

Second Century District 5730

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SERVICE Above Self

Just as the saying "You can't judge a book by its cover" is true; you can't judge a mission trip by its beginning and ending. On this trip of 9-21-05 / 9-25-05 between the "Book Covers" we experienced some moments of heart warming joy that will stay in the memories of the unflappable 23 forever.

21 Rotarians and 2 exchange students gathered in El Paso, Texas on 9-21-05. The next day, comfortably distributed in 6 vehicles with 14 boxes of books gathered by DGE Roger Sepulveda, we crossed into Mexico. For the first 7 hours everything went as expected with no problems. The first of the unfortunate events happened several miles out of Buenaventura while progressing up an extremely long and steep incline crossing the first of many mountain passes. Ron Pressly's automobile, recently outfitted with a brand new motor, experienced fuel pump problems. With the expert help of DGE Roger Sepulveda and DGN Michael Graves Ron was able to get his car back to Buenaventura. Unfortunately for Ron, it took two days to get his car somewhat fixed and his only option was to return to the USA.

The now unflappable 22 continued in 5 vehicles to the city of Madera. Here we attended a most enjoyable meeting and social gathering of the Madera Rotary Club.

Governor Ted, PDG Louis Rochester and yours truly were honored by being asked to present three very special awards to three outstanding citizens of Madera. Members of our group presented a variety of gifts to the Madera club among which were, the 14 boxes of books by DGE Roger Sepulveda, 50 coloring books, in Spanish, by Literacy Chairman Barbara Shinn and \$3,000.00 to pay for the school supplies for more than 1300 children.



The rest of the trip was consumed by talk of the wonderful experiences of Friday morning. You couldn't help but get a lump in your throat when you saw the wide eyed excitement of more than 400 students as we placed packages of simple school supplies into their individual hands. Seeing the type of homes these children come from, seeing

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A Very Successful Mexico Mission Trip *Tainted By Some Unfortunate Events*



how much they value the used school desks we have helped supply over the years and seeing the appreciation on the principal's face as he received a cash donation from Dr. Paul Schwarzentraub allowing the school to serve hot lunches for the next nine months, was heart warming to say the least. A memory that will stay with me is the compassion in Governor Ted's eyes as he and the principal took a young boy behind closed doors to examine his unusable right arm and hand. Help for this boy is a new project of our Governor.

The drive to Creel Friday afternoon was pleasant through mountainous timber land and farm land with many apple orchards. After an evening of shopping and relaxing in Creel, Saturday morning found us venturing further South to the Indian village of Rejogochi. We delivered supplies to 110 children, purchased some Indian crafts in the women's building we helped to establish and were able to observe the Indians in costume as they danced to honor Farther Verplancken on the anniversary of his death one year ago.

A 5 hour drive back north found us in Chihuahua City. A special party had been set up by our Rotarian friends of the Enlace Rotary Club. At a restaurant, were we were joined by 19 Chihuahua City Rotarians and 6 of their youth exchange students. After a very good meal we were entertained by an extremely talented high

school group of 40 folkloric dancers.

The trip was shaping up as one of the best we have ever had when the second and very disappointing unfortunate event was staring us in the face. We discovered Governor Ted's pick-up truck had been stolen and Everett Hurst's pick-up had been broken into. Ted's loss was total and Everett's loss along with fellow Rotarian Harvey Hilbert amounted to about \$900.00 of door damage and stolen articles. This naturally put a cloud over the whole trip but this group of Rotarians came together to aid Ted, Everett and Harvey as much as possible.

Facing a long 5 hour drive to Marfa USA, the unflappable 22 crowded into 4 vehicles with some riding in the back of a pick-up all the sunny, hot, bouncy way working together without a word of complaint. We stopped in Marfa for some pizza before starting the final journey home which for some was still 8 hours away. Governor Ted inspired us all by reminding us that we did some great work on this trip. He wanted us keep the good we are doing in focus and not let the actions of the few



persons who chose to live outside of the law spoil our vision of "Service Above Self."

The unflappable 23 are, Governor, Ted Holder and his wife Tammie. DGE, and Mrs. Roger Sepulveda, DGN, and Mrs. Michael Graves,

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PDG, Louis Rochester, PDG and Mrs. Don Shinn, Everett Hurst, Harvey Hilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jones, Dr. Paul Schwarzentraub, Jim Carpenter, Robert Kollman, PAG, Jim Cole, PAG, Phelps Blume, Ron Pressly, Dr. Rob Lindsey, PAG Bill Morris and his two exchange student charges, Marion Perez and Gaby Sardon. Let me suggest you ask any of these who made the trip their impression of our mission and each will respond with a very positive endorsement. They truly believe in "Service Above Self."



By PDG, Don C. Shinn
District Chairman of
International Service

Photos by Bill Morris

FOOD FOR THE TARAHUMARA'S

Governor, Ted Holder has just sent 360 cases of Breedlove food to the state Agency that overseer's assistance to the Tarahumara's in the State of Chihuahua. Eloisa Robeldo, head of that agency and a former Rotarian has asked for assistance to help these people who have had a bad corn crop this year. As these people live on substance farming, no crop is critical. Over the years Eloisa has worked with Ted, J. B. Roberts from Plainview and Don Shinn, and other Rotarians from around the country on several projects. This shipment was for 360 cases of dehydrated soup mix that will provide 12 meals to 8640 families. This is some 103,680 servings.



Plans are in the works to set up two or three Matching Grants with the help of Rotarians in Mexico, our District and J.B. 's Hunger Plus to get more aid to these people. Over the years food projects, water projects, community gardens, school roofs, women craft centers, green houses projects, and reforest projects through out the sierra have helped many communities to become more self sufficient All of these were 5730 Rotary sponsored and done with the assistance of several Rotarians.

The work continues.

MEXICO 2005

This year was certainly a different year. We had a terrific group with a record 23 people. We lost one the first day to car trouble but continued to Madera. The group there had a great meeting and paid tribute to several people in the community that had been workers in the true Rotary way.

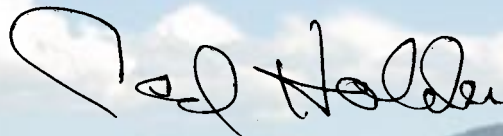
We got to pass out school supplies in Madera, had great apple pie in Geurrera, and a good experience in Creel as well as Rejogochi. Saturday we went to Chihuahua to meet with Rotarians that Don Shinn's club is having a very successful exchange program with. Both Don and I know these people and they are all that Rotarians are. We went to an outside restaurant that Don and the Rotarians had eaten at and we had a very wonderful evening with a good meal and an extravagant folklore dance program. Then the other shoe dropped, we went outside and found that our truck had been stolen and Everett's truck had been broken into and some items stolen.

I spent the next several hours (I got home at 2:15 A. M.) with paper work at three different law enforcement agencies, city, state and federal. This is a bad situation, but we will come out of it with some time. My insurance here will not pay and I did not have the right insurance in Mexico. I have been going into Mexico for 17 years many times three to four times a year and have had little of no problems. This happens in the USA as well. We are all reading every day of thousands of people that have no car, house, job or anything else much right here in the Gulf coast. I told the group in Marfia, and I truly mean it that if it was going to happen, I am so glad that it was my truck and not someone's else's truck that was stolen. Tammie and I will survive this and with your thoughts and prayers, there will be a tomorrow.

We had a great time and saw a lot of pretty country, did some good projects and made plans for future grants and projects. The best thing was that NO ONE ever complained about being jammed up or uncomfortable with two vehicles short. We had a good trip back and everyone made it home Sunday.

Tammie and I are taking one day at a time and we are planning for the future. Thanks to everyone who came and all said they would return.

God Bless.



Paul Holden

On The Road With Ted - Part Three

The September club visits brought the total club visits to 31 with 23 left. This seems like a count down, but not really. I am just surprised that it is going so good and so fast.

The "old hands" that have been here before me have all said that this is the best part of being District Governor, the visiting of clubs. This is so true. All are different and all have a unique personality. I get to know some about them and see what each are doing to make a difference in their communities.

In visiting with the boards, we have been able to add projects that seem interesting to them. I hope we continue to look for ways to reach out into our communities and to each other to show Rotary at its best, SERVICE ABOVE SELF. Let's see where we have been this month.



Greater Lubbock



Lubbock Metropolitan



Lubbock Rotary



Lubbock Southwest

On The Road With Ted - Part Three



Littlefield Rotary



Greater Big Spring Webb Air Base Reunion Day



Midland West



DG Ted with Brad and Kara Bunn



Midland Rotary



District 5730 Foundation Dinners

*Hear about the Rotary Foundation
Successes
and Objectives*

Kick off our annual Cruise Raffle
"Choose Your Cruise"

Two Convenient Meetings

November 1st Amarillo Civic Center
Heritage Room B

Registration & Hospitality Hour - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
Cost - \$15.00 per person

Reservation Deadline - October 27th

Mr. Don Mebus will be there speaker.
Mr. Mebus of Arlington, Texas, has
been elected to serve on the Board of
Directors of Rotary International.

November 12th Midland Hilton

Registration - 1:00 p.m.
Membership Seminar - 1:30 p.m.
Foundation Seminar - 3:30 p.m.
Hospitality Hour (Cash Bar) - 5:00 p.m.
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Cost - \$25.00 per person

Reservation Deadline -- November 8th

Mr. Andy Smallwood will speak at the
Dinner. Mr. Smallwood is currently the
Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
for Zone 26 and resides in the Houston
area.

Reservation forms available at ridistrict5730.org

Rotary Districts #5520 And #5730 Convention Ruidoso, New Mexico April 20-23 2006

Get out you date books, palm pilots. Mark it down and begin making plans to be with Rotarians from District 5730 And 5520 for the First Combined Convention to be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center on April 20-23, 2006.

It is not to early to begin to make your hotel reservations
Registrants need to reference rotary rates when you call

Hawthorn Suites 505 258-5500

Deluxe Double Queen	\$99.00
King Studio Suites	\$109.00
One Bedroom King Suite	\$119.00

Whispering Pines 866 -766-3445 Two People \$89.00-129.00

Dandee Cabins dandeecabins.com From \$89.00

Amerihost 800 434-5800 From \$69.00

Confort Inn Of Ruidoso 866 859-5146 From \$79.00

Best Western Ruidoso 800 237-3607 From \$69.00

Holiday Inn Express Ruidoso 505 257-3736 From \$75.00

Economy Inn 505-378-4706 From \$70.00

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New Members

Amarillo – Lane Boyd

Andrews – Esmee Mirales

Canyon – Anna Hicks

Colorado City – Sam Huffman

Dumas – James Guest

Lubbock – Joe Conboy

Greater Lubbock – Wayne Moore

Southwest Lubbock – Mike Clevinger

Midland West – Sarah Edgell,
Mike Cayce, Dennis Stratton

Muleshoe – Chad Lovell, Jake Davis

Greater Odessa – Evelyn Miller

Plainview – Seth Denbow, David Kole

Seminole – Walter Hyde

Paul Harris Fellows

Greater Odessa – Bruce Revell

Attendance Report

Clubs	Members 7/1/05	Members Current		Percent	Clubs	Members 7/1/05	Members Current		Percent
Amarillo	147	139	-8	67%	Midland	78	78	0	
Amarillo East	29	28	-1	72%	Midland Daybreak	15	15	0	
Amarillo South	22	22	0	61%	Midland West	56	58	2	67%
Amarillo West	93	91	-2	61%	Monahans	20	20	0	55%
Andrews	23	30	7	92%	Muleshoe	43	42	-1	77%
Big Spring	98	96	-2	63%	O'Donnell	14	13	-1	
Big Spring, Greater	56	56	0	53%	Odessa	139	138	-1	
Borger	40	41	1	82%	Odessa East	22	20	-2	67%
Brownfield	19	19	0		Odessa, Greater	48	48	0	84%
Canadian	32	32	0		Pampa	48	53	5	68%
Canyon	41	41	0	69%	Panhandle	17	16	-1	74%
Childress	34	35	1	68%	Pecos	29	32	3	
Clarendon	14	14	0		Perryton	47	47	0	55%
Colorado City	14	15	1	67%	Plainview	81	75	-6	55%
Dalhart	41	38	-3		Post	30	31	1	75%
Denver City	10	10	0	65%	Ralls	5	5	0	
Dimmitt	16	17	1	78%	Seagraves	7	7	0	
Dumas	20	20	0	73%	Seminole	23	25	2	74%
Floydada	29	27	-2	89%	Shamrock	12	13	1	
Hereford	20	20	0	70%	Snyder	29	28	-1	
Kermit	25	25	0		Spearman	16	18	2	63%
Lamesa	26	26	0		Sweetwater	54	54	0	64%
Levelland Breakfast	20	19	-1	58%	Tahoka	37	37	0	
Levelland Noon	58	53	-5	53%	Tulia	16	14	-2	
Littlefield	19	20	1		TOTALS	1354	1346	-8	68
Lockney	14	13	-1	73%					
Lubbock	179	183	4	65%					
Lubbock, Greater	67	66	-1	60%					
Lubbock Metro	46	48	2	68%					
Lubbock Southwest	102	102	0	68%					