



# Rotary Club of Los Alamos

District 5520 Club 1312

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## The Rotary Bell

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April 16, 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



### Weekly Newsletter In This Issue

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### When & Where + Program & Meeting Highlights

Please join us **Tuesday, April 18<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: **TBA**
- Rotary Minute: **TBA**
- Fines: **TBA**
- Our Program: **Jeremy Smith**, sports and adventure director for the

local **Family YMCA**, will present a **program about** and **perform on the didgeridoo**, the **traditional instrument of Australian aborigines**.



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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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Club: Oliver Morris  
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New Generations: Alex  
Zubelewicz  
Vocational: Shelley Wiemann  
\*\*\*\*\*

Newsletter Editor: Linda Hull  
\*\*\*\*\*



-- Distinguished Student of Service (formerly Student of the Month): **Sara Shiina and Ethan Aulwes**

-- Donation to be Presented:

\*\* **Carie Fanning**, executive director of the **Family Strengths Network**, will accept a check to use for purchasing materials for its **Beth Ladino Resource Library**.



## Notes & Announcements & Thanks



-- **Many thanks** to Pres.-elect **Laura Loy**, whose family is hosting exchange student **Ida Mattila**, for arranging an **Easter Sunday brunch** for **Ida's parents and brother**, who are visiting from **Finland**. (You'll find them right between **Laura Loy** and **Melissa Metcalf**.)

**Below, just a glimpse at upcoming Rotary events.**

**More are listed below under  
Current Club Calendar Notes. Busy!**



-- **Cinco de Mayo at Delancey Street!**



Remember our speakers from Delancey Street Foundation, **Ayla Jarvis** and **Zachary Braatz**? As promised, they've invited us to their **Cinco de Mayo** celebration on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. **Linda Hull** will circulate a **sign-up sheet** and take care of the RSVPs. -- **The high school equi-valency (HSE) students** at Delancey are **grateful** for the **grant** we provide through **UNM-LA** to pay for their exam fees; they'd





**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)**

like to say "Thanks!" Let's plan to show them how much we appreciate their invitation! -- Directions will be provided.



**-- Music is in the Air!:** It's once again time to think ahead to the annual **Rotary Club-Deborah Beene Music Competition**, chaired by **Ed Van Eeckhout and Brian**

**Newnam.** Six talented musicians will audition on **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00** at the **United Church**. Entries include piano, voice, flute, clarinet, cello, and trumpet.

**-- Inductions at STARS:** Inductions into our Club, but by way of our **Satellite (STARS)**,



were held **Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>** at a **potluck dinner** at the home of new member **Sherry Cagle**. Inducted were: (l-r) **Stacey Castille** (Laura Loy), **Sherry Cagle** (Gloria Brehm, LeAnne Parsons), and

**Paulina Gwaltney** (LeAnne Parsons). The ceremony was led by **Pres. Rob Metcalf** and **Membership chair Skip King**. -- **Sponsors** are indicated in parentheses.-- **Welcome, ladies!**

**-- More Inductions!:** **From A-Z**, Albert to Zanol (with Martinez in the middle of the alphabet), we welcomed (l-r) **Merlinda Martinez** (Laura Gonzales), **Andrea Albert**, and **Dylan Zanol** (both Skip King) to Rotary on **April 11<sup>th</sup>**. -- **Sponsors** are indicated in parentheses.-- **Welcome, all!**



**-- Ahoy! It's District Raffle Time!:** No, this is *not* a graphic of the *Titanic*, but an announcement that the **District 5520 Cruise-Cash Raffle** is now in progress with 100% of the proceeds benefitting the **Rotary Foundation**. You may purchase a package of **10 tickets for \$100**, conveniently the suggested annual donation to the Foundation. You may sell them to

friends or enter all in your name. -- The winner will receive **\$2500.00** in **cash** or as a certificate for a **cruise**. -- The winning ticket will be drawn during the early-May **District Conference** in **Albuquerque**. -- Checks may be made payable to **The Rotary Foundation** and given to **Foundation chair Steve Ciddio**.

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**



**Our Club  
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**-- 4-Way Test Essay Competition:** Under the leadership of Rotarian **Andrea Cunningham** and **LAMS Language Arts teacher Mrs. Montoya**, the 4-Way Test Essay Competition has taken place and the winners just announced:



**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Griffith Light  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Garrett Slama  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Zachary Schraud



Many thanks to Andrea and judges **Phil Dabney, Karen Easton, Laura Loy, Alison Pannell, Bethany Tierney, Alex Zubelewicz**. -- Andrea has submitted Griffith Light's winning essay to **Dis-trict 5520 competition**. -- With our Club's **volunteer help and financial support** of **\$75**, **Andrea and Mrs. Montoya** will **reward those classes who participated** with an **ice cream sundae** party this **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Middle School (at Time TBA)**. -- The winning students will present to the Club on **May 9<sup>th</sup>**.



**-- Meet Julian!:** **Julian Baier**, our **2017-18 Youth Exchange Student** will be joining us in **August**. Julian is from **Neustift, a small village in Lower Austria (near Innsbruck)**. He enjoys "gym, mountain biking, soccer, table tennis, and fishing." -- His mother is teaches "English, sports, and biology," and his father is a "self-employed ceramicist."

-- Julian will be **17** later this year and has two older sisters and a cat. -- Julian is interested in business, marketing, and computers. -- **Thanks** to **Alex Zubelewicz** for leading this effort! -- If you or friends of yours would like to **host**

**Julian**--three-month rotation--please be sure to contact Alex as soon as possible! (**709-0447, azubel05@gmail.com**)



**-- Congratulations, Ruby!:** **Ruby Selvage**, daughter of Rotarian **Kim Selvage** and an 'incoming' Senior at **LAHS**, has been selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership camp, **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)** this **July**. The camp, which meets at a site in the **Manzano Mountains**, is a one-week camp dedicated to **leadership, fellowship, and Rotary principles**. -- You go, girl! ☺

**-- Survey Says! Coming Soon!**



**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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### 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.



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:

**\*\* Tammy Thorn** has re-joined our Club. **Welcome!**



**\*\* Antonya Sanders** will be leaving the Club, as there are not enough parent-children activities for her family to participate in at this time. Antonya has helped on several garden clean-ups and has served on the Grants Committee and others.

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

#### April:

<b>4 Donnie Torres</b>	<b>Linda Hull</b>	<b>Skip King</b>
<b>11 Linda King</b>	<b>Alison Pannell</b>	<b>Skip King</b>
<b>18</b>		
<b>25</b>		

### **This Month's Programs**



-- **April 4: Karen Williams**, a **critical nurse** at **Los Alamos Medical Center** **marathon runner**, will tell us about her encounter with the **mother black bear** **attacked** her **last June** during a **Valles Caldera running competition** and



she has **worked to change New Mexico wildlife law** to protect animal comprehensively. -- The black bear is **New Mexico's state mammal**.

(photo of bear by Roy Mac, flickr)



**Project Y FIRST Robotics Competition Team 4153**

**son** and **members** of the **LAHS Robotics Team** will give a program describing the **projects** they are designing, their upcoming **competitions**, and how **ideas** are put to work. -- We will present the team with a **check for \$500.00** to put toward their competition and equipment needs.

-- **April 11: MEET at UNITED CHURCH** This week **Coach Andy Erick-**



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## 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 Hellesey Australia



-- April 18<sup>th</sup>: **Jeremy Smith**, sports and adventure director for the local Family YMCA, will present a program about and **perform on didgeridoo**, the traditional instrument of Australian aborigines.



-- April 25<sup>th</sup>: From **Australia** on to **India** as **Paul and Rosmarie Frederickson** tell us about their **January 2016 Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) to India**.



## This Month's Birthdays

April 4 Nancy Cerutti  
15 Linda Hull  
16 Natalia Tretiak  
24 Anna Caspersen  
25 Antonya Sanders  
26 Bob Hull  
27 Dylan Zanow  
28 Donnie Torres



## Current Club Calendar Notes



**BRIDGES**  
TO PROSPERITY

-- Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:  
**Bridges to Prosperity Trip!**  
**Jean Gindreau is Going!**  
**Member Jean Gindreau**

reports that **Norm Arnold**, the **Alamogordo Rotarian** coordinating the trip to build critically-needed bridges, has made arrangements for travel to **Nicaragua** to begin on **April 26<sup>th</sup>** and returning to **New Mexico** on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. -- The Board voted recently to help offset **Jean's travel expenses** with a **check of \$500**; a **donation of \$250** was also made to **Bridges to Prosperity** in support of their work.



-- Saturday, April 29: **Mesa Public Library Garden Clean-Up!** On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, our Club will meet at the library to spend part of the morning **cleaning up the garden**. **Nancy Cerutti** has registered our Club with the County, and the Parks Division will provide **mulch** for us and help



## 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

with the **watering hoses**. -- As the County website states, "Let's keep Los Alamos litter free. Join the fun and help tidy up the community by collecting trash and recyclables from your neighborhoods and public places. -- An **appreciation lunch** will be provided to volunteers from **12-1:00 p.m.** at **Ashley Pond**. **Free gloves and bags** will be provided upon registration. The **Eco Station** will allow **free trash disposal** to all Los Alamos County residents."

-- **Sunday, May 7: Cinco de Mayo at Delancey Street!** Remember



our speakers from Delancey Street Foundation, **Ayla Jarvis and Zachary Braatz?** As promised, they've invited us to their Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. **Linda Hull** will circulate a **sign-up sheet** and take care of the RSVPs. -- **The**

**high school equivalency (HSE) students** at Delancey are **grateful** for the **grant** we provide through **UNM-LA** to pay for their exam fees; they'd like to say "Thanks!" Let's plan to show them how much we appreciate their invitation! -- Directions provided.

-- **Saturday, May 13: 2017-18 Board Retreat, UNM-LA, 9:00-1:30, lunch catered by Secret City**

-- **Friday-Sunday, May 19-21: All-Club Mexico Trip arranged by STARS, Ciudad Juarez and Anapra, Mexico**

-- **Tuesday, May 30: Convocation at Los Alamos High School, Griffith Gym, 6:00 p.m., Rotary awards presented to students**

-- **Thursday, June 1: Joint Board Meeting (2016-17 + 2017-18), 4:15, location TBA**

-- **Tuesday, June 6: Vocational Tour to Kiwanis Club meeting! 12:00-1:00, Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church, catered lunch of ~\$10.**

-- **Tuesday, June 13: Vocational Tour to Tibbar Plasma Technologies! 12:00-1:00, location TBA, lunch arrangements TBA**

-- **Tuesday, July 11: NO Meeting** (due to Thursday evening party)

-- **Thursday, July 13: End of the Year Party! Fun and food with friends and family! Awards, surprises! Time and location TBA.**

-- **Saturday, August 26: ¡Fiesta Los Alamos! Details coming.**

## Regular Monthly Meetings



-- **Monthly Board Meeting:** Our monthly Board meeting will be held **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** at **4:15 p.m.** at the offices of The **LA Daily Post** on **1247 Central Avenue**. Everyone welcome!

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.

-- **STARS (Service To All Rotary Satellite)** will meet the **first and third Wednesdays of the month: April 5<sup>th</sup> (at home of Sherry Cagle, 500 R Rd.) and 19<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30-6:30 at the **VFW, 1793 Deacon (behind CB Fox).**



-- **Interact:** This community-based youth organization will meet the **second and fourth Wednesdays of the month: April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the **Teen Center on Ashley Pond.**



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

-- **STARS:** On **Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, STARS** is arranging a **Club trip--everyone welcome!--to Ciudad Juarez and Anapra, Mexico,** where they will distribute greatly-needed toys and toiletries and other supplies to children and families in impoverished areas these Rotarians have visited before.



-- **Interact: Interact Hosts Hawk Hang-Out:** On **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>,** our **Rotary Interactors** hosted a **field day (Hawk Hang-Out)** at the **Middle School with 100 students attending!** This event gave Interact visibility and helped "get the ball rolling for a sustainable middle school activity program," said **Faith Koh, Interact President and LAHS senior.**



**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**





-- 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](http://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 \$250.00**, which includes **all meals and events on Friday and Saturday**. The conference includes:



**May 5:**  
**Honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> 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** (Please note **Michael Martin Murphey and his band** **will NOT** perform due to contractual conflicts!)

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, RFE Chair, 505-349-8850**



**Waiting List at This Time:** "We have an outbound RFE available for sign-up to **New Zealand**, District 9930, that will last from **Oct. 30 - Nov. 13**. Those participating will need to plan to arrive in **Auckland, NZ**, no later than Oct. 29 and spend at least one night in a hotel at their own expense, before the RFE will begin on Oct. 30. The travelers will be returned to Auckland on Nov. 13, but will probably need to overnight again and depart for home the next day. Obviously, travelers can go earlier or stay later than the RFE, but they will need to make those extended plans on their own.

The group is limited to **six (6) couples or solo travelers**. The group will visit five (5) different locations for three (3) nights each, but I do not yet know where those clubs will be. As usual, if you have recently traveled on an RFE, or are

scheduled to travel on one before this RFE, you will be dropped to the bottom of the list. If it should not fill, then you would be eligible to join the group.

In addition to paying for your flights, some meals and some sightseeing, the group will to **split the cost** for a 12-seat van that would be used to take them around the NZ district. That total cost will be approximately \$2650 NZ money, plus the gas for the van. New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa usually charge for RFE transportation, so is nothing unique in this. But, it is an expense that every-one should be aware of in advance.

There has been great interest in traveling on this particular RFE so I would encourage anyone interested to respond to me **as soon as possible** and plan to put their deposit check (made out to Rotary District 5520) for \$100 per traveler in the mail to me quickly. As usual, the check will be shredded when the travelers depart on the trip. Please **respond by email (pedaceabq@aol.com)**, so I will have the day/time recorded, as I know there are many members waiting for this RFE opportunity to arrive in their email box.

I will also be taking a **stand-by list**, so let me know if you are interested in being on that list - if you are not among the first six to respond."

If you register for this trip, please consider travel arrangements through **Los Alamos Rotarian Colette Levine**, manager of **Journey Pacific**. She may have fares to New Zealand that will **save** you money! **(505) 216-9111, Colette@JourneyPacific.com, www.JourneyPacific.com.**

*The RFE information below has not been updated, but is presumed accurate.*

**Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE):** 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."

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#### **The President's Column: April**

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The other day we went to Santa Fe and bought some sweatpants for the boys to practice baseball - because in spring baseball practice in Northern New Mexico, it's very cold and it snows.

When I said that aloud in the store some other parent said "don't forget the wind"...



Anyway, as we look forward to the spring and summer; we have plenty of upcoming Rotary events and I want to remind everyone it is not too late to get involved. We have scholarship applications coming in, the 4 Way Essay Test is in full swing, and our exceptional student awards (used to be called *Student of the Month* – now **Distinguished Student of Service**) are great chances to get involved with youth. We have opportunities for **Rio Grande Academy** (Rotary training) for any interested club members, **the District Conference**, and, of course, the **Rotary International Convention** in **Atlanta**. If you are looking for fellowship - and, if that's not enough, we have some **gardens to clean up** along the way. Finally, we are going to have an **end of the year party** right at the **beginning of July** (2<sup>nd</sup>, I believe, but don't quote me yet), and if we have learned anything from our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Christmas parties (and the RFE)**, I think it may just be a bit of fun.



So, **Hello** to spring. I believe you may have figured out, it is not my favorite season (did I mention allergies?), but that doesn't matter because we have lots of fun stuff to do in Rotary to pass away the time.

Your Happy President,



Rob Metcalf  
President, 2016-17





