



Rotary Club of Los Alamos

District 5520 Club 1312
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The Rotary Bell

Rotary
Literacy Month

March 19, 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 21st**, 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: **Chris Sierk**
- Rotary Minute: **Karen Easton**
- Fines: **Donnie Torres**
- Our Program: 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



- This Month's Club Assignments
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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

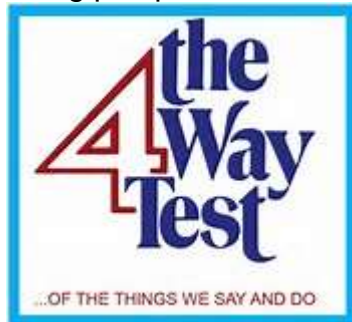
 Newsletter Editor: Linda Hull

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.)

-- Possibly A Courtesy Presentation: **Lisa Harris**

Notes & Announcements & Thanks

-- **4-Way Test Essay Competition:** Under the leadership of **Andrea Cunningham**, the 4-Way Test Essay Competition is **underway** after being postponed about one month due to illness at the District level. --



Mrs. Montoya, an 8th-grade LA Middle School Language Arts teacher, and most likely another teacher, **will administer the competition this week during class time**, as holding the writing competition after school reduces the number of students able to participate. The submissions, **between 30 and 70**, will be given to Andrea by **March 24th**.

Andrea will number and print out packets for all of the judges, probably **by the 27th**, with hopes of holding a quick meeting with everyone or meeting individually. Judges will be asked to read and pick their **Top 10** by **Friday, March 31st**. On that day, Andrea will arrange a scoring meeting for all judges to review their Top 10 and narrow the winners down to the **Top 3** for **Club prizes and submission to District 5520 competition.**-- Andrea will then submit the winning essay to the District, well before the **April 7th** deadline.



Andrea writes, "The week of the 27th is spring break for the schools, so the students will complete the essay as a side activity before they leave (it is the end of the quarter so there are limited graded assignments). As soon as they return to school, PAARC testing starts and is very hard and stressful for the students. Mrs. Montoya and I wanted to **reward those classes who participated** and give them a 'stress relief' activity in **April**, so I have agreed to throw them an **ice cream sundae party.**"

-- **Crab Fest:** **Ahoy, mateys!** Treasurer **Ed Van Eeckhout** reports that we netted (no seafood pun intended) just over **\$24,000** at this year's event. Great work, crew!



-- **Family Strengths Network:** The Board approved a donation of **\$500.00** to **Family Strengths Network** to provide **new resource and reading materials** for its **Beth Ladino Family Resource Library**. In honor of Rotary's dedication to **literacy**, we have given to this library in the



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)

past and look forward to **Executive Director Carie Fanning's** courtesy presentation on the **28th**; she undoubtedly looks forward to the check. ☺

-- Survey Says! Coming Soon!

As **President-elect Laura Loy** prepares for her **2017-18** year as Club president, she is creating a Club survey. This will be **your opportunity** to make a difference. Watch for it **soon** in your e-mailbox and at meetings!



-- Member News:

**** Resignations --**

We regret to report that two members, **Anne Davis** and **Patrick Brenner**, have recently resigned from the Club.

Sgt. at Arms This Month's Finemaster
Rotary Minute

March:

7 TBA

14 TBA

21 Chris Sierk

28 TBA

Brian Newnam

Alex Zubelewicz

Karen Easton

Skip King

Oliver Morris

Donnie Torres

This Month's Programs

-- March 7: 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 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."



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



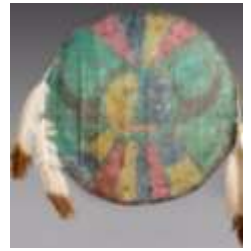
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Club: www.losalamosrotary.com
 District: www.rotary5520.org
 International: www.rotary.org



POSTPONED

-- 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 for auction in **Paris**, that stirred an **international controversy**.

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Celtic goddess whose name means **Summer Bright**. is associated with wisdom and healing.)



-- **March 28:** **Ayla Jarvis**, the **Educational Coordinator** and a **resident of**



Delancey Street, and **Zachary Braazt**, also a **Delancey Street resident and a student** in the **UNM-Los Alamos High School**



Equivalency (HSE) program, will speak about the importance of our **grant**, in partnership with UNM-Los Alamos, that **pays for HSE exam fees**. -- Jarvis and

Braazt will be joined by **Dr. Gabe Baca**, director of the **UNM-Los Alamos Adult Basic Education Department**.

This Month's Birthdays

March: 1 **Chuck Tallman**
 4 **Colette Levine**
 27 **Bev Cooper**



Current Club Calendar Notes



-- **It's Here!** 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**,

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.

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:



BRIDGES TO PROSPERITY

Member Jean Gindreau 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 **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**.

I create peace through service.

I am a Rotarian.

Order Rotary Merchandise

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800-877-8908

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www.clubsupplies.com
800-810-2100

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

-- Updates from STARS and from Interact:

-- **STARS** is looking forward to serving on **upcoming committees** for the **4-Way Test Essay Competition**, chaired by **Andrea Cunningham**, and the **scholarships**.

-- **Interact: Interactors have 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 scholarships, college counseling, and so forth.

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 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**"

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

-- 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 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**



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.



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



