



# Rotary Club of Los Alamos

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## The Rotary Bell

Rotary  
Magazine Month

April 23, 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, April 25<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**.



### Weekly Newsletter In This Issue

- This Week's Program and Other Meeting Highlights
- This Week's Announcements, Notes & Thanks

- Sgt. at Arms: **Jane Phillips**
- Rotary Minute: **Chris Sierk**
- Fines: **Skip King**
- Our Program: 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 Club Assignments
- This Month's Programs
- This Month's Birthdays
- Current Calendar Notes
- District 5520 and Rotary Intl. News
- President's Column

### 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  
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Club: Oliver Morris  
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 Zubelewicz  
 Vocational: Shelly Wiemann  
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 Newsletter Editor: Linda Hull  
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-- Distinguished Student of Service (formerly Student of the Month): **Richard Thompson, Jr.**

-- Guests: Please welcome **District Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) Coordinator Donna Pedace** and **Rotarian Regina Guest**.



### 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 demand. -- Also, if you have **extra paper grocery bags**, please bring them for LA Cares as well.



-- **Number 1 in Our Hearts:** Even though the **Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC)** was a worthy choice for the **Chamber of Commerce's Non-Profit of the Year Award**, I'm sure we'll all agree our Rotary Club is **#1 in our hearts**. -- Many thanks to all who voted for our Club and to **Alex Zubelewicz** for attending the **Chamber's Gala Saturday night** to **represent Rotary and accept our nomination award**.



-- **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**.)



**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)**

**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 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!**

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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-- **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 pro-ceeds benefitting the **Rotary Foundation**. You may purchase a package of **10 tickets for \$100**, conveniently the suggested annual dona-tion 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 Con-ference** in **Albuquerque**. -- Checks may be made payable to **The Rotary Foundation** and given to **Foundation chair Steve Ciddio**.

-- **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 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 **District 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 past **Thurs-day, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Middle School** at **11:30**. -- The winning students will present to the Club on **May 9<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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).  
Info.? Frances deNuit  
Rotary eClub of the Southwest USA  
[drfdenuit@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



-- **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 teaches "English, sports, and bi-ology," and his father is a "self-employed ceramist." -- 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](mailto: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!

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.

I create peace through service.  
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

Sgt. at Arms      This Month's Rotary Minute      Finemaster

April:

4 Donnie Torres  
11 Linda King  
18  
25 Jane Phillips

Linda Hull  
Alison Pannell  
Oliver Morris  
Chris Sierk

Skip King  
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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 animals 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-



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



## 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



-- 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.

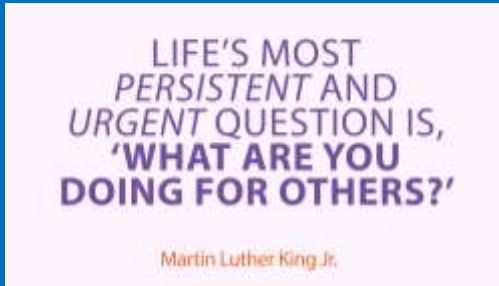
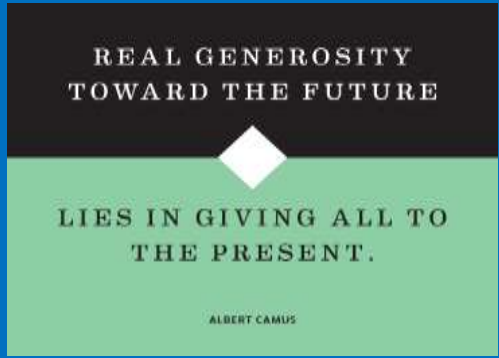


-- Saturday, April 29: **Mesa Public Library Garden Clean-Up!** On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, our Club will meet at the library, **9:00-11:00**, to spend part of the morning **cleaning up the garden.** **Nancy Cerutti** has registered our Club with the County, and the Parks Division will provide **mulch** for us and help with the **watering hoses.**

-- As the County website states, "Let's keep Los Alamos litter free. Join the fun and help tidy 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

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**WONDERFUL**  
IT IS THAT NO ONE HAS TO WAIT,  
BUT CAN START RIGHT NOW TO  
GRADUALLY CHANGE THE  
**WORLD!**

ANNE FRANK



Alamos County residents.” -- **Please** wear your *Rotarian at Work* t-shirts!

-- **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**
- **Saturday, May 13: Deborah Beene Music Competition Auditions, United Church, 1:00 p.m.**
- **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!



-- **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.



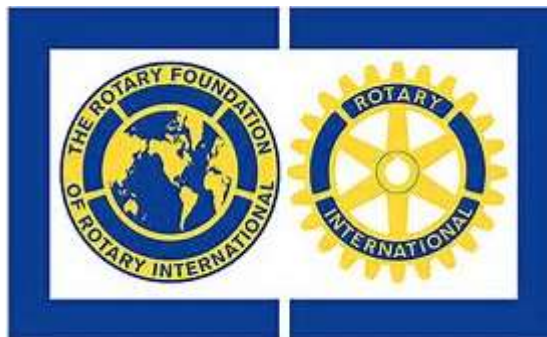
-- **Interact: Interact Hosts Hawk Hang-Out:** On **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>,** our **Rotary Interactors** hosted a **field day (Hawk Hang-Out)** at the **Middle School with 100 students attending!** This event gave Interact visibility and helped “get the ball rolling for a sustainable



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 [donnettewagner@gmail.com](mailto:donnettewagner@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 adv

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."

### The President's Column: April



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



