



Rotary Club of Los Alamos

District 5520 Club 1312
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The Rotary Bell

Rotary
Literacy Month

March 5, 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, March 7th**, 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

- Sgt. at Arms: **TBA**
- Rotary Minute: **Brian Newnam**
- Fines: **Skip King**
- Our Program: **Rotarian and 'Chief Cook' George Basch** of the **Taos Milagro Club** returns to tell us about **The Himalayan Stove Project**, the international program he directs



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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: Laura Loy
- 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

that distributes **free, clean-burning and efficient cookstoves** to people of the Himalayas. -- On **March 25th Basch and the Himalayan Stove Project** will receive the **Citation of Merit** from the **Explorer's Club** in **New York City**. Basch writes, "This is an important and prestigious acknowledgement of our work that will help us in telling our story to the general public."

-- **Possible Inductions: Mark Voss and Dawn Voss**, led by **Brian Newnam**

Notes & Announcements & Thanks

-- **Crab Fest and Thanks!**: Our **8th 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!



Sgt. at Arms	This Month's Rotary Minute	Finemaster
March: 7 TBA 14 21 28	Brian Newnam	Skip King

This Month's Programs

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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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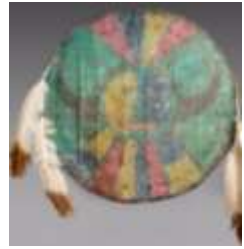
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STARS

(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)



-- March 14: Ken Lucero, Ph.D., Zia/Cochiti heritage and field representative in Senator Martin Heinrich's office, will speak about repatriation of New Mexico's Native American artifacts. -- At is the Acoma war shield, destined auction in Paris, that stirred an international controversy.



-- March 21: Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day--and today, when members of the award-winning Belisama Irish Dance Company will perform for us. -- Expect some fancy foot-work and toe-tappin' music from Adrienne Bellis and her young dancers who will bring a wee bit o' Ireland our way. (Belisama is pronounced Bel-i-SAH-ma. She is a Celtic goddess whose name means Summer Bright. She is associated with wisdom and healing.)



-- March 28: A cancellation, so program will be announced soon; possibly UNM-LA executive director Cindy Rooney.

This Month's Birthdays

March: 1 Chuck Tallman
4 Colette Levine
27 Bev Cooper



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, two couples and three individual women have registered to visit us here in District 5520. -- At this time, we have plans for a trip to Ortega Weaving and Rancho de Chimayó, an all-Club potluck brunch at the Rochesters' beautiful home, a visit to Bandelier, PEEC, the new Historical Museum and Beth 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 want as many Club members (including STARS) to be involved as possible!"

-- Bridges to Prosperity Trip Details: Member Jean Gindreau

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/RotarySTARS
www.facebook.com/InteractLosAlamos

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



BRIDGES
TO PROSPERITY

reports that **Norm Arnold**, the **Alamogordo Rotarian** coordinating the trip, says, "We will be traveling by van

from the Airport Hotel in Managua to the bridge sites. The final literary is still under development and we will share the details as soon as they become final." Here is what we know so far:

April 26 - arrive in Managua - hotel near airport

April 27 - travel to Monte Verde - pour concrete/work on bridge - stay in Condega/Esteli

April 28 - travel to Arenales & Mato Palo - have dinner with Rotary Clubs - stay in Condega/Esteli

April 29 - travel south for mid-morning zipline in La Brellera - travel back to Selva Negra

April 30 - morning tour of coffee plantation, etc. - lunch - back to Managua early evening

May 1 - Tour

May 2 - depart for USA

If you are interested in this Rotary-supported adventure and service project, please contact **Jean Gindreau** (pac8@losalamos.com) or **Linda Hull** (northmesa@comcast.net).

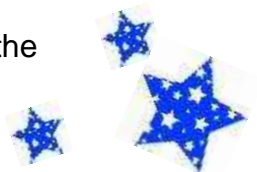


Regular Monthly Meetings



-- **Monthly Board Meeting:** Our monthly Board meeting will be held **Thursday, March 9th** 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 **second and third Wednesdays of the month: March 1st and 15th** 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: **March 8th and 22nd** 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 **upcoming committees** for the **4-Way Test Essay Competition**, chaired by **Andrea Cunningham**, and the **scholarships**.

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
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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.

-- 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 two weeks ago, **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 **member-ship, 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 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**"

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I am a Rotarian.

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Markus Essl Austria
Frederiek Gerretschien The Netherlands
2014 - 2015



Krissi Wallis Germany
2015-2016



Thomas Routiaux Belgium
2013 -2014

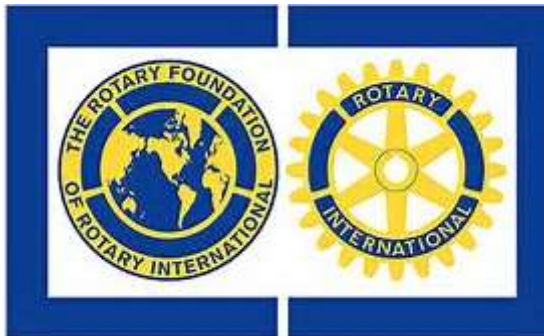


Mille Nikolajsen Denmark
2012 - 2013



Eva Hauzar Switzerland
Samantha Hellessey Australia

-- 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)



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.

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

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

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: March

Dear Club,

We are in March! Time for baseball. Or, in the case of our exchange student **Ida, Softball**. She is on the JV team at the HS and just got back from a trip to **Farmington**. She should be having a couple of games in town this coming weekend (I assume in WR) so if you have the time, stop by and cheer her on.

The **main projects** coming up in our club are mostly **student-related: scholarships, Student of the Year, and the 4-Way Test essay competition**. I hope everyone who wants to participate in these efforts is already involved. If not please let me know. I am also looking forward to the visit by the **Rotary Friendship Exchange**. If you have not participated in an exchange before, you need to - it is Rotary fellowship (pardon the gender bias) at its best.

One small business item: I need to remind the Club that the **Rotary Minute** at the beginning of meetings is about Rotary. It should be used to promote and increase enthusiasm in Rotary. If you have signed up to give the Rotary Minute, please remember to keep it Rotary focused. We may have begun to stray a little (not a lot) from this format and I have been reminded to keep us on track.

Your Happy President,



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.

