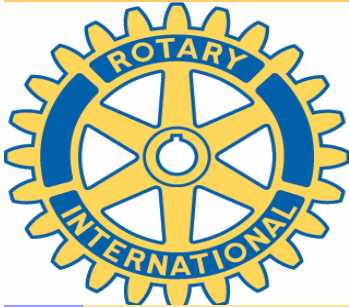


President's Report

April/May 2007



ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA FE CENTRO

Centro Sentinel

District 5520 Award Winning Newsletter

President's Message

We did it! We held our first annual rummage sale on April 21, 2007. The weather was bad, the company was fabulous, and the fun factor was high. The proceeds from the rummage sale were split between Mission Viejo Christian Academy and the Santa Fe Centro Rotary Foundation. We reported for duty at "o'dark hundred" and were set up in time to greet our potential buyers by 7:00 a.m. Rotarians on hand to help with our fundraiser included Garrett Robinson, Victoria Edwards, Barry Gerst, Steve Johnson, Mary Walta and Joan Rutherford. A few supportive Rotarian spouses also visited throughout the morning. The furniture moving and signage team consisted of Garrett, Barry and Steve. Other members who donated rummage sale items included James Armijo and Megan McFarlane. James had a good excuse for not coming to the sale....he was sitting on the beach in Mexico with his wife, Kari. It is always amazing and very satisfying to observe something that you consider "junk" to be sold and to leave in someone's car. We also en-

joyed the company of the Junior Red Cross. They set up a bake sale right next to the rummage sale. Garrett Robinson secured the venue for us and encouraged the Red Cross to participate as well. Thank you, Garrett! We are already looking forward to next year's sale.

The last two months have been very busy for our club



with the following additional events on the calendar: selection of a Santa Fe Centro sponsored RYLA camper, PETS training in Albuquerque, completion of the district Alaska cruise fundraiser, a \$250 check sent to the Aguascalietes Club in Mexico for the purchase of an ambulance, the district convention in Taos, the donation of a \$200 check to Santa Fe's Kids at Play,

and the GSE presentation at the tri-club lunch. Our club raised \$800 for the District 5520 fundraiser. Sadly, no one from our club won the Alaska cruise but there is always next year.

The district convention in Taos was a highlight of the year with terrific speakers and plenty of opportunities available for Rotary fellowship. The Taos High School Roteract Club conducted walking tours of historic Taos right after the day's sessions on Friday. Victoria and I spent a pleasant hour touring the historic buildings and listening to a brother and sister team give us the highlights. They told us that their Roteract club had over 25 members and that they were using the proceeds of their tours for a service trip to Peru over the Christmas holidays. At the Paul Harris lunch, District Governor Dennis Edwards announced that Santa Fe Centro had won the small club district award for best newsletter. Congratulations

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Why I'm a Rotarian, by Joan Rutherford

Sometimes, but not very often, you can walk into a strange environment and yet you feel entirely at home. Question: When does this happen? Answer: When you walk into a meeting of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro at the Hotel St. Francis at 7 a.m. on a Tuesday morning. In January 2004 I visited the club as a program speaker. In May 2004 I returned with a purpose . . . to become a member of the Santa Fe Centro Rotary Club. The reception I received on my return visit was just as friendly as it had been four months earlier.

During each of my visits as a prospective member, at least a half a dozen people made the effort to greet me. When a stranger goes out of their way to make you feel welcome, you don't forget that experience. Being a member of this club is all that I hoped it would be and more. Thank you to everyone in this club for making it such a special place.

The decision to join was not at all difficult. Some people find themselves in mid-life realizing that they have devoted many years to work and family but not very many to helping others and I was one of those people. Yes, I volunteered my time to other organizations, but was not as involved as I wanted to be. We hear it all the time but it is true: Rotary offers much more than a chance to serve. It offers friendship, networking, education and more. The promise of Rotary is an endless stream of opportunities for all involved.

The Four Way Test is an anchor for Rotarians. Many of us were raised with our parents reciting the Golden Rule when we were faced with difficulty. To me The Four Way Test is like a grown up version of the Golden Rule and the simple words of the test can be referred to when we are in doubt regarding our actions.

About a year after I became a Rotarian I was visiting my mother in Los Angeles. I walked into my room and found a Rotary pin lying on the bureau. My mother told me that her father had been a Rotarian in North Platte, Nebraska, and she was giving me his pin. What a pleasant surprise! "Grandpa Doc," a North Platte dentist, died right before I was born. I often try to picture him arriving for his club meetings so many decades ago. It would have been great fun to share our Rotary experiences.

The three years since I joined the club have flown by. The only thing that I would wish for to be different would be that the friends who asked me to join and many of the people who had greeted me so warmly were still with the club. But with Rotary there is always the promise of new members and new friends waiting to join us. I need to remind myself of that promise every day and help to make the promise come true.

to Editor Rhonda Williams for her efforts and award winning ways.

Victoria Edwards and I had the pleasure of meeting C. Neal Davis, Ph.D., PDG (1500) who conducted one of the breakout sessions on The Rotary Four-Way Test at the district conference. Dr. Neal recommended an exercise for Rotarians that he recently completed which was to write a letter to his future great-great-grandchildren so that they could know something about him. Most of us know next to nothing about our great-great-grandparents so this is a worthy endeavor indeed. Some of Dr. Neal's advice to this future generation included the following:

1. When you disagree with someone, try not to be disagreeable.
2. Get all of the education you can get: education and character are permanent possessions.
3. Reputation and recognized success are very important, but they are not nearly as valuable as character, integrity, and vision.
4. Learn to be a giver, by giving time, talent, money; give requested advice, and a listening ear.
5. A little impatience is not a bad thing; a life not fully-lived is a life wasted.
6. The choice of a spouse is impossi-

ble to over emphasize: don't fail in this decision.

7. Don't plan to fail, but realize that you sometimes will; and don't plan to fail or you will fail much more often.
8. Say "thank you" much more often and sincerely than other people do or than anyone expects.
9. Be kind to everyone, including strangers.
10. Read voraciously—books, magazines, newspaper, directions, signs: everything

See you at the board retreat this week!

Joan, Club President

Announcements & Reminders

1. Please remember to record your make-ups on Joe Durst's sign in sheet every Tuesday.
2. Barry Gerst announced that we have a representative for RYLA camp: Melissa Martinez.
3. The last e-conference was very informative and can be viewed online. For more information, contact Victoria Edwards.
4. The GSE team from Germany gave a presentation at the tri-club meeting on May 24. Joan Rutherford, Paul Crumbacher, and Rhonda Williams attended.
5. June 2 is the date for the Pecos River cleanup sponsored by the Upper Pecos Watershed Association, New Mexico Game and Fish, and the Truchas Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Participants can meet at Frankie's at 8:30 for free coffee and muffins. Cleanup is from 9:00 to 12:00. If you arrive late, just drive up the river and look for the group! A barbecue will follow at Cowles Lake. Free fishing is available. There will be activities and goody bags for the kids. There will also be fly fishing demonstrations including casting lessons and a fly tying booth.
6. June 24 is Joan's Kick out party. It will be held at Victoria's home in Stanley.
7. July 4 is the date for the annual Pancakes on the Plaza event. No details on this yet.
8. July 22 is the date of the annual Rancho Viejo run. This is a fundraiser for the youth shelter and our club assists by handing out water, etc. No details on this yet.



Tri-Club Meeting

President Joan Rutherford served as one of the Masters of Ceremony at the Tri-club meeting on May 24. The GSE team from Germany gave a presentation and also awarded the club presidents with their club banners and a hat. Joan would not put on the hat for the picture, but was otherwise a good sport!



Scenes from the District



Victoria Edwards, Santa Fe Centro, and Michelle Reeves, Clovis High Plains, Presidents Elect.



Keynote Speaker, Gary Johnson, former Governor of New Mexico.



Penn Sherpa and Audrey Mattson with Continental Divide Trail Exhibit.

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Left to right: Sandra Brinck (member of Santa Fe), Dick Jones (District Trainer and District Governor Elect Elect), Lorraine (Mrs. Dick) Jones, and Tim Lopez (President of Santa Fe).



Assistant Governor, North Action Team, Ken Beesley and his wife, Janette.

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Tim Lopez & Bob Parker (Santa Fe President and member).

Taos, New Mexico



The club visited the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library on May 22. Tomas Jaehn, shown above, gave the tour. The library is the institutional successor of New Mexico's oldest library (1851). It preserves historical materials in many formats documenting the history of the state, the Southwest, and meso-America from pre-European contact to the present.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Happy Birthday, Mary! |
| 15 | 16 Happy Anniversary, Ray! | 17 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting | 18 | 19 7:00 a.m. Board Meeting | 20 | 21 SFCR Foundation Rummage Sale |
| 22 | 23 | 24 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |



**Santa Fe Centro
Rotary Foundation
Rummage Sale**



April 21, 2007



**Held at The Light
at Mission Viejo**



Thank you to Joan, Barry, Steve, Garrett, Mary, Victoria, James, and Megan for making the first annual Santa Fe Centro Rotary Foundation rummage sale fundraiser a success!



Schedule of Events

- **April 19** Board Meeting at Zia Diner 7:00 a.m.
- **April 21** Rummage sale at The Light at Mission Viejo from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **May 5, 2007** E-Conference.
- **May 10-13, 2007** District Convention, Taos.
- **May 21, 2007** GSE welcome party at Estancia Primera at 5:30 p.m.
- **May 22, 2007** Club field trip to Fray Angelica Chavez Library 7:00 a.m.
- **May 24, 2007** GSE presentation and Tri-Club meeting at The Lodge at noon.
- **May 31, 2007** Board Retreat at Garrett's office 4:00 p.m.
- **June 2, 2007** Pecos River Cleanup, Frankie's in Pecos, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- **June 17-20, 2007** 98th Annual RI Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.
- **June 24, 2007** Kick-out party at Victoria's home in Stanley.

May 2007

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| 27 | 28 | 29 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting Happy Anniversary, James! | 30 | 31 4:00 p.m. Board Retreat | | |

Need to Make-Up A Meeting?

- Bernalillo** —Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Capos Restaurant
- Espanola** —Tuesday Noon
La Cocina Restaurant
- Las Vegas** —Tuesday Noon
Hillcrest Restaurant
- Los Alamos** —Thursday Noon
Fuller Lodge
- Moriarty**—Monday 6:00 p.m.
El Comedor Café'
- Rio Rancho** —Tuesday 12:15 p.m.
Your Place or Mine
- Santa Fe Del Sur** — Wednesday Noon
Santa Fe Country Club
- Santa Fe Downtown** — Thursday Noon
Inn at Loretto
- Taos Milagro** — Wednesday 7:20 a.m.
Quality Inn
- Online**—<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

Upcoming Speakers

May 22
Off-site visit to the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library

May 29
Don Usner, Valles Caldera photographer

June 5
Bob Peiser, Shelterbox USA

June 12
Jean Constant, Artist & Rotary Member

June 19
Candi Aguilar, Relay New Mexico

June 26
John Berkenfield, Rancho de las Golondrinas

July 3
RYLA participant

July 10
Club Assembly

If you have suggestions for future speakers, contact Victoria at vllynneedwards@yahoo.com.

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Immediate Past President—Megan McFarlane

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