of the year approaches I would encourage all Rotarians to consider making charitable contributions, and to seriously consider supporting OUR Foundation’s Annual Fund and Polio Plus programs. A District Donor is matching the first \$11,000 contributed to Polio Plus, giving us even more to use in fighting this terrible disease. As you know, a sizable portion of our Annual Fund contributions are returned to our District to use in supporting our Community and World Grant requests and our District is very efficient in utilizing Foundation matching grants. This gives each of us a real voice in where those funds should be spent and allows each of us ‘to do good in the world.’

Please consider giving generously. This is truly OUR Foundation! Every Rotarian in our District and the world is automatically a member, and therefore, this is truly OUR Foundation and allows each of us “to do good in the world!”

Yours in Rotary, DG Dave



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News Briefs

New RYLA leadership

District Governor Dave Anderson has announced the following appointments for District 5520 leadership, effective immediate:

- District RYLA Chair: Shane LaMon
- District Girls RYLA Camp Director: Victoria Black
- District Boys RYLA Camp Director: Eric Schoen

All three appointees are members of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque.

Polio hits Nigeria — again

Nigeria's health minister, Isaac Adewole, said that his government is determined to rid the country of polio again. New cases recently landed Nigeria back on the list of countries where the disease is endemic. All three of the country's cases were detected in the northern state of Borno, which was under the control of Boko Haram militants until recently.

Rotary in Haiti

Rotary and a ShelterBox response team of volunteers from Canada, England, New Zealand, and the United States traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, Friday to assess the damage from Hurricane Matthew and decide how best to help people. ShelterBox, an independent charity, is Rotary's project partner for disaster relief.

Rotary serving humanity ...

"This is an incredibly exciting time to be a Rotarian. We are gathering momentum for the final race to the finish: to the end of PolioPlus and the beginning of a polio-free world. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime chance to End Polio Now, through Rotary Serving Humanity."

— John F. Germ, President, Rotary International

Come join us at Rio Grande Academy

What is Rio Grande Academy? Rio Grande Academy is District 5520's implementation of the Rotary Leadership Institute, a Rotary leadership training course consisting of 3 half day sessions, conducted in over 100 districts in the US and 60 countries worldwide. It is conducted as a facilitated discussion rather than a classroom lecture, encouraging all participants to participate and connect with Rotarians from other clubs. We cover a variety of topics, including leadership, vocational service, the Rotary Foundation, grants, attracting members, service projects, strategic planning, international service, public relations, and Rotary opportunities.



Is it for me? If you are a Rotarian, then yes. It is great for everyone from new members to President Elects and incoming boards.

What is the format of the Academy? We are offering Rio Grande Academy in several formats. There are three parts to the program, and traditionally they are taught on three separate Saturdays over a several month span. In a popular alternative, we offer all three parts on a single weekend. Finally we will be offering the same material as an online option for those in remote areas.

How can I sign up? To find out currently scheduled events, go to the district website, rotary5520.org and look at the left column. Under Upcoming Events, you can click on any of the existing sessions to sign up.

Put me on the notification list! If you would like to be notified of upcoming events as they are scheduled, send an email to Jesse Allen at: jesse.austin.allen@gmail.com.

RGA is taught in several parts of the district. To discuss Rio Grande Academy in your area, contact:

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Celebrate World Polio Day: October 24

Celebrate World Polio Day — Monday, October 24 — by planning an event in your community, like an End Polio Now 5K walk or run, sponsoring a local carnival/festival or hosting a fundraiser. Remember to [register your event](#) and download the World Polio Day [resources](#) to help make the event a success. One easy way to get involved is through social media. Imagine if every Club in the world tweeted and posted about World Polio Day. That's thousands of social media accounts across the globe sharing the message about polio eradication. We've made it easy to help spread the word: download World Polio Day [graphics](#), share the sample social media [messages](#) and don't forget to use #endpolio to join the global conversation.

You can also host a viewing party for the fourth annual [World Polio Day celebration](#), streaming live from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The event will be recorded, so you can tune in at any time to hear our featured speakers discuss what we're doing to end polio and how you get involved in the fight.

Punkin chunkin: Estancia Rotary event Oct. 15

Estancia Rotary Punkin Chunkin, set for Saturday, October 15, in Estancia, N.M., is a unique event that raises money to help students pay for college in the local community by showcasing custom built mechanical machines that launch pumpkins through the air and are judged on distance and accuracy. This is an event you have to see to believe. We have over 15 launchers of all shapes and sizes that compete every year. With attendance at its highest last year, we hope that you will join us this year to not only see the launching of the pumpkins but also help launch students on the right path for success.



Taos Milagro Chile Challenge: Hot time had by all!

On Saturday, September 17th, the Taos Milagro Rotary Club held its 10th annual "Chile Challenge." This event includes a morning golf tournament in which about 100 people participated. The tournament included fabulous cash prizes for a hole in one and a putting contest. In the afternoon 17 Taos chefs, including the outstanding Taos High School Culinary Arts team, entered their red chile and 15 entered the green chile competition. This popular event had standing room only, as well over 200 people attended.



Walk to Defeat ALS

Hundreds of family and friends and volunteers showed up at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque on September 25 to meet and greet and generally socialize before heading off on a 3-mile Walk to Defeat ALS — including Albuquerque Del Norte Rotarians in support of the late (and charter member) Jim Mehlberg and his family including Jim and Alice's son, Aaron Mehlberg, granddaughter Gracie, and Jim's ever-faithful service dog, Rye. In this photo, they were joined by Orbit, the mascot for the Isotopes Pacific Coast League baseball team.

Oktober Fall Harvest Festival

Angel Fire event features music, free pumpkins and pie contests

The fall colors are still at their peak in Northern NM. Come and visit beautiful Angel Fire on Saturday, October 15 and enjoy Rotary's Oktober Fall Festival event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. followed by our traditional "Calling All Flakes" Bonfire.

The day begins with a golf tournament and any golfer gets free admission to the Fall Festival. The Festival promises fun for all ages as we have numerous festival games for the children including face painting, a pumpkin painting contest, marshmallow golf, a pumpkin patch and ladybug crafts just to name a few. The resort is providing their mountain bounce house and climbing wall included in the low admission price - only \$5 for children under 13 and \$10 for teens thru age 20. Four popular bands will provide musical entertainment throughout the day and there will also be a log sawing challenge, a pumpkin pie baking contest and a smokejumpers film.

Proceeds from this event will benefit our scholarship fund and local first responders. Advance tickets are only \$15 for adults - \$20 at the door - so buy your tickets online today at <http://www.angelfirefallfestival.com>.

— Debby Welker, Angel Fire Rotary Club



Ride to End Polio: Annual event set for Nov. 18

- Join fellow Rotarians from RI and around the world as we Ride to End Polio. "Rotarians Cycling so others may walk"
- Deadline Friday, November 4, 2016
Order [Rider's kit](#) before October 7, 2016
- Pre-Ride Dinner Celebration, November 18, 2016
Unable join us in Tucson, [Register for The Indoor Ride to End Polio](#)
Organize a local ride for your club and fundraise at [Rotary Ideas](#)
More info at: RideToEndPolio.org

RFE in Maritime Provinces: It was a beach of a time!

A Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) group just returned from visiting Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, Canada from Sept. 9-24. The group members were **Regina Guest and Janet Thompson from the Albuquerque Club, Lynn and Donna Willard from the Ruidoso Club, and Donna and Bill Pedace from the Albuquerque del Norte Club.** Another couple was slated to go on the trip but had to cancel.

The group was hosted by very hospitable – and fun – Rotarians in five different villages, towns, and cities throughout the Maritime Provinces. They were hosted in a variety of homes that ranged from very modest to mansions. They also learned that almost every family had a summer “cabin” somewhere on a beach.

They walked on beaches with local environmental leaders, visited museums, historic sites, recreated villages, and some of the famed lighthouses. They learned a great deal about the tragic deportation of the Acadians from Nova Scotia to various locations around the world, including those who were transported to Louisiana. They participated in several club parties and get-togethers which gave them a chance to meet many more Rotarian families and see how the locals lived. They picked blueberries, played Farmer’s Golf (a very unique and fun game), dug up clams, mussels, and quahogs, cleaned them, steamed them, and then had them for lunch.

One of the more unique “opportunities” the group had was being officially “Screeched in as Honorary Newfoundlanders.” There is quite a ceremony to it, but the gist of it is eating some disgusting items (to the group’s taste), drinking some awful Jamaican rum, and then kissing the cod (as in large fish), before being anointed with a boat paddle. A great deal of laughter was enjoyed by all in attendance – even the group members!

The visit also involved the opportunity to share information about our district in presentations to several clubs. Many local members may be headed our way for a visit in the next year or so! The group came home with great memories and a few new friends.



Donna Pedace and Lynn Willard

2017 RI Conference: Get in on that Southern hospitality!

The 2017 Rotary International Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia USA from June 10-14. Help us celebrate the Rotary Foundation and 100 years of “doing good in the world” in the city where it all began. Atlanta is a gracious, warm-hearted city rich in history. There is something for everyone — including Southern cooking and hospitality. Check it out on the RI website!



District 5520 doings: A potpourri of photos



A new banner for the Albuquerque Del Norte Satellite extension goes up to make it official. Some 11 members now form the host club's new venture.



Outbound Exchange Student Risse Sanchez of Albuquerque is joined by two members of her Rotary host family in Brazil during the recent Summer Olympics.



Albuquerque Del Norte Sgt.-at-Arms Bryan Williams has a new "game" determining if a fine will be \$1, or \$2, or even \$5.



Left: James Morrison of ABQ Del Sol Club promotes the Ride to End Polio event.



Right: DG Dave Anderson presents a Presidential theme flag to Rob Metcalf, president of the Los Alamos Rotary Club.

Left: West El Paso Rotary ramp builders pose for a photo in 2015. They were back at work in Fort Davis as this issue went to press.



Executive Secretary's Report from the District Office

It's a beautiful fall morning. I'm sitting outside with our youngest grandson. There are a few straggler hummingbirds still hanging around – one is still trying to protect his turf. I am thankful for my many blessings.

Those blessings also include the incredible Rotarians who work tirelessly and selflessly to ensure our Clubs, District, and our interactions with the world around us benefit from who we are. This morning I was working with John Gordon, District Treasurer. I tried to give John a raise for being so patient with me, and for working so diligently – sharing his professional expertise – to keep our District financials accurate and transparent. But even if I doubled his salary: two times zero is still zero....

Our District Governor, Past District Governors, and District Governors-to-be spend countless hours preparing for leadership or continuing to lend their leadership skills: everything from youth safety and protection to covering our huge geographic area working with clubs to strengthen their membership to serving as liaison between RI and the District/Clubs to put our hard-earned money to work!

Another example, Ed Hughes, our Newsletter Editor. He is one of the kindest most encouraging (and patient) professionals I know. Multiply Ed, John, Jeff, Sheryl, Shane, Kathie, Tom, etc., etc. times 2,500 (or 1.2 million!), and don't we have an incredible world-changing group!!

So, my hat's off to each of you for being Rotarians. Thanks especially to the innumerable Committee, Club, and District members who put the words "Service Above Self" into practice.

— Kathy Fuller, District 5520 Executive Secretary



Photo op in Roswell

When District Governor Dave Anderson visited the Rotary Club of Roswell in September, a photographer from the Roswell Daily Record was on hand to capture the action. This was thanks to District Public Image Chair Craig Altschul who provided the Roswell club with a localized news release and personal contact with the local news media by the Roswell club.

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