



Rotary Club of Los Alamos

District 5520 Club 1312
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The Rotary Bell

Rotary Awareness
Month



January 1, 2017

*The Four-Way Test: In the things we think, say or do:
Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned?
Will it build Good Will and Better Friendships?
Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?*

Rotary International 2016-17



When & Where + Program & Meeting Highlights

Please join us **Tuesday, January 3rd**, at **11:45 a.m.** at the **Golf Course meeting room**, located on the west end of the complex. -- Lunches will be provided by **Cottonwood on the Greens**. -- The menu will be forwarded to you over the weekend. Be sure to e-mail your lunch order and any for your guests to **Chris Sierk**.



- Sgt. at Arms: **TBA**
- Rotary Minute: **TBA**
- Fines: **TBA**

Weekly Newsletter In This Issue

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Weekly Meetings
 Every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m.
 The Golf Course Meeting Room
 4290 Diamond Dr.
 (Trinity Dr., right on Diamond, 2 mi.)

Board Meetings
 Everyone Welcome!
 We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 4:15 p.m. in offices of the Los Alamos Daily Post, 1247 Central.

2016-2017 Club Board Members
 President: Rob Metcalf
 President-Elect: Carol Clark
 Secretary: Nancy Cerutti
 Treasurer: Ed Van Eeckhout
 Immediate Past President: Alison Pannell
 Membership: Skip King
 Public Relations: Linda Hull
 Avenues of Service: Skip King
 Rotary Foundation: Steve Ciddio
 STARS: LeAnne Parsons

Avenues of Service Chairs
 Club: Oliver Morris
 Community: Melanie Bennett
 International: Jean Gindreau
 New Generations: Alex Zubelewicz
 Vocational: Shelley Wiemann

 Newsletter Editor: Linda Hull

-- **Our Program:** During the annual **January Club Assembly**, **President Rob** will review the **highlights of July-December** and address **goals and plans** for the second half of his year, **January-June**. -- Board members will also speak briefly about their positions and how each serves the Club.



-- **Induction:** **Kurt Schoenberg**, proposed by our **German Rotarian friend, Markus Roth**, will be inducted. **Nancy Cerutti** will lead the ceremony; **Linda Hull** will fill in for Markus.



-- **Special Guest:** **Assistant Governor Pat Murray** will join us as we begin the New Year. Pat is a member of the **Rotary Club of Los Alamos** and 'semi-retired' from the **First National Bank of Santa Fe**.



Notes & Announcements & Thanks



-- **Monday, January 2nd, 9:00 a.m. our time: Ida Helped Build Rotary Float in Rose Bowl Parade!** Every year **Rotary International** enters a float in the annual **Rose Bowl Parade** in **Pasadena, CA**. This year our **Youth Exchange student Ida Mattila** was able to participate

with other Rotary youth. -- Please be sure to **watch** for this **always-impressive float** and keep an eye out for Ida. She's there in the crowd some-where! -- **Donations** to defray Ida's expenses were generously given by **Rob and Melissa Metcalf, Jane Phillips, and Linda Hull**. -- **From the Rotary RB Parade website:** "The 2017 Float promotes and celebrates the 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation empowers Rotarians to travel throughout the world and create and complete projects which serve people in need in six areas of focus which are: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. The spectacular and colorful dragon is clearly a world traveler carrying luggage decorated with the six symbols of the areas of focus. The Dragon also is proudly wearing a necklace with a medallion marked 100 for the 100 years of service." -- **FYI: The parade is held on January 2nd when the 1st falls on a Sunday.**

-- **Congratulations to 2017-18 Officers:** At our last meeting, **December 13th, Linda Hull**, representing the **Nominating Committee**, presented the nominees for **2017-18 President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer**. Although **Carol Clark, incoming President 2017-18**, will select the other





Our Assistant Governor:
Pat Murray of Santa Fe



Our Youth Exchange Student
Ida Mattila of Finland

Ongoing Project
LA Cares

Donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items are collected on the last Tuesday of the month.



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STARS

(Service To All Rotary Satellite)
The Rotary Satellite Club of Los Alamos
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays,
5:30-6:30, VFW, 1793 Deacon
(behind CB Fox)

members of her Board, the **Nominating Committee** is tasked to select these three positions.

The **nominees presented and duly elected** per our Club by-laws are:

- President-elect -- Laura Loy**
- Secretary -- Phil Dabney**
- Treasurer -- Ed Van Eeckhout** (returning)

Please be sure to **congratulate and thank** these members for their willingness to serve in such significant positions in our Club! -- Thank you to **Past Presidents Alison Pannell, chair, Jim Nesmith and Linda Hull** for serving as this year's Nominating Committee in accordance with our Club by-laws.



-- **Huge Thanks!** The Club offers big thanks to **Donnie Torres and wife Mary Alei** for arranging this year's annual **Club Holiday Party**, which was held **December 15th** at **Cottonwood on the Greens**. --

Highlights of the **convivial evening** included **holiday music, a delicious meal**, and what could be an annual **Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest**. -- **Judges Lance Metcalf and Youth Exchange Student Ida Mattilla**, both with strong ties to **Club President Rob Metcalf**, objectively applied the **4-Way Test** in the close competition. -- In the individual category, **Linda Hull** took first place with an 'awful to see and be seen in' **pink** sweater with ruffles and pressed-on candles; in the couples category, **Ed and Mary Van Eeckhout** took first place with their 'muttly' **blue** sweaters with dogs, a complementary set. -- Photo by Ed Van Eeckhout

-- **The STARS Come Out!** Early in **December**, **Sherry Rangle** (who will soon be proposed for membership), **LeAnne Parsons**, and **Colette Levine** accepted a check for our satellite during a **Bechtel Corporation holiday party and benefit**. -- The **idea** to apply for the funding was suggested by **Sherry, Colette** provided the **necessary letter of purpose and photos**, and **LeAnne spoke** to



Bechtel guests at the gathering. -- Result? A check for **\$4725!** -- **Way to go, STARS!**



Los Alamos Visitors Guide Listing: As one of Pres. Rob's goals to bring **visibility** to our Club, our projects and activities, the **Board** voted to place a listing in the **Los Alamos Visitors Guide**, the familiar multi-page, full-color booklet that is given to visitors at the **Chamber of Commerce** and sent in Chamber mailings in welcome packets. It is also available on-line. -- Our Club listing

STARS is a group of motivated Los Alamos Rotarians who are determined to fit community and international service into their busy lifestyles, while at the same time having FUN!



Melissa Metcalf, Gloria Brehm, Alex Zubelewicz, Kim Selvage, Michael Erickson, LeAnne Parsons, Laura Loy, Ian Foti-Landis, Antonya Sanders, Jim Nesmith, Colette Levine, (being proposed, Dawn and Mark Voss)



Interact

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays,
4:00-5:00,
The Teen Center



Our Club
Facebook



www.facebook.com/LosAlamosRotary
www.facebook.com/RotarySTARS
www.facebook.com/InteractLosAlamos

Club: www.losalamosrotary.com
District: www.rotary5520.org
International: www.rotary.org

will be the **first and only under Service Organizations**. -- The guides are revised roughly every **18-24 months**. -- We hope to track the effectiveness of this outreach by the number of inquiries we receive. -- **Linda Hull** made the arrangements for the listing and has given her phone number as the contact.

-- **Kiitos Kaikille! (Thanks To All!)** **Ida Mattila**, our **Youth Exchange Student** from **Finland**, reports great success in the baking and selling of her **gingerbread house kits** over the holidays. **Thanks** to help from **friends, Rotarians (who donated ingredients and purchased kits)**, the **LAHS Culinary Arts kitchen**, **Bernadette Lauritzen** of **Assets in Action**, **host family Rob and Melissa Metcalf**, and **Skip King**, whose **sale of wine cork gifts** (ornaments, trivets, wreaths, bulletin boards) benefitted the fundraising, **Ida** has **reached** her **\$1000 goal**. The **money raised** goes towards the purchase of one **ShelterBox**. (As you may recall, Rotary supports this worldwide endeavor. Sturdy green **Shelter-**

Boxes contain family-sized tents designed to withstand the elements and provide disaster victims with temporary shelter until they are able to start the process of rebuilding a home.)



-- **PEEC Volunteers Needed:** **Christa Tyson**, the **volunteer coordinator for PEEC (the nature center)** and **one of our newest Club members**, writes that she is **seeking volunteers** to help

with the **Monday Nature Playtime** and with the **Animal Adoption Rewards Program**. Both are described below, accompanied by Christa's contact information. She will be happy to give you more details and answer your questions.



1.) 1 or 2 committed weekly volunteers to help with our ongoing **Monday Nature Play-time, 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** Through this program that runs every Monday (except holidays), toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers come to PEEC to explore the natural world. Each Play-time features a **craft, story, and outside activity**. Come and join the fun outside with other local parents and grandparents! A PEEC staff member will organize the theme and activities for the event. We are looking for volunteers to **help the staff with arts and crafts, stories and play**.

Make-Up Meetings

Rotary Club of Santa Fe
Thursdays, 12:00 noon
Hilton Santa Fe, 100 Sandoval

Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro
Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m.
Chocolate Maven
821 W. San Mateo Rd.

Rotary Club of Santa Fe del Sur
Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
Red Lobster, 4450 Rodeo Dr.

Rotary Club of Taos Milagro
Wednesdays, 7:20 a.m.
Quality Inn
1043 Paseo del Pueblo Sur

Easy On-Line Make-Up Meetings

www.rotarymakeup.org
Info.? Frances deNuit
Rotary eClub of the Southwest USA
drfdenuit@yahoo.com
505-920-2600



On the Road?

If you are traveling anytime of the year and plan to visit a Rotary Club, please be sure to take one of our 'trade banners' with you. They are available from our Club Secretary Becky Ehler.

Who Am I?

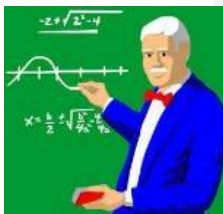
I build bridges. I eradicate polio.
I mentor tomorrow's leaders.
I pump clean water.
I provide shelter to disaster victims.
I build communities.
I teach the world to read.



times.

It's a great way to learn about our local animals! **Interested?** Please contact Christa: [662-0460](tel:662-0460), volunteers@peecnature.org

-- **UNM-LA Seeks Math Tutors:** The **Adult Basic Education Department**, our **literacy partner** at **UNM-LA**, is **seeking tutors** for its **High School Equivalency (HSE) students**. This program, formerly known as GED, helps students of all ages complete their high school education through classes, tutoring, and pre-testing. **Dr. Jane Clements, program coordinator**, writes, "The tutoring program is flexible. Tutors may meet with students who are pulled out of class (**T, W, TH 5:30 - 7** at **UNM-LA**) or independently at a mutually agreed upon time in a **public place** (UNM-LA, library, coffee shop, etc.). It is **volunteer**, but we can supply materials. There is no minimum requirement, but **weekly** for a **semester** for **an hour or two** would be good.



No background check." -- If you would like to help students with **high school math**, please let **Linda Hull** know or contact **Dr. Clements** directly at: [662-0338](tel:662-0338), janec181@unm.edu.



-- **Let's Play Ball! Membership chair Skip King** writes, "On **January 3rd**, we will officially kick off our **2nd Annual Let's Play Ball Membership Campaign**. -- Since last June we have **lost 15 members** for various reasons. Our meetings have been lightly attended. Between now and **January 3rd** think about individuals you would like

to invite to Rotary. **Remember the Club will pay for lunch! --** Enjoy the holidays and we'll see you on **January 3rd**."

Here are the teams. Find your name and please get ready to Play Ball!

TEAM #1 MARLINS LINDA HULL, TEAM CAPTAIN

Chris Sierk, Alison Pannell, Bonnie Gordon, Mary Burns, Kerry Burns, Bethany Tierney

TEAM #2 CARDINALS LAURA GONZALES, TEAM CAPTAIN

Ann and Bob Macek, Jen and Jaret McDonald, Chuck Tallman, Laura Gonzales

TEAM #3 ORIOLES DONNIE TORRES, TEAM CAPTAIN

Vince Chiravalle, Mike Lippiatt, Gary DeRosier, Linda King, Dawn Brown

TEAM #4 ASTROS CAROL CLARK, TEAM CAPTAIN

Bev Cooper, Thurman Talley, Paul Fredrickson, Ed Van Eeckhout, Nancy Cerutti

I create peace through service.
I am a Rotarian.

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www.bestclubsupplies.com
800-877-8908

National Award Services
www.clubsupplies.com
800-810-2100

Recent Exchange Students



Ida Mattila Finland 2016-2017



Markus Essl Austria
Frederiek Gerretschon The Netherlands
2014 - 2015



Krissi Wallis Germany
2015-2016



Thomas Routiaux Belgium
2013 -2014



Mille Nikolajsen Denmark
2012 - 2013



Eva Hauzar Switzerland
Samantha Hellessey Australia

TEAM #5 DODGERS **SHELLY WIEMANN, TEAM CAPTAIN**
Brian Newnam, Jane Phillips, Sandy Snow, Mary Beth Maassen, Anna Caspersen

TEAM #6 ANGELS **OLIVER MORRIS, TEAM CAPTAIN**
Andrea Cunningham, Doug Wilson, Christa Tyson, Linda Anderson, Rob Metcalf

TEAM #7 CUBS **PHIL DABNEY, TEAM CAPTAIN**
Judy Goldie, Nina Thayer, Karen Easton, Lewis Muir, Steve Ciddio

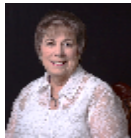
TEAM #8 BREWERS **JEAN GINDREAU, TEAM CAPTAIN**
Tony Chan, Tom and Myrna McDonald, Sarah Rochester, Brian Bennett, Melanie Bennett

TEAM #9 GIANTS **IAN FORTI-LANDIS, TEAM CAPTAIN**
Ian Foti-Landis, Melissa Metcalf, Alex Zubelewicz, Vince Marciano, Antonya Sanders. Kim Selvage

TEAM #10 YANKEES **LEANNE PARSONS, TEAM CAPTAIN**
Colette Levine, Michael Erickson, Gloria Brehm, Jim Nesmith, Trish Gallegos

-- Member News:

**Linda Anderson remains in Sombrillo following a regimen of rehabilitation prescribed by her doctor after recent surgery. She would enjoy company and your good wishes!



**Anna Caspersen is expected to be home now following surgery, setbacks and recovery, at UCLA. I am told she'd love to hear from you: 505-500-5877.

**Becky Ehler, former County Attorney and member since December 2013, has resigned from the Club, writing, "I have appreciated the opportunity to learn about the club and participate in its activities over the past three years, but would now like to direct my resources toward other interests. My best wishes to the club and its members in their future endeavors." -- Becky served as Club secretary last year and on several committees.



**Mary and Ed Van Eeckhout in Vietnam, December 2016. (Below, in the Forbidden City on Ed's birthday, 12-25.)



Commented [A1]:



-- Ongoing: Interact is working on a video as part of their Bridge the Gap project for

which they were awarded a District matching grant. -- Rotarians are invited to speak at Interact about leadership; Antonya Sanders

Where You'll Find Our Club Support

Satellite Club (STARS--Service To All Rotary Satellite); projects in Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and South Africa; support for the Posse Lodge, LA Cares, Boy Scouts, LAHS Hilltalkers & Robotics teams, Self-Help, Family Strengths Network, Little League, Horses for Heroes, Paws and Stripes; tutoring at the library; reading in elementary schools; LAMS 4-Way Test Essay Competition; LAHS Cookies and Conversation; Students of the Month; generous financial awards to LAHS seniors; the Deborah Beene Music Awards; grants to pay for UNM-LA GED exam fees and for Books for Babies at LAMC; Polio Plus; Sonny Brown Business Award; students to RYLA leadership camp; outbound and inbound exchange students; Group Study Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholars; blood drive; LAHS Memorial Garden; Mesa Public Library Garden; Clean-Up Los Alamos; AED for Fuller Lodge; Opera on the Rocks, picnic tables for PEEC Nature Center; Bandelier naturalization ceremony + more!

Where You'll Find Us Raising Funds

Annual Crab Fest:
last Saturday in February
Fiesta Los Alamos!:
late July or early August

HOW
WONDERFUL
 IT IS THAT NO ONE HAS TO WAIT,
 BUT CAN START RIGHT NOW TO
 GRADUALLY CHANGE THE
WORLD!
 ANNE FRANK

has already volunteered. -- The students are also hoping to plan an **early spring workshop** with author **Lucy Gent Foma**, based upon her book *Funded!* (You may recall Lucy spoke at the Club in November.) -- And, **Interact t-shirts** will be ordered soon.

This Month's Sgt. at Arms Rotary Minute Finemaster

January: All to be Announced; No List Available at This Time
 3
 10
 17
 24
 31

This Month's Programs



-- **January 3:** During the annual **January Club Assembly**, **President Rob** will review the **highlights** of **July-December 2016** and address **goal and plans** for the second half of his year, **January-June 2017**. -- Board members will also speak briefly about their positions and how each serves the Club.

-- **January 10:** **Siobhan Niklasson, Education Programs Coordinator for PEEC**, our local nature center, will tell us about the **importance of outdoor play** for children. --



We will also present her with a check in the amount of **\$500**, a matching District grant our Club was awarded, for **enhancing PEEC's grounds with shrubs and other plantings**. -- FYI: *Siobhan*, a traditional Irish name, is pronounced as 'Shi-von'.



-- **January 17:** **Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!** As we prepare for the season's wintriest weather, **Tom Long, general manager of the Pajarito Ski Hill**, will tell us all about **snow-making**, the pro-



cedures and methods used here at our local ski hill, when and why it is needed, and how the system operates and is maintained.



REAL GENEROSITY
TOWARD THE FUTURE

LIES IN GIVING ALL TO
THE PRESENT.

ALBERT CAMUS

LIFE'S MOST
PERSISTENT AND
URGENT QUESTION IS,
'WHAT ARE YOU
DOING FOR OTHERS?'

Martin Luther King Jr.

-- January 24: **Cheryl Pongratz, program director of Los Alamos Family Council (L AFC)**, will bring us up to date on **services offered by the local non-profit** whose mission is "to pro-mote emotional and social well-being by providing advocacy, education, prevention and counseling. -- Many of us might not realize that the Family Council operates **two Youth Activity centers**, offers **counseling programs for alcohol and substance abuse, counseling for individuals, groups, and families, and counseling and resources for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trauma, and PTSD**. -- L AFC also offers the **only DWI school in Los Alamos County**.



-- January 31: **Allison Swenson, Major Gifts Officer of the Santa Fe Opera** and friend of **Rotarian Karen Easton**, will tell us about the **upcoming season** and the many creative ways **sponsorships** support the internationally-renowned Opera.

This Month's Birthdays

January 25: **Andrea Cunningham**



Current Club Calendar Notes



-- **Mark Your Calendars!**: We are hosting a **Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)** from **Oregon, March 22-26**. -- At this time, two couples and three individual women have registered to visit us here in District 5520. -- **Chris Sierk** and **volunteers** are considering ideas for activities and seeking host families. If you'd like to help, please be sure to let Chris

know: acsierk@hotmail.com.

Regular Monthly Meetings



-- **Monthly Board Meeting**: Our monthly Board meeting will be held **Thursday, January 12th** at **4:15 p.m.** at the offices of The **LA Daily Post** on **1247 Central Avenue**. Everyone welcome!

-- STARS (Service To All Rotary Satellite) will meet first and third Wednesdays of the month: January 4th and 18th at 5:30-6:30 at the VFW, 1793 Deacon St. (behind CB Fox).



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-- Interact: This community-based youth organization will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month: January 1 and 25th at 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Teen Center on Ashley Pon

District 5520 and Rotary International News

Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)

-- From Donna Pedace, District 5520 Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) Coordinator:

I'd like to "alert you that we will be sending a return group to visit western Oregon and northern California next August 3-15. I am not yet taking reservations for that trip, but I thought this could give anyone interested in joining that trip some time to think about it. Their group is coming here this coming spring, but all the

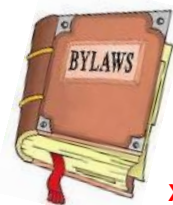
hosting clubs are already set. -- We will also be hosting a group from Australia from June 1-4 next year, so maybe you and your club could be thinking

about whether you might like to host that group next summer. -- Early 2018 we'll have another trip to India, for those of you who may be interested in seeing some of that fascinating country."



The President's Column: December

Important Developments for By-laws and Membership



At our Board meeting on the 1st, we discussed a couple of items that need or should be brought to the attention of the membership:

1) This is a (more than) 10-day notice in which I am proposing a change to our current by-laws to be voted on at our Club Assembly on January 3rd.

The change is to **Section 4, Operations of Article XV: Satellite**--To remove the requirement of appointed advisors to our satellite. Having mentors was helpful when the satellite was first founded, but now that the meeting and members are established, it is no longer necessary. I will be providing all members the ability to see the changes in the by-laws online at our next meeting.

2) Our Club has taken a hit in **membership** since I came to office, so to help promote new members and coincide with the upcoming **Let's Play Ball membership drive** in the **New Year**, I am proposing to allow **1/2 price for new member dues**. This will **only** be for the second half (**January through June 2017**) of this Rotary year since that is the remaining term of my presidency. However, I am hoping we can extend this to cover a full membership year and have the policy in place long enough to see if it helps - both in **gaining new members** but even more importantly in **retention**. I hope that I can get the support of the Club for this effort so we can determine if this will provide a benefit.

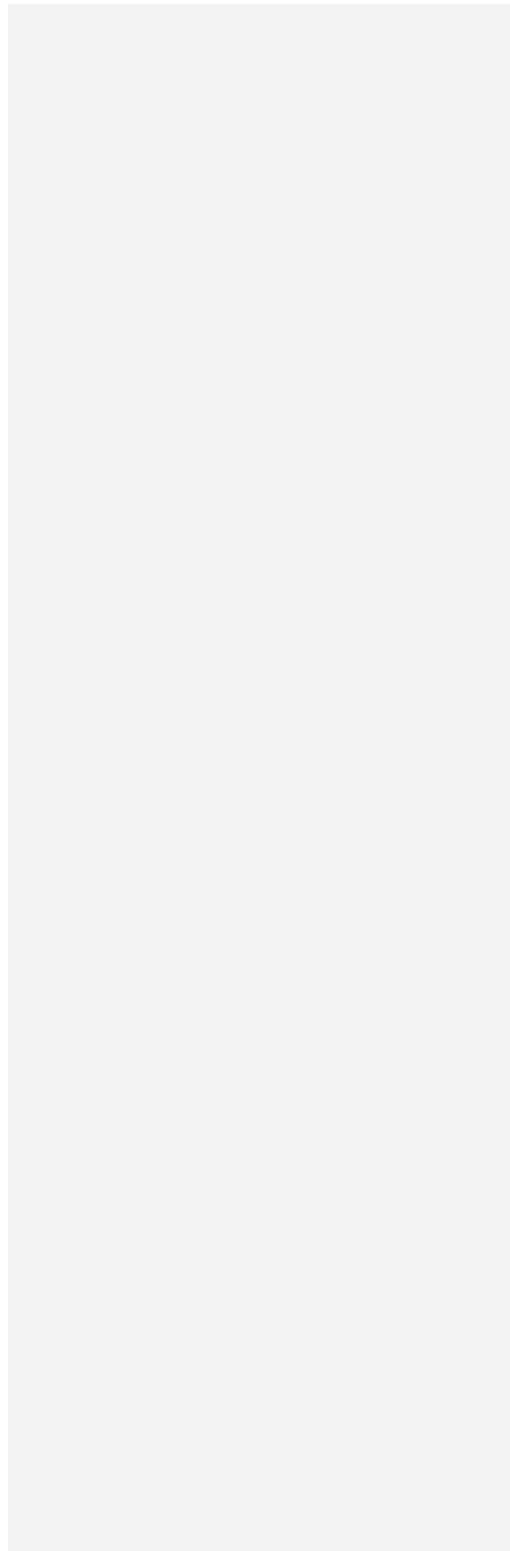
That was all **serious Club business** so I hope you got through it with-out falling asleep. I welcome any input if anyone would like to discuss these matters either at the meeting or one-to-one. My contact information is on the Club directory -- which I will also be showing all members how to see online at the next meeting -- **don't miss it!**

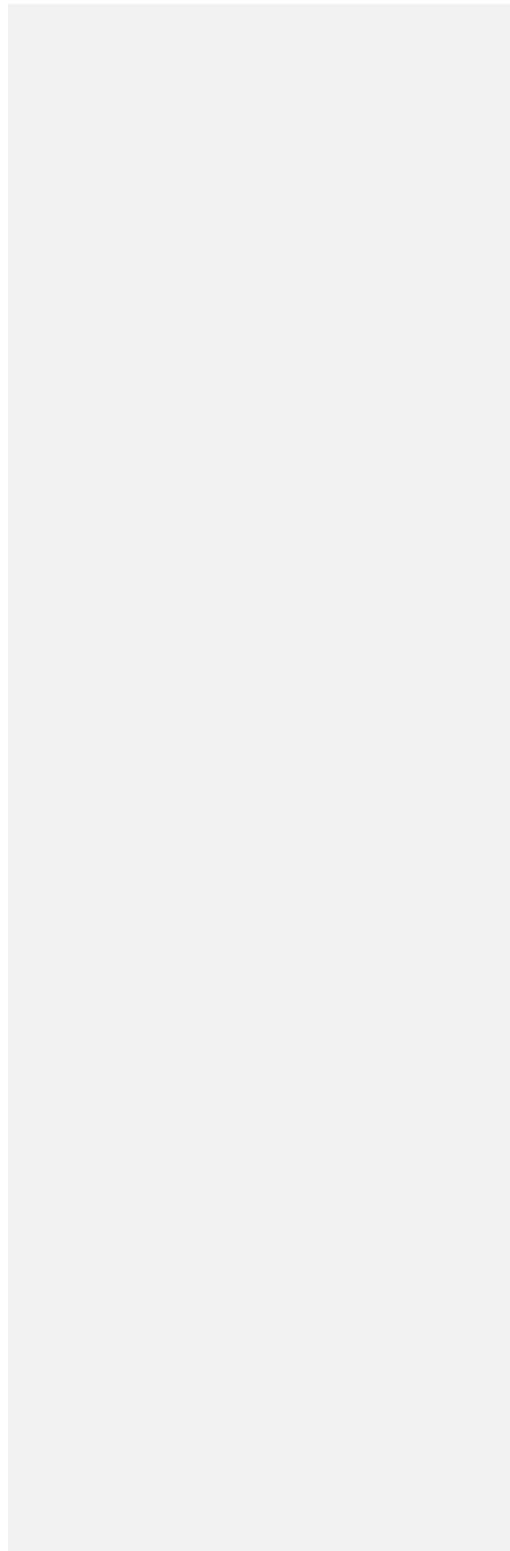


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Rob Metcalf
President, 2016-17





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