



# Rotary Club of Los Alamos

District 5520 Club 1312  
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## The Rotary Bell

Rotary World  
Understanding Month

February 26, 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, February 28<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: **Jane Phillips**
- Rotary Minute: **Laura Loy**
- Fines: **Donnie Torres**
- Our Program: **Jim Weyhrauch**, a friend of our **Assistant Governor Pat Murray** and co-chair of the **Northern New Mexico Air Alliance**, will present a program about this non-profit



### 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 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: Laura Loy  
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 Alison Pannell  
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 STARS: LeAnne Parsons

## Avenues of Service Chairs

Club: Oliver Morris  
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 Zubelewicz  
 Vocational: Shelley Wiemann  
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 Newsletter Editor: Linda Hull  
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group of businesses, cities, counties, and attractions that now offers **direct flights** between **Santa Fe and Phoenix** on **American Airlines**. -- **Special guests: Stuart Kirk, Co-Chair of Northern NM Air Alliance**, and **Pat Murray, Committee Member of NNMAA and our Rotary AG**. -- **Our airport manager, Dave Ploeger**, has also been invited.

## Notes & Announcements & Thanks



-- **LA Cares Collection:** Don't forget we're **collecting food donations** for **LA Cares** at Rotary this Tuesday. Please bring **non-perishable food items** 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 de-mand. -- Also, if you have **extra paper grocery bags**, please bring them for LA Cares as well.

-- **Crab Fest and Thanks!:** Our **8<sup>th</sup> annual (and largest) fundraiser** of the year is behind us now, another *hugely* successful all-you-can-eat family-style dinner--catered by **Blue Window**--with music and silent and live auctions. -- The final total isn't in yet, but it's obvious we hosted a lively evening with community friends and generous donors. -- **Huge thanks** to **each and every Rotarian and friend of Rotary** who supported our fundraiser by **giving time, auction and cash donations, and talent**. -- More updates soon!



-- **Game Over:** **Membership chair Skip King** has announced that we've reached the conclusion of **Let's Play Ball**, our annual membership drive. **Ten** people have shown interest in joining; in fact, Skip has already led **four** of them in an orientation about Rotary. -- Skip will tally team scores soon. Did your team win the Series or strike out?

-- **Bridges to Prosperity!:** **Norm Arnold**, one of our December guest speakers, writes, "**The Rotary Club of Alamogordo**, lead Club on a Global Grant with The Rotary Foundation, is **constructing a 127-meter suspension bridge** near **Condega, Nicaragua**. The Global Grant, #1641321, was approved by The Rotary Foundation. We are in the final stages of collecting the funds needed to complete





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)

this grant. -- We are **working on a trip to visit and work** at three possible bridge sites. The initial plan for this trip is **April 26 to May 1. If you are interested** in traveling with us, please contact me at: norm1693@gmail.com, or Robyn Long at: robynlong@bridgestoprosperty.org.

At this time we time we have **5 folks** committed for the trip: 3 from **El Paso** -- 1 from **Alamogordo** -- 1 from **Newport News, VA.**

I would like to limit the number of travelers to **8**, but might consider a couple more. So if you are interested, please add your name to the list **as soon as possible.** Thanks, Norm & Robyn”



### Sgt. at Arms      This Month's Rotary Minute      Finemaster

#### February:

7 Judy Goldie	Phil Dabney	Skip King
14 Steve Ciddio	Oliver Morris	Donnie Torres
21 Brian Newnam	Alex Zubelewicz	Skip King
28 Jane Phillips	Laura Loy	Donnie Torres

### This Month's Programs

-- February 7: **Prisca Tiasse** of **LA Makers** will describe this **“scientific playground for all ages.”** Recently opened in the former PEEC facility on **Orange St. near the high school, LA Makers** gives residents **access to events, space, tools and equipment** (3-D printers, woodworking, sewing machines, metalworking and soldering, electronics, computers) and a place to **learn and share skills.** (Not to be confused with **Project y** at Central Park Square.) -- LA Makers is **sponsored** by other familiar LAs: **LANL, LANS, LANB.**

-- February 14: **“Happiness is a warm puppy.”** Most of us feel that **love** comes that way, too. **Wendee Brunish** of **Friends of the Shelter** will spend time with us on **Valentine's Day** to tell us all about changes at the shelter and who's waiting to bring love to your heart. **(Expect a canine cuddler to convince you!)**





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



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-- February 21: Local artists Ruth Tatter and Michelle Griffin are eager to tell us all about plans for the creation of the **Los Alamos Museum of Art**, "a newly formed non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization created to **preserve and present the cultural heritage and art of Los Alamos** through exhibits, pro-grams, and connections to the science and arts of our local and regional artists and art collectors."



(Tiger by R. Tatter; Flowers by M. Griffin.)

-- February 28: **Jim Weyhrauch**, a friend of our **Assistant Governor Pat Murray** and co-chair of the **Northern New Mexico Air Alliance**, will present a program about this non-profit group of businesses, cities, counties, and attractions that now offers **direct flights** between **Santa Fe and Phoenix** on **American Airlines**. -- Expected guests: **Stuart Kirk**, Co-Chair of Northern NM Air Alliance, and **Pat Murray**, Committee Member of NNMAA and our Rotary AG.



### This Month's Birthdays

February 2: Dawn Brown  
Vincent Chiravelle  
Anne Macek  
7: Melanie Bennett



### Current Club Calendar Notes



-- **Mark Your Calendars!**: We are hosting a **Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)** from **Oregon, March 22-26 (Wednesday-Sunday)**. -- At this time, three couples and three individual women have registered to visit us here in District 5520. -- **Chris writes**, "Several members have been hard at work planning for our RFE Guests in March. We have tentative plans for a **trip to Ortega Weaving and Rancho de Chimayo**, an **all Club potluck brunch at the Rochesters'** beautiful home, **visits to Banelier, PEEC**, the **new Historical Museum and Bethe House**, a **tour with Buffalo Tours (Georgia Strickfaden)**, an **all Club potluck dinner at the Sierks'**, and a **trip to Santa Fe**. If you are interested in participating in any of the above, and possibly helping with driving, please **contact Chris (662-3894 or acsierk@hotmail.com)**. We

**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](http://www.rotarymakeup.org).  
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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.

want as many Club members (including STARS) to be involved as possible!"

**Regular Monthly Meetings**



-- **Monthly Board Meeting:** Our monthly Board meeting will be held **Thursday, February 9<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: February 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** at **5:30-6:30** at the **VFW, Deacon St. (behind CB Fox)**.



-- **Interact:** This community-based youth organization will meet the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month: **February 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>th</sup>** at **4:00-5:00 p.m.** at the **Teen Center on Ashley Pond**.

-- **Updates from STARS and from Interact:**

-- **STARS** has at least **three candidates** to propose for membership through **Let's Play Ball** and are looking forward to serving on **up-coming committees** for the **4-Way Test Essay Competition**, chaired by **Andrea Cunningham**, and the **scholarships**.

-- **Interact: Interactors served** at **Crab Fest** and have also **adopted LA Mountain** (clean-up) in cooperation with the **US Forest Service**. They are also forging successfully ahead with recruiting students for **Bridge the Gap**, a way to offer area high school students **opportunities** to take advantage of scholar-ships, college counseling, and so forth. -- Just last week **Rotarian Antonya Sanders** spoke to the students about her **international service** in the **Peace Corps** in the **islands of Kiribati**.



**District 5520 and Rotary International News**

-- **Saturday, March 25:** The **District Assembly** will convene at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Albuquerque Crowne Plaza** located at **1901 University Blvd. NE**. This event is the **premier training opportunity for all Rotarians in the District** – not just district leaders.

The training will focus on the **priorities of the Rotary strategic plan**, which include **membership, Rotary Foundation and Public Image**. For those clubs who are planning to apply for any district grants, the session will include **grants training** that will qualify your club to participate in a





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I am a Rotarian.

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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



grant. At least two persons from the club must attend grants training in order to qualify for a grant.  
We are pleased to welcome Gretchen and Gary Bren, from Omaha, Nebraska and Christine Grodecki of the Rotary Foundation, who will be presenters. Gretchen has served as District 5650 Polio Plus Chair and is a recipient of both the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World. Gary Bren currently serves as District Governor for District 5650.

The cost for attending is \$25, which includes a plated lunch. The session will end at 3:15 with door prizes. In the evening, the Foundation Dinner is scheduled at 6:00 p.m., and will feature keynote speaker Christine Grodecki. The cost of the Foundation Dinner is just \$50. Special hotel rates are available from the Crowne Plaza at \$89 for either Friday or Saturday night. -- Consider joining us at Applebee's at 2600 Menaul NE, just minutes from the Crowne Plaza, before the Assembly. The Rotary Club of Albuquerque Sandia will host a pancake breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. for just \$9.

It's easy to register from the District website, and a link is included for the Crowne Plaza. Yours In Rotary, DGE Doreen Kelsey"

-- Thursday-Sunday, May 4-7: The District 5520 Annual Convention



will be held in Albuquerque at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel on Louisiana. Please visit www.district5520.org and click for more information in the left column. Here's some additional information:

Cost for full conference registration per person is \$199.00, which includes all meals and events on Friday and Saturday. Register by March 17th and you'll be entered into a drawing for one of five Paul Harris Fellowships. The conference includes:



May 5:  
Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation and 30 Years of Women in Rotary (lunch)  
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta (dinner)

## 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

### May 6:

**Youth Exchange Talent Show** (breakfast)

**Youth in Rotary** (lunch)

**Western Night Awards** (dinner)

**Dancing and Entertainment** by **Michael Martin Murphey and his band**

Hotel Registration for the rate of **\$105** plus tax is available at **The Albuquerque Sheraton Uptown 1-800-325-3535** or [www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/2017Rotary5520](http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/2017Rotary5520).

Please ask for the **Rotary 5520 rate** – but you must register before **April 15!** **Questions?** Please contact, **Co-chairs:** [kathiewilliams46@gmail.com](mailto:kathiewilliams46@gmail.com) or [donettewagner@gmail.com](mailto:donettewagner@gmail.com).



## 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: February

There is no President's Column at this week.



Rob Metcalf  
President, 2016-17

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.



