



Rotary Club of Los Alamos

District 5520 Club 1312
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The Rotary Bell

Family Month

It's our 50th Year!

December 13, 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, December 13th**, 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: **Becky Ehler**
- Rotary Minute: **Ida Mattila**
- Fines: **Donnie Torres**
- Our Program: **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!**



Weekly Newsletter In This Issue

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Notes & Announcements & Thanks



-- **LA Cares Collection:** To make the deadline for the **Holiday Food Distribution**, we're **collecting donations** for **LA Cares** at Rotary this Tuesday. Please bring **non-perishable food items** or **personal hygiene products** (soap, shampoo, deodorant) for those in need or consider bringing a **check** made to LA Cares. -- **Canned chicken and tuna, breakfast cereals, peanut butter, rice and beans, and hearty soups** are always in great demand. -- *Also*, if you have **extra paper grocery bags**, please bring them for LA Cares as well.

-- **Slate of Officers, 2017-18:** According to our Club by-laws, the **Nominating Committee**, those three most recent past presidents able to serve (**Alison Pannell, Jim Nesmith, Linda Hull**), will announce the nominees for **President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer** during a regular Club meeting in **December**. 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 are:

President-elect--Laura Loy

Secretary--Phil Dabney

Treasurer--Ed Van Eeckhout (returning)

Our by-laws also provide for **nominations from the floor**.

At least **one-third** of the membership ($1/3$ of 68 = 23) **must be present** to constitute a quorum at the meeting in which Board elections are held; a **two-thirds vote** of all members present **will constitute a majority** and the Club's decision. A **voice vote** will be conducted unless otherwise requested by vote of the members at the meeting.

-- **Holiday Baking:** **Ida Mattila**, our **Youth Exchange Student** from **Finland**, reports great success in the baking and selling of her **gingerbread house kits**. A group of 15 friends and students from **DECA** (marketing, finance, entrepreneurship) at the high school helped her bake and



decorate the gingerbread on **Friday** at the **LAHS Culinary Arts kitchen**, and she sold all but two Saturday at the **Chamber of Commerce**. She'll bring those to Rotary on Tuesday. *And*, Skip will also have more of his wreaths, ornaments, and boards for sale as well. -- With Saturday's **sales + donations from sales of Skip King's holiday merchandise**, Ida has raised over **\$500.00**. -- The **money raised** goes



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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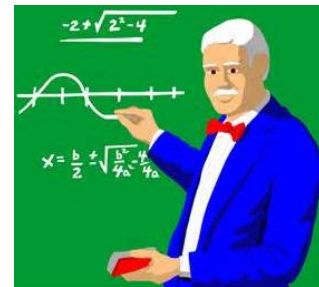
STARS

(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)

towards the purchase of one **ShelterBox, \$1000.** (As you may recall, Rotary supports this world-wide 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.)



-- **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, 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 14 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."

-- **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.**



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
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www.facebook.com/InteractLosAlamos

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

-- 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 traveling between Los Alamos and doctors at UCLA as she addresses health concerns.

****We regret to announce that Anne and Hal Davis**, who joined Rotary, respectively, in 1998 and 2012, have chosen not to renew their Club memberships. No reasons for their decision were given.

-- In STARS and Interact News:



From STARS chair, Michael Erickson--"On **Wednesday, December 7th**, Los Alamos Rotary **STARS reviewed work** conducted in **Juarez, Mexico**, where STARS members **Jim Nesmith and Michael Erickson** met with members of the **Camino Real Rotary Club in El Paso, TX**. Together they **conducted work** at the **Ciudad Juarez Children's Hospital** and the **Soles de Anapra Children's Community Center**, where **Jim presented** two of eight **guitars** donated by the generous citizens of Los Alamos. -- The **STARS team** also discussed the **Bechtel fundraiser and dinner** held on **Friday, December 3rd**, attended by **LeAnne Parsons and her husband**, where they mingled and discussed the work Rotary does in Northern New Mexico. -- **Team captains and members** were also chosen for the annual **Let's Play Ball** membership drive. The STARS members are enthusiastic to bring ongoing prospects to the team, and new potential members as well.



-- 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 earlier this month.) -- And, **Interact t-shirts** will be ordered soon.

Sgt. at Arms	This Month's Rotary Minute	Finemaster
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December:

6 Sarah Rochester	Phil Dabney	Donnie Torres
13 Becky Ehler	Ida Mattila	Donnie Torres

This Month's Programs

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
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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.

-- 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

-- **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



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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
Samantha Hellessey Australia

Includes side salad, bread roll, petit fours dessert platter.

Orders to Donnie Torres: lalynk18@gmail.com.

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 1st** 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 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: 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.



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.

That was all **serious Club business** so I hope you got through it without 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!**



In Rotary,



Rob Metcalf
President, 2016-17





