



Centro Sentinel

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August President's Message



President's Message

July 2008

Fellow Rotarians and Readers:

As I write this open letter, my first as President, I reflect on where we've been as a club, where we are now and of course where we are going. In the midst of this, unavoidably, is the economy and its many facets, that may or may not affect our lives as humans and Rotarians. The economy is quite simply what it is. As Rotarians we come to this august group via a personal desire/need to help others in our community or the world or from a "faith based" standard. Whichever, we all share an abiding drive to help and/or give back. There are indeed an abundant number of avenues (especially in this town) with which to align ourselves for outsourcing our giving.

Besides being one of the most **economical** and **fun** avenues to help versus just passing the basket, Rotary has the additional assist factor in that it and its symbol is known all over the world for its members' benevolence and non-tentative ac-

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tion. The old saying goes that wherever and whenever two Rotarians meet, something occurs. Although I heard this adage for years prior to joining Rotary, not until I "joined up" did I real-



ize it was more than an adage. It was simply the truth. When you are genuinely committed to an ideal or motto or pledge, it becomes more than an ideal, motto or pledge . . . it simply becomes reality and a way of life. So it is with Rotary. I was forever (20 years) telling my Mother and Henry Pick that I was simply too busy to join Rotary. Since helping start that club in the middle of nowhere in the middle of Haiti and having to serve as inspirational guru to the few Charter members as well as the community when nothing was happen-

ing to confirm Mr. Garrett's belief in the value of this "Rotary thing," to just showing up for meetings in Santa Fe, to now serving as President, I have learned (the hard long way) that once you sign up it becomes just another facet of your life; and guess what? Unless you dwell on it, it is not an impediment, but a part, albeit an exciting and rewarding part, of life's process.

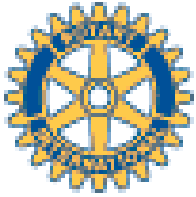
As a Rotarian, Christian, father, husband, breadwinner; friend, etc., I can hope to look back and see a gradual upward trending line in these and other segments of my life.

As we pursue our array of life pursuits, let's, as Rotarians, strive to keep each other focused and on course. Most of all let's help keep each other accountable not through words, but through actions. Let us encourage each other at every juncture and by doing so assure each that we are not alone; not only in Rotary but elsewhere. One of the most rewarding parts of my Rotary walk is that I enjoy Rotary fellowship in all matters. A true Rotarian will not see a fellow's request of a friendly *(continued on Page 2)*

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What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.

The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today’s most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development.

The Rotary motto is Service Above Self.

Santa Fe Centro Rotary is doing all it can to promote these worthy objectives and goals within our club.

The Four Way Test

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it **BUILD GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

...and here at Centro Club

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The Rotary Motto

Service Before Self

Rotary concerns itself with truth, fairness, improved relations between people and world peace.

Don't just be a Rotarian, Live it!

President’s Message, continued

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ear as an inconvenience, but as a humbling realization that another human being chose “me” as a trusted place of solace or counsel.

As I’ve stated before, “My life is often the only Bible some people will ever read.” When I acknowledge this, I at once wonder how many boats my life-Bible has sent adrift or over the waterfall and that I have an hourly, daily opportunity to arrest any more drifting craft.

I speak for only myself in asking each of you to not hesitate in making me more aware of my Rotarianship or lack thereof.

In closing, let’s constantly remind ourselves of those in our midst who are in need of our prayers and thoughts, i.e. Peggy, John, Victoria and family. In the words of the great King David, “I

lay the desires of my heart at your feet each morning and anxiously await your decisions.”

Special thanks to that bevy of beautiful presidents that have paved the way: Mary, Megan, Joan, & Victoria. **THANK YOU !!!!**

Let’s have a great and fun year!!! See you next Tuesday and at the Kick Out Party on the 19th!

In Rotary
Garrett Robinson
President 2008-2009

(Editor’s Note: This message was originally written for the July newsletter.)

On August 19 District Governor, Tom Lindsay will be our special guest. Don’t miss it!

Meeting Information

Weekly meetings are held at the Piccolo Café at 7:00 a.m. every Tuesday morning. Located in the old Carlos Gospel Café in the New Mexico Bank and Trust building on the corner of Washington and Marcy Streets (across from the Bull Ring). There is no charge for parking. Breakfast is \$10 (buffet and beverage) and coffee is \$5 (with your choice of muffin or fruit cup).



Paul Harris Fellows

The following members of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro are Paul Harris Fellows:

Paul Crumbacher

Victoria Edwards

Ray Gere

Barry Gerst

Benjamin Larzelere III

Megan McFarlane

Garrett Robinson

Joan Rutherford

Mary Walta

If you are a Paul Harris Fellow and your name is not listed here, please inform the newsletter editor. Thank you.

Meet New Member Silas M. Peterson

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Rotary Classification: Staffing / Human Resources

Employer: Santa Fe Services Inc.

Birthday: April 24

Anniversary: June 3

Spouse: Devin Dunsay Peterson

Silas Michael Peterson is Staffing Consultant and Managing Partner of Santa Fe Services, a full-service staffing firm focused on recruiting and placement of office administrative personnel. He is a certified Senior Professional of Human Resources (SPHR), as recognized by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). He is also a principal of Buffalo Builders, a general contracting company whose primary business is to provide a construction-related labor pool to builders and contractors.

Silas holds a BA in French from Portland State University, an MA in Eastern Philosophy from St. John's College, and has done post-graduate work in Greek and Latin at the University of New Mexico.

Raised by loving and supportive hippie parents in Portland, Oregon, his name, from the Latin *silva*, means "of the forest." Though he continues to adore Oregon and is thankful to have friends and family to visit there, he has called Santa Fe home since his arrival in 2001.

His prior community service includes volunteer work with the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce and Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity. He looks forward to contributing his blood, sweat, and tears to the greater good of our Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro.



He is married to Devin Dunsay Peterson, Volunteer and Family Services Director for Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity. Together, they enjoy spoiling their dog, Klaus, and traveling more than they can responsibly afford.

(Silas jumped in with both feet, helping to paint the St. Elizabeth's Emergency Shelter last spring!)

From the Secretary

Our attendance for June 2008 was 72%! Good job, Centro.

Please keep letting me know of any meetings, service opportunities, or committee events you attend outside of our regularly scheduled Tuesday morning meetings. Tracking these has greatly enhanced our attendance numbers.

Your Humble Secretary,
Susanne Kennedy

Summary of Kick-Out Party 7/19/08

Arrival and mingling

Prayer

Pledge

4 Way Test

Introduction of Victoria Edwards, Immediate Past President, by Garrett Robinson, President

Victoria:

Presentation of Past President pin to Megan McFarlane (making up for lack of same in years past)

Recognition with certificates and plants of board members and others who helped throughout the year

Promise of President's pin to Garrett (handed down year to year) and program turned back over to Garrett
Garrett:

Presentation of Past President pin to Victoria

Introduction by Garrett of Lieutenant Governor Mike Maule, Assistant Governor Ken Beesley, and Assistant Governor Lou Matta (who also took over as Master of Ceremonies)

Introduction of board by Lou with pins presented by Garrett: President-Elect Carl Luff, Secretary Susanne Kennedy, Treasurer Steve Johnson, Club Director of Membership Carl Luff, Club Director of Community Service Barry Gerst, Club Director of International Jean Constant, Club Director of Club Administration Silas Peterson. Not present were Club Director of Public Relations Kathy Segura and Club Director of Foundation Ben Larzelere.

Presentation of painting by Ken Beesley to Victoria Edwards

Lou Matta returned control of the meeting to Garrett Robinson

Presentation of perfect attendance pins by Garrett: Jean Constant, Barry Gerst, Steve Johnson. Not present were Joan Rutherford and Rhonda Williams.

Thanks, dismissal, clean up, and cigars

Note: Other visiting members from other clubs were Del Sur club president Victoria Bruneni and Downtown member Charlie Goodman.

Congratulations to
Jean Constant who was
awarded **TEACHER OF
THE YEAR** for his work on
Rotary training last year!



2007-2008 Perfect Attendance Recipients:

Jean Constant
Barry Gerst
Steve Johnson
Joan Rutherford
Rhonda Williams

Schedule of Events

- **August 13** 10:00 a.m. Reading at Mandefield Head Start.
- **August 21** 7:00 a.m. Board meeting at the Mission Café.
- **September 8** 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Literacy Day in New Mexico at the Capitol.
- **September 12 & 13** Tri-District Conference in Las Cruces.
- **September 30** Rummage Sale.

Rotary Club of Albuquerque Del Norte has a new meeting place: Holiday Inn, 5050 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Telephone 505-944-2222. The club meets at noon on Wednesdays.

August 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting Happy Anniversary, Joani!	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	13 10:00 a.m. Reading at Mandefield HS. Happy Birthday, John B.!	14	15	16
17	18	19 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	20	21 7:00 a.m. Board Meeting	22	23 Happy Birthday, Kathy Chambery!
24	25	26 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	27	28	29	30

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
The Lodge at Santa Fe
- Taos Milagro** — Wednesday 7:20 a.m.
Quality Inn
- Online**—<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

Upcoming Speakers

August 5—Robert Orduno
& Michael Kott (local artist)

August 12—John DiRuggiero, President of I T S NM
& Rob Figol, Highway Administration
Intelligent Transportation

August 19—Nathalie Bonnard, International Federation
French
& Tom Lindsay, Rotary District Governor

August 26—Patrick Lyons, Commissioner of Public Lands

If you have suggestions for future speakers, contact Kathy Segura at SeguraK@usa.redcross.org.

Santa Fe Centro Rotary



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Centro Co-Founder



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Centro Co-Founder



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Tom Lindsay
District Governor



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RI President



Carl Luff
Centro President Elect

Santa Fe Centro Rotary Board

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 President Elect—Carl Luff
 Secretary—Susanne Kennedy
 Treasurer—Steve Johnson
 Sergeant-at-Arms—Preston Robinson
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 Director, Community Service—Barry Gerst
 Director, International—Jean Constant
 Director, Membership—Carl Luff
 Director, Public Relations—Katherine Segura
 Director, RI Foundation—Ben Larzelere
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 Please email all news about you, your Rotary friends, and any other Rotary activities by the last Thursday of the month to: Rhonda Williams, Newsletter Editor
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Santa Fe Centro Rotary Foundation

The Santa Fe Centro Rotary Foundation was formed on March 28, 2006. It is a public charity as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is eligible to receive tax deductible contributions (Federal Tax ID 20-5353265).

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