

# Rotary Club of Los Alamos



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# The Rotary Bell



Thank You to All Who Have Served Our Country!

May 28, 2017

Memorial Day

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

--This Week's Program and Other Meeting Highlights

## When & Where + Program & Meeting Highlights

Please join us **Tuesday**, **May 30**th, 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: TBARotary Minute: TBA
- -- Fines: TBA
- Our Program: Youth Exchange Student Ida Mattila will give her end-of-the-year presentation,

- --This Week's Announcements, Notes & Thanks
- --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

# **Avenues of Service Chairs**

Club: Oliver Morris Community: Melanie Bennett International: Jean Gindreau New Generations: Alex

Zubelewicz

**Vocational: Shelly Wiemann** 

sharing her observations and thoughts about her experiences in America since arriving in August 2016.

-- Classification Talk: Andrea Albert and Dylan Zanow



-- Distinguished Student of Service (formerly Student of the Month): Ben Rees

-- Special Guests: All of our scholarship recipients, listed below, have been invited so we may meet and congratulate them.

### **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, too.

### -- RSVP Sign-Up Sheet:

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 lunch meeting, Tibbar Plasma Technologies, 274 DP Rd.



-- The Envelope Please!: As you can see, we are a generous Club and support local youth in impressive ways, giving more than \$14,000 in awards this year! Thank you for all the ways you make such good work happen!

#### Service:

\$3,000 First Place – Erica Keevama \$2,000 Second Place - Akane Dunn

### **Great Expectations:**

\$3,000 Award - Christopher Rose

#### Vocational:

\$2,000 First Place - Cole Dalmas \$1,000 Second Place - Enrico Zerr





Rotary-Deborah Beene Music Award:

\$1,500 First Place - Jennifer Necker

800 Second Place - Lauren Partin

500 Third Place - Theodore Warner

\$ 300 Fourth Place - Jennifer Wang

Newsletter Editor: Linda Hull



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

### -- Recognition for Our High School Equivalency Grant:

Our High School Equivalency (HSE) grant, which was initiated in 2008 by Rotarian Gil Butler, has received mention online by the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE), which serves in partnership with the



National Council of State Directors of Adult Education. Dr. Jane Clements, assistant director of the UNM-Los Alamos Adult Basic Education program, submitted our HSE story in a testimonial column prepared by COABE, whose members seek innovative ways to serve ABE students.

-- Club Conference Recognitions: These photos show slides,





projected at the recent **District 5520 Conference** in **Albuquerque**, recognizing our **Impact Award and eight women presidents**.

Photos by Alison Pannell

-- High School Equivalency Diplomas Awarded: The vouchers that our Club's District Matching Grant provides have made it possible



for a number of students in the UNM-Los Alamos Adult Basic Education Department to pay for their testing fees and graduate with high school degrees. -- Our friend, Zachary Braazt, a resident at Delancey Street Foundation in Alcalde, part of the UNM-LA umbrella, is shown here May 12th in several photos by Judy Goldie.

You may recall that Zachary was one of two residents who dazzled us

when speaking at our Club recently. Here he is seen as the graduation speaker for the HSE program, receiving his diploma.

-- Judy noted that Zachary began his speech by thanking Delancey Street and our Rotary Club! We do make a difference!



Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30, VFW, 1793 Deacon (behind CB Fox)

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, Dawn and Mark Voss



Interact Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00. The Teen Center



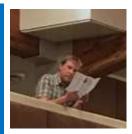


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Club: www.losalamosrotary.com District: www.rotary5520.org



-- At Work!: Judy Goldie also spotted Rotarian Alex Zubelewicz at work for UNMLA, checking the program, in the Crossroads Church balcony during the UNM-LA graduation ceremonies.

### -- The Rotary-Deborah Beene Music Competition:



L-R: Jennifer Wang (piano, 4th place, \$300); Irene Kwon (cello); Niamh Short (flute), Miriam Wallstrom (trumpet), Theodore Warner (clarinet, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$500), Jennifer Necker (oboe, 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$1500); and Lauren Partin (vocalist, 2nd, \$800--not pictured). -- Judges Cindy Little, Brian Newnam, Kay Newnam, and Ed Van Eeckhout were faced with difficult decisions! Photo by Ed Van Eeckhout



### -- Mesa Public Library Garden Clean-Up:

**Committee chair Nancy Cerutti,** whose pictures appear here. reports that 11 Rotarians, most in their Rotarian At Work t-shirts, participated in Los Alamos Clean-Up Day, weeding, trimming, pruning, sweeping, and mulching, as well as planting





the library garden. -- Many thanks to Nancy, Chuck Tallman, Jane Phillips, Anne and Bob Macek, Alison Pannell, Judy Goldie, Mary and Kerry Burns, Nina Thayer, and Steve Ciddio. (Both Nina and Steve kindly brought their pick-up trucks to haul away all the bags of clippings and debris.)

International: www.rotary.org

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
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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 Nancy Cerutti.

Who Am I?
I build bridges. I eradicate polio.
I mentor tomorrow's leaders.
I pump clean water.
I provide shelter to disaster victims.

#### -- Member News:



It is with great regret that I report that Nona Bowman, former Rotarian and Los Alamos public servant, passed away in Los Alamos Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> after falling the day before. She was 84 years old. -- Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. at the United Church. -- She will be buried in Virginia.

--Travels With Andrea Cunningham: Andrea



shared these photos from
South Africa, noting, "The
animal rehab center is
outside of Kruger National
Park and Rotary built some
of the facility. They do



wildlife education and care for animals rescued from various circumstances, often finding them in

traps and snares set by poachers."

# This Month's Sqt. at Arms Rotary Minute

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May 2 Steve Ciddio Sarah Rochester 9 Alison Pannell Jean Gindreau

16 Oliver Morris Alex Zubelewicz

23 Brian Newnam Nina Thayer 30 TBA TBA

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Donnie Torres
Skip King
Donnie Torres
Myrna McDonald
TBA

# **This Month's Programs**

#### -- May 2:

Stephanie Garcia Richard, our State Representative, will tell us about the challenges and suc-



cesses of the **2017 legislative session**. -- Please join us for this informative program!



-- May 9: Andrea Cunningham, chair of the 4-Way Test Essay Contest, will introduce LAMS Language Arts teacher Suzanne Montoya and the three winners of the contest--1<sup>st</sup> place: Griffin Light; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Garrett Slama; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Zachary Schraad--who will read their essays and receive award money. -- Many I build communities.
I teach the world to read.
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 Gerretschen The Netherlands 2014 – 2015



Krissi Wallis Germany 2015-2016



Thomas Routiaux Belgium 2013 -2014



Mille Nikolajsen Denmark 2012 - 2013



thanks to Andrea and judges Phil Dabney, Karen Easton, Laura Loy, Alison Pannell, Bethany Tierney, and Alex Zubelewicz.

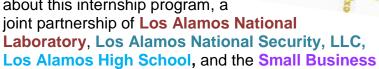
-- May 16: The Hilltalkers! Members of the always-popular Los Alamos High School Speech and Debate Team, under the direction of LAHS teacher and Hilltalkers Coach Margo Batha, will tell us about their year in practice and competition. -- Students Dylan Mauldin and Claire



**DeCroix** will perform their duo interpretation *That's Not How I*Remember It. -- Don't miss the opportunity to hear and applaud these exceptional students who will demonstrate their award-winning skills. -- The Club will present the team with a **check** to support their endeavors.



-- May 23: President-elect Laura Loy, completing her current role as coordinator for the Community Internship Collaboration (CIC) at UNM-Los Alamos, will tell us about this internship program, a



Development Center. -- She will also introduce us to Therese Crepeau, one of the interns.

-- May 30: Youth Exchange Student Ida Mattila will give her end-of-the-year presentation, sharing her observations and thoughts about her experiences in America since arriving in August 2016.



# **This Month's Birthdays**

May 4 Tony Chan

8 Melissa Metcalf (and son Lane, too)

18 Chris Sierk

20 LeAnne Parsons

21 Jen McDonald

**26** Christa Tyson

29 Dee Wilson

30 Paul Frederickson



### **Current Club Calendar Notes**

Below, just a glimpse at upcoming Rotary events.

Eva Hauzar Switzerland 2011 - 2012 Samantha Hellessey

Australia

Jan. '11 - Jan. '12

## 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

### **Busy!**

-- Thursday, June 1: Joint Board Meeting (2016-17 + 2017-18),

4:15, Mesa Public Library, Upstairs Room 3

-- 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: Reservations required due to limited space!

Vocational Tour to Tibbar Plasma Technologies! 12:00-1:00, 274 DP Rd., lunch

there with Ruby K. pre-orders

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

-- Friday, July 14: End of the Year Party! Fun and food with

friends and family! Awards, surprises! Cottonwood on the Greens, 5:30 social time; 6:30 dinner, new Board induction,

and more!

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

## **Regular Monthly Meetings**



Monthly Board Meeting: Our monthly Board meeting will be held Thursday,
 May 11<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: May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 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: May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00-

5:00 p.m. at the Teen Center on Ashley Pond. -- Beginning in August, Interact will meet at 3:20 p.m. in the UNM-Los Alamos Tutor Center, Building 2, Room 208; eventually, Room 203.

### -- Updates from STARS and from Interact:

-- STARS: Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, STARS traveled to Ciudad Juarez and Anapra, Mexico, where they distributed greatly-needed toys and toiletries and other supplies to children and families in impoverished areas these Rotarians have visited before. An update soon!

#### -- Interact:

Interact President and graduating senior Faith Koh recently shared news explaining that the Interactors are planning a Color Run, an



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.



event series and 5K paint race. Color Runs, are especially popular in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, New Zealand, Australia, and the UAE. The <u>untimed</u> event has no winners or prizes, but runners are

showered with **colored powder**, made of food-grade corn starch, at stations along the run. -- Ideally, this event will be held **August 5**th as a fundraiser and marketing event. To guarantee the success of this fundraiser, Interact will meet during the summer. -- They are also selecting an **international project** which they can either implement or contribute to before **July 1**st, the end of the Interact (and Rotary) year. -- And, they have announced plans to **move their meetings** in the new school year to the **UNM-LA campus**, beginning at **3:20**, right after school. This will almost surely increase membership and attendance.

### **District 5520 and Rotary International News**





-- Rotary International Convention: Atlanta, June 10-14.

## **Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE)**

-- From Donna Pedace, District 5520, RFE Chair, 505-349-8850

Already Full! (You may ask about a waiting list.) "We have another out-



bound RFE opportunity to an interesting part of the world. We will send an RFE group to India from Feb. 17 - 27, 2018. Because of the nature of this trip, we are out earlier with this notice than usual to ask, who is willing to commit to going on this trip? A visa and some travel shots will be needed for this trip and they take time to arrange.

This trip will probably be **very popular**, so your earliest response is suggest-ed. The last RFE to

India filled within one day of the notice. Please respond by email, so we have a date and time of the response.

The **details** of the RFE that I have so far are:

\*The group will fly into Delhi on (or before if they want) Feb. 17 and overnight at a hotel at their own expense

\*The group will then fly on to Agra on the morning of Feb. 18, where they will be picked up and the RFE will begin

\*The group will fly back to Delhi (or elsewhere for additional private touring) on Feb. 26, overnight at a hotel at their own expense, and then return home or go on for other travel on Feb. 27.

This RFE visit will include: Agra, Mathura, Bareilly, Jim Corbett, and Kashipur, with home hosting and land transportation between hosting clubs and most meals and mineral water every day. The itinerary may change to facilitate adequate arrangements within District 3110 but "Agra" will always be included in itinerary as major attraction. Agra is the home of the famed Taj Mahal and if you

are unsure of the other areas to be visited, please do some research about them before indicating your commitment to travel on this RFE. Side trips to other historical nearby cities like Rajasthan or Kerala may be arranged.

**Will Not Include:** Delhi Hotel 1<sup>st</sup> & Last night, Monument entrances, special tourist rides, personal shopping, and personal expenses. Rotarians may be asked to purchase a few meals and alcoholic drinks of their choice when eating away from host families and a few sightseeing tickets. The approximate costs will be shared in advance and will be nominal.

The group will be hosted in Rotarians homes/guest houses which will have private rooms with attached bathrooms with hot & cold water and breakfast and some other meals as per daily itinerary and activities planned for sightseeing, Rotary meetings, Rotary projects, and special events.

Indian Rotarians, despite most being vegetarian and non-alcohol drinking, have indicated they will do what they can to try to accommodate guests interest in alcoholic drinks and non-vegetarian meals like: chicken, fish, lamb, with vegetarian food too. (However, a good guest should always respect the customs and culture of their hosts and eat whatever is served or quietly eat only what is acceptable to their diet.) This may not be a good RFE for those who have special restricted diets.



As usual, the first respondents to this email will be confirmed for the trip - unless you have traveled on a recent RFE, in which case you will only be confirmed if the trip does not fill with other Rotarians. Once you are confirmed, you will need to send a deposit check, (made out to Rotary District 5520) for \$100 per person to hold your space. When you depart on the trip, the check will be shredded. If you change your mind late in the process and decide you do not want to go and we cannot refill the spot, the check will become a donation to the District."



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, s 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.

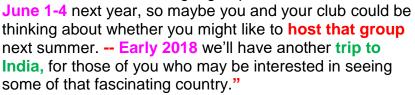
I will also be taking a **stand-by list**, so let me know if you are interested in being on that list - if you are not among the first six to respond."

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



The President's Column: April

Dear Club,

I almost want to say that I wish we weren't so active. The meetings each week have become so full it is hard to fit everything in, and I feel like I am rushing (or forgetting something). I went to a STARS meeting about a week ago and it appears they are having the same problem. I say "almost wish" because it makes my job difficult, but that's not true.

What it really means is that my Club is super busy - and that is awesome!



This month (May) we have a District Conference, and it is great that we will have quite a few members attending. I believe that besides myself, we have Skip and Linda King, Linda Hull, Alison Pannell, and Alex Zubelewicz - not to mention Past Presidents Chris

Sierk, Nancy Cerutti, and Judy Goldie, who will be joining us for the lunch to celebrate Women in Rotary. (I know it is a bit late for the rest of the club to consider attending, but perhaps we can get even more members to attend next year.) It is a great way to support our Club, and the event is accessible, entertaining, and informative for all Rotary members. Aside from getting to know other people, Clubs and what they are doing, it is fantastic for get-ting new

ideas on what we may be able to do in the future. Please take a minute to consider and look at your schedule right now - it will be held again next year at about this time. (Editor's Note: The 2018 District Conference will be held May 3-6 at the Eldorado Hotel in Santa Fe; Donna Pedace, the Rotary Friendship Exchange coordinator, is the chair of the conference committee.)

So let's see, in the **next three months** I get the opportunity to represent our Club and District at three different conferences: **District 5520 Conference (Albuquerque)**, **Rotary Inter-national Convention** 

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(Atlanta), and South Central Rotary
Youth Exchange (Houston). All I can
say is thank you for
the honor - being a
Rotarian is so much

fun!

Your Happy President,



Rob Metcalf President, 2016-17

