

Rotary Club of Los Alamos, New Mexico District 5520 chartered August 19, 1966 Club 1312 PO Box 853 87544 www.rotarylosalamos.com

# The Rotary Bell

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?

# February 23, 2014

World Understanding Month

# **Weekly Reminder**

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# When & Where + Program & Meeting Highlights

Please join us **Tuesday, February 25<sup>h</sup> at 11:45 a.m.** at **The Manhattan Project** restaurant for our weekly Rotary meeting. Be sure to e-mail your lunch order and any for your guests to **Chris Sierk. --** Chris will forward the menu to you as soon as restaurant staff



contact her, probably sometime Sunday afternoon or evening.

- -- Rotary Minute: Peggy Durbin
- -- Sgts. at Arms: Becky Ehler and Darren Schnedler
- -- Fine Master: Skip King
- -- Classification Talk: Karen Hawkins
- -- Paul Harris Fellowship Awards: Eric Ferm and Paul

Weekly Meetings Every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. Dixie Girl Restaurant 1789 Central Avenue (across from the post office)

Board Meetings Everyone Welcome! We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Small Business Center, directly behind the Post Office.

**Club Board Members** 2012-2013 **President: Jim Nesmith President-Elect: Troy Hughes** Secretary: Linda King **Treasurer: Eric Ferm** Past President: Linda Hull Membership: Anna Caspersen) **Public Relations: Carol Clark** Avenues of Service: \*Club Projects--Skip King \*Community--Gary Derosier \*Vocational--Deesh Narang \*Youth--TBD \*International---Michael Erickson **Rotary Foundation: Richard** Matteson

Newsletter Editor: Linda Hull

### Our Exchange Student



Thomas Routiaux from Belgium August 2013 – June 2014

Ongoing Project LA Cares Donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items are collected on

### Frederickson



-- Our Program: County Councilor and local businessman Rick Reiss will describe a day in the life of a County Councilor.

# Notes & Announcements & Thanks

### -- Crab Fest: Another huge

**success!** Many thanks to each and every Rotarian who made last night's fund-raiser such a fun and successful event! -- Over 200 guests attended our all-you-can-eat family-style affair; there was music, tempting auctions, wine and other drink, bountiful platters of food, and good cheer. -- We don't have



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final figures yet, as we are still waiting for some bills to come in, but we'll keep you posted! -- Bravo, all!



-- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Graduates: A week ago Saturday Alison Pannell and Linda Hull were among five Rotarians who completed



**RLI Facilitator Training** in Santa Fe. They will serve the **northern Clubs of District 5520**. (This leadership program is better known in our District as the **Rio Grande Academy**, a series of three one-day leadership classes



conducted over a period of several months.) Topics include *Communication, Effective Leadership Strategies, Membership,* and so on. **Pannell** has chosen to be the discussion leader (facilitator) for **The Rotary Foundation; Hull** has chosen **Public Image and Public** 

**Relations.** 

## **This Month's Rotary Minutes**

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Jim Nesmith 11<sup>th</sup>: Lisa Harris 18<sup>th</sup>: Laura Loy



# the *last* Tuesday of the month.



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### **Our Club Facebook**



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STARS (Service To All Rotary Satellite) Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 5:30-7:00, Dixie Girl Restaurant Facebook Page www.facebook.com/Rotary STARS

Make-Up Meetings

Rotary Club of Santa Fe

### 25<sup>th</sup>: Peggy Durbin

# **This Month's Programs**

-- February 4<sup>th</sup>: Los Alamos resident Dr. Kristen Biggs, the only female board-certified vascular surgeon in New Mexico who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of venous disease, will tell us about vein health and her practice in Santa Fe.





-- February 11<sup>th</sup>: Rotarian Hal Davis will present a program about his recent travels to Ethiopia. In addition to anecdotes and tales of adventure, his travelogue will feature many of his impressive photos.

-- February 18<sup>th</sup>: Representatives from Rio Rancho-based Paws and Stripes, an organization founded in 2010 to "provide service dogs for military veterans with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and



traumatic brain injuries" will tell us how "helping dogs is helping heroes." -- This presentation is in keeping with Pres. Jim's interest in veterans' affairs.



-- February 25<sup>th</sup>: County Councilor and local businessman Rick Reiss will describe a day in the life of a County Councilor.

## **This Month's Birthdays**



February 22: Gil Butler

# **Calendar Notes**



-- Wednesdays, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>: STARS (Service to All Rotary Satellite) will

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Thursdays, 12:00 noon Hilton Santa Fe, 100 Sandoval

Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m. Zia Diner, 326 S. Guadalupe

Rotary Club of Santa Fe del Sur Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. Lulu's, 3011 Cerrillos Rd.

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 Linda King.



Rotary Theme 2013-14



I build bridges. I eradicate polio. I mentor tomorrow's leaders. I pump clean water. meet at **Dixie Girl** at **5:30 p.m.** for wine and conversation and project planning.

## In the Days & Months Ahead

2014 PETS (President-elect Training Seminar) March 13-15, Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North Register for seminar and hotel at <u>www.clubrunner.ca</u>

District Conference dates and news soon.

### The President's Column "Our Club: Doing Well at Doing Good."

Dear and esteemed fellow Rotarians,

Last night was simply incredible. Of course, we don't have the financial results yet but by every other measure, our 5th annual Crab Fest was a smashing success. First, the place was jammed. Again, we don't have the figures for attendance yet but I would say we were pretty close to full. And everyone was in a party mood.

Yesterday morning, when we walked into the Knights of Columbus, there was no ambience. Just a big empty room. Three hours later, it had been transformed into a gala party center just screaming seashore and seafood. The setup team consisting of about 20 of us absolutely clicked and worked together like a well oiled machine that had been together for years. Of course, this partially reflects the fact that everything had been amazingly well planned out by Skip King and his committee. What an effort! What results!

The guests started arriving at 5:30 and the mood was set with Tony Chan playing beautiful and enchanting music as the backdrop. By 7 o'clock, the place was packed, with animated conversation and laughter nearly drowning out Tony's guitar, so much so that I don't think anyone heard a word I said in my announcements until they were all seated.

The Blue Window Bistro really outdid themselves. The food was superb and there was food left over at the end, despite everyone's best efforts. Melissa Paternoster's crew at the Blue Window provided us with a feast, topped off with unbelievable dessert. Absolutely delicious.

Following a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to Gil Butler, we got down to business --- and the business was FUN! What a team Jill Cook and Skip King made. Jill with beauty, charm, humor and grace and Skip with ....a really bright red shirt. Joke!!!!! Skip worked the crowd with equal grace and humor and together they were a fantastic and fantastically effective team. I provide shelter to disaster victims. I build communities. I teach the world to read. I create peace through service.

I am a Rotarian.

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Mille Nikolajsen, Denmark Aug. <u>'12 - June '13</u>



Eva Hauzar Switzerland Aug. '11 - June '12 Samantha Hellessey Australia Jan. '11 - Jan. '12



REAL GENEROSITY TOWARD THE FUTURE

LIES IN GIVING ALL TO THE PRESENT.

ALBERT CAMUS

In summary, our 5th Annual Crab Fest was a smashing success and I thank each and every one of you who contributed so selflessly to its success. Never have I been more proud to be the President of the Rotary Club of Los Alamos!



Jim Nesmith Club President, 2013-14