



Rotary Club of Los Alamos

District 5520 Club 1312
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The Rotary Bell

December is
Family Month

It's our 50th Year!

November 27, 2016

*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, November 29th** 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**.



Weekly Newsletter In This Issue

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

- Sgt. at Arms: **Mary Burns**
- Rotary Minute: **Bethany Tierney**
- Fines: **TBA**



-- Our Program: **Youth Exchange student Nic Criscuolo** will share his **observations** of and **experiences** in **The Netherlands** during his Rotary school year abroad, **2015-16**.



Notes & Announcements & Thanks



-- **Holiday Baking:** **Savor** the **aroma and taste** of a **holiday favorite!** By making and baking **ginger-bread**, **Youth Exchange student Ida Mattila** is **raising money** for the purchase of one **Shelter-Box, \$1000.** (As you may recall, Rotary supports this world-wide 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.) -- To help her in her endeavor, she will be circulating a **sign-up sheet Tuesday**, asking for **donations of ingredients.** -- And, if you would like to help with the **baking**, please mark your calendars for: **Friday, December 9th**, time and place to be announced, but Ida *expects* to be able to use the **LAHS Culinary Arts classroom kitchen** at **3:00 p.m.** *More details coming soon!*



-- **Crafty Santa:** **Skip King** recently participated in a **local arts and crafts fair**, selling **Christmas wreaths, ornaments, and trivets** made from an extensive collection of **wine corks.** And, **no**, as every shopper asked, he did not empty all of those bottles himself. He credited a lot of help from his friends. **Cheers!**



-- **Many Thanks** to all who participated in the fall **clean-up** of the **Mesa Public Library Garden** on **Saturday the 12th**, coordinated by **Community Service chair Melanie Bennett.** -- Here **Bev Cooper and Phil Dabney** (front) with **Chuck Tallman, Jane Phillips, Paul Frederickson, Melanie Bennett, and Jean Gindreau** take a moment to pose for **Nina Thayer** after a full **Saturday morning** at work preparing the **library garden** for the winter season ahead. The **work party** was organized by **Melanie Bennett** as part of our Club's commitment to maintain the garden through **spring and fall mowing, weeding, trimming, and planting.** -- Please admire their hard work when you visit the library! (Photo by Nina Thayer) -- **How 'bout those t-shirts?!**



-- **In STARS and Interact News:**

--This Month's Programs

- This Month's Birthdays
- Current Calendar Notes
- District 5520 and Rotary Intl. News
- President's Column

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 4:30 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: TBA
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 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)



In addition to the news reported under *Announcements*, **STARS** recently discussed how to **increase communication** with the **Main Club** to **build friendship and mutual support**; voted to support the **Camino Real Club's Corazones de Niños global grant initiative** with a **\$500 donation**; and deepened discussion on **Fiji Water Project details**, initially inspired by **Rotarians Susan and Jeff Mather**, formerly of Los Alamos, who now live in the islands. They plan to give **\$1000** to support a Rotary grant there in addition to **\$1000** going to **Horses for Heroes** + another **\$1000** to a **Rotary brachial plexus project in Mexico**. -- STARS hopes to see **Tuesday meeting members join** the **STARS Wednesday meetings** on occasion to **share** stories and experiences. -- In keeping with the invitation, **Linda Hull delivered** *Rotarian at Work* t-shirts at the **November 16th meeting**.



In addition to the news reported under *Announcements*, **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 earlier this month.) -- And, **Interact t-shirts** will be ordered soon.

-- Member News:

****Congratulations** to **Past-President Alison Pannell**, who has just **retired** from **LANL**. After a trip to **California**, she'll head to **South Africa** to be with friends and family until **mid-February**.



| | This Month's | |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sgt. at Arms | Rotary Minute | Finemaster |
| November: | | |
| 1 Alison Pannell | Chris Sierk | Skip King |
| 8 Judy Goldie | Anna Caspersen | Donnie Torres |
| 15 Jean Gindreau | Melanie Bennett | Donnie Torres |
| 22 No Meeting: Thanksgiving Holiday! | Count Your Blessings! | |
| 29 Mary Burns | Bethany Tierney | TBA |

This Month's Programs

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

Make-Up Meetings



-- November 29: Youth Exchange student **Nic Criscuolo** will share his **observations** of and **experiences** in **The Netherlands** during his Rotary school year abroad, **2015-16**.



-- December 6: Rotarian **Norm Arnold** will find his way from **Alamogordo** to speak with us about **Bridges to Prosperity**, a project his club has undertaken to provide bridges in **Bolivia**. He is invited at the recommendation of **Jean Gindreau**.



-- December 13: Museum Board President **Andy Trottier** will tell us all about the **changes underway** at the **Bradbury Science Museum**, including the installation of a **gift shop**. Find out what else is new!

-- December 20: **No Meeting ~ Christmas Holiday!**



-- December 27: **No Meeting ~ New Year's Holiday!**



-- January 3: **Back to Rotary!**



This Month's Birthdays

- December 3: Trish Gallegos
- 6: Patrick Brenner
- 12: Laura Gonzales
- 17: Carol Clark
- 20: Lewis Muir
- 25: Ed Van Eeckhout



Current Club Calendar Notes



-- Friday, December 2nd: **Juarez Trip--** Past-president **Jim Nesmith** and **Michael Erickson**, STARS chair, will travel to **El Paso** and on to **Juarez** to **visit the hospital** there where STARS has made service connections and will **visit the children** at the **Anapra community center**, delivering **six donated acoustic guitars** Jim has collected. -- If you or anyone you know would like

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.
I create peace through service.

to **donate** an acoustic guitar, please contact Jim: 603-2130, jimnesmith@gmail.com.

-- **Friday, December 2nd: Interact Hosts December Fundraiser--**
Our local **Interactors** are busy at work, with direction from **LeAnne Parsons and Ian Foti-Landis**, preparing a **Parents' Night-Out Baby-Sitting fundraiser** on the evening of **Friday, December 2nd**. --



Just the day before **Winterfest**, **Interactors** are offering their services with **games, crafts, and other activities** for children whose parents would like to enjoy an evening out before the holidays. -- The fun **starts at 5:00 p.m., ending at 9:00 p.m.**, at the **Church of Christ, 2323 Diamond Dr.** -- Parents will provide the children's dinners. -- Costs are **\$30** for the first child in the family, **\$20** for every child thereafter. In other words, **baby-sitting for two children**

for four hours for \$50, a bargain by today's rates. -- To find out more, please contact:

LeAnn Parsons, 412-1817, legacynowlived@gmail.com.

-- **Saturday, December 3rd: STARS Awarded Significant Funding Opportunity!** -- Through the initiative of **Colette Levine and STARS friend Sherrie Cagle**, STARS has been selected by **Bechtel Corporation** to receive funds donated at its **December 3rd holiday party** at the **Inn of Loretto in Santa Fe**.

Past donations have been **as much as \$5000!** -- **LeAnne Parsons** has been tapped to be available to answer questions and tell about the **Rotary Club of Los Alamos** and our local **community projects**.



-- **Thursday, December 15th: Club Holiday Party--**
Let's celebrate the **advent** of the **winter holidays** by joining together for a banquet: **Cottonwood on the Greens--Thursday, December 15th--5:30-untill, \$40 per person. Holiday music and good cheer--**with individual and couples **prizes** for **Best Ugly Christmas Sweaters**. -- Organizers are **Donnie Torres and Skip King**.



Your choice of entree:



1. NY strip with mashed potatoes and grilled vegetables
 2. Grilled salmon on rice pilaf and grilled vegetables
 3. Fettucine Alfredo with or without chicken
- Includes side salad, bread roll, petit fours dessert platter.

Orders to **Donnie Torres: lalynk18@gmail.com.**

I am a Rotarian.

Order Rotary Merchandise

Russell-Hampton
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 Gerretschien The Netherlands
2014 - 2015



Krissi Wallis Germany
2015-2016



Thomas Routiaux Belgium
2013 -2014



Mille Nikolajsen Denmark
2012 - 2013



Eva Hauzar Switzerland 2011 - 2012
Samantha Hellessey Australia
Jan. '11 - Jan. '12

RSVP deadline for sign-up is **Tuesday noon, December 13th**. -- Checks payable to the **Rotary Club of Los Alamos**, given **Treasurer Ed Van Eeckhout**.

Regular Monthly Meetings



-- **Monthly Board Meeting**: Our monthly Board meeting will be held **Thursday, December 8th** at **4:15 p.m.** at the offices of the **LA Daily Post** on **1247 Central Avenue**. Everyone welcome! *(This will probably change due to scheduling conflicts, but the day has not been determined yet.)*

-- **STARS (Service To All Rotary Satellite)** will meet the **first and third Wednesdays** of the month: **December 7th and 21st** 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--except in **December when it will only meet on the 14th** due to holiday vacation on the 28th--at **4:00-5:00 p.m.** at the **Teen Center on Ashley Pond**.

District 5520 and Rotary International News



100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

As we begin our **2016-17 Rotary year**, Rotarians around the world are beginning to celebrate the **100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation**. The first donation made to TRF was in the amount of **\$26.50**, which is why you will see this figure or multiples of it mentioned in Rotary International literature this year. That amount now equates to more than **\$530.00**. -- RI writes, "At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment 'for the purpose of doing good in the world.' In **1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation**, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. In **1929**, the Foundation made its **first gift** of **\$500** to the **International Society for Crippled Children**. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals. When **Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947**, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation."



Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)

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

-- 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

Rotary Pay-It-Forward Raffle

I would like to **explain** the presence and use of the **Raffle** in our club. I feel that some members may not understand its purpose or (probably rightly so) may not understand its intent.

The raffle was designed as a **third large fundraiser** for our club to help us provide for and augment all the great work we do. Money from the raffle allows us to **expand** our good programs and **add** on new programs as they come to light. It provides us **flexibility** to do all of our good work and more. I learned this when I was grudgingly forced to make a budget for the club - **we need more money if we want to do more stuff**.

The raffle is designed to be simple, but have the capacity to raise appreciable amounts of money. I realize that it also requires us to do some selling, something that I am personally not fond of, but I have tried to frame this in the scope of **providing Rotary awareness** with the possibility of selling a ticket or two. In other words, a **way to start a conversation about Rotary** that can only lead to opportunities.

The numbers work out so that **if each member can sell 5 tickets (for \$50 each), we will raise ~\$11,000**. Some of the "extra" projects that (I am thinking) this could fund (subject to vote) are: **sending some of our new Interactors** to the **RI convention in Georgia**; increasing our involvement in **International Grant Projects**; **improving**



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.

quality of life at our senior centers; helping the (STARS) satellite with some of their projects; and, of course, a 9' tall inflatable Rotary Wheel (with our club name stenciled on the bottom), ETC.... (as seen at left).

Of course, it is ultimately for the members to decide where and how we use our money and effort. My job is to make these things possible by providing the resources, and the raffle is a means to this end. So grab a few tickets, keep them in your pocket, and when the time arises you will have them to make a sale. Please do not feel any obligation to make a quota or buy them yourself, all I am asking is that you try - however, the odds are pretty good...

In Rotary,



Rob Metcalf
President, 2016-17

P.S. When this raffle started, I really had not intended to be the sole person in charge. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.





