



# Rotary Club of Los Alamos

District 5520 Club 1312  
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## The Rotary Bell

Rotary Awareness  
Month

January 8, 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



### Weekly Newsletter In This Issue

- This Week's Program and Other Meeting Highlights
- This Week's Announcements, Notes & Thanks

### When & Where + Program & Meeting Highlights

Please join us **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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**
- Our Program: **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



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
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 Newsletter Editor: Linda Hull  
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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'.

## Notes & Announcements & Thanks



Several of you have expressed interest in attending the upcoming **Rio Grande Academy** training sessions, **District 5520's** version of the **Rotary Leadership Institute**, being held in **Santa Fe** on **January 21-22**. These are valuable presentations that help Rotarians better understand Rotary and areas of Rotary service and leadership.

If you go to the link below, which also appears on the District website--[www.district5520.org](http://www.district5520.org)--you may register for the three sessions listed. For those of you who might be interested in staying overnight, the Inn of Santa Fe (outlet mall, where the sessions are being held) is offering a special rate. The Club has budgeted to pay for the courses and some money for overnight stays if needed.

**Here is the RGA registration link:**

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=eb199742-3879-4838-ae44-1cd387756d53>

**Some details:**

**Event Location:** Inn at Santa Fe 8376 Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe

**Schedule:**

- Part 1 - Saturday, January 21 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Part 2 - Saturday, January 21 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Part 3 - Sunday, January 22 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Hotel:**

- Special room rates will be \$69 plus tax per night
- contact the hotel directly for reservations 888-871-7138
- hotel information: [www.innatsantafe.com](http://www.innatsantafe.com)

**Meals:**

- Breakfast is included for those staying overnight.
- Anyone not staying at the hotel would pay \$10 for a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.
- Saturday lunch will be provided by the hotel at a rate of \$15.



**Ida Mattila, our Youth Exchange student** from **Finland**, poses briefly while helping build the **Rotary International Rose Bowl Parade float** in **Pasadena, CA** over the holiday break. **The float**, which debuted **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**, was called: **Doing Good in the World.** -- **Donations** to defray Ida's expenses were generously given by **Rob and**



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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays,  
5:30-6:30, VFW, 1793 Deacon  
(behind CB Fox)

Melissa Metcalf, Jane Phillips, and Linda and Bob 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." -- Private donations from Rotary Clubs and members fund the float; no RI funding is used.

-- Congratulations to 2017-18

Officers: At our last meeting, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Mattila, 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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00, The Teen Center**



**Our Club Facebook**



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**Mary Van Eeckhout** took first place with their 'muttly' **blue** sweaters with dogs, a complementary set. – Photo by Ed Van Eeckhout



-- **Ugly Sweater For Sale:** Yes, **for only a \$2 donation to the Club**, you can be the **proud owner** of **Bob Hull's** ugly holiday sweater. It's a Size Large (but runs small-ish—or Bob runs big-ish). It comes to you freshly-washed and folded and ready for your December amusement. *Please don't make Linda auction this!*

-- **The STARS Come Out!:** Early in **December**, **Sherry Cagle** (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 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 **ginger bread 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 Met-calf**, 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



**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.**

recall, Rotary supports this worldwide endeavor. Sturdy green **ShelterBoxes** 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.



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**1.) 1 or 2 committed weekly volunteers to help with our ongoing Monday Nature Playtime, 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** Through this program that runs every Monday (except holidays), toddlers, pre-schoolers, 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.**



**2.) 1 volunteer to help with our Animal Adoption Rewards Program.** We are looking for someone to help our current animal adoption volunteer. Your task would include **emailing or mailing our animal sponsors a quarterly animal update.** This is something you could do **from home, very flexible hours and**

**times.**

It's a great way to learn about our local animals! **Interested?** Please contact Christa: **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**



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I am a Rotarian.

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### Recent Exchange Students



Ida Mattila Finland 2016-2017



Markus Essl  
Austria  
Frederiek Gerretschen  
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

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, janec181@unm.edu**.



-- **Let's Play Ball!**: Membership chair **Skip King** writes, "On **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will officially kick off our **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**."

**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

**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

## Where You'll Find Our Club Support

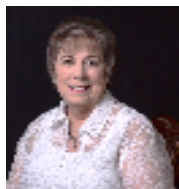
Satellite Club (STARS--Service To All Rotary Satellite); projects in Guatemala, the Dominican Republic, and South Africa; support for the Posse Lodge, LA Cares, Boy Scouts, LAHS Hilltalkers & Robotics teams, Self-Help, Family Strengths Network, Little League, Horses for Heroes, Paws and Stripes; tutoring 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; Banelier 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

### -- Member News:

\*\***Linda Anderson** is now resting comfortably at home in **White Rock** after several weeks of medical rehabilitation in Sombrillo. She would enjoy hearing from you!



\*\***Anna Caspersen** plans to return to Rotary this Tuesday! That's great news for all of us!

\*\***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 re-sources 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.)



-- **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** 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**

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

ANNE FRANK

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 3:** During the annual **January Club Assembly**, **President Rob** will review the **highlights** of **July-December 2016** and address **goals 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.

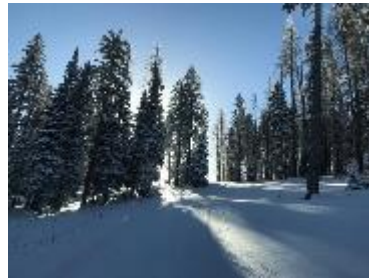
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-- **January 17:** **Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!** As we prepare for the season's wintriest weather, **Tom Long, general manager of the Pajarito Ski Hill**, will tell us all about **snow-making**, the procedures and methods used here at our local ski hill, when and why it is needed, and how the system operates and is maintained.



-- **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 promote 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

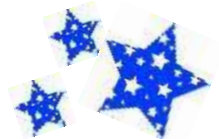
know: [acsierk@hotmail.com](mailto:acsierk@hotmail.com).

## Regular Monthly Meetings



**-- Monthly Board Meeting:** Our monthly Board meeting will be held **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** at **5:30-6:30** at the **VFW, 1793 Deacon St. (behind CB Fox).**



**-- Interact:** This community-based youth organization will meet the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month: **January and 25<sup>th</sup>** at **4:00-5:00 p.m.** at the **Teen Center on Ashley P**

## 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 Membership

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 any-one 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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In Rotary,



Rob Metcalf  
President, 2016-17



