

President's Report January 2007



ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA FE CENTRO

Centro Sentinel

District 5520 Award Winning Newsletter

President's Message

Happy New Year to Santa Fe Centro Rotarians and Rotarians all around the world. The holidays are over and we are left with the tasks of putting away holiday decorations and, in case we don't keep our resolution to exercise, lots of snow shoveling. The resolution to exercise is always a popular one. I hope all of us will also resolve to commit ourselves to a new year of Rotary.

December and the first part of January have been challenging ones for our club meetings. It began with a club assembly to vote on 2007/2007 club officers. One meeting was cancelled due to impending snow. Another meeting was held following a snow storm and only three people were able to shovel themselves out of their driveways to come. At the club assembly we also had a final discussion on the implementation of a per member facility fee to cover the cost of the minimum charge from the Hotel St. Francis. The club voted to begin assessing this charge on a quarterly basis beginning January 1, 2007. We will be monitoring the success of this arrangement

and its impact on the membership dues we pay.

Another recent commitment our club has made is to join the Rotary Clubs of Santa Fe and Del Sur to purchase a long bench at the new Railyard Park & Plaza. Tim Lopez, President of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe, spearheaded this effort and noted that it would be a wonderful collaboration for our clubs as well as a statement to the City of Santa Fe that Rotary is part of Santa Fe and is supporting the community. Speaking of the "downtown" club, be sure to check out page 9 of the January 2007 "Rotarian" magazine where you'll read about last September's Dwight Yoakam concert/fundraiser.

We can all assist District 5520 by selling raffle tickets for next summer's Alaskan cruise. The sale of your 10 raffle tickets constitutes the fulfillment of your "Every Rotarian, Every Year" commitment of an annual contribution of \$100.

I would like to extend a special thank you to James Armijo for organizing the Salvation Army bell ringing;



to Victoria Edwards for creating the beautiful sleighs to raise money for our club and taking our club's gifts to Youth & Family Shelters; Mary Walta for opening up her home for our holiday party and collecting items for the Food Depot holiday drive; and Megan McFarlane for arranging for all of the wonderful programs we've enjoyed.

Joan
Club President

NOTE

The report of the Nominating Committee is on Page 2 of this newsletter. Please note that there are still some unfilled positions. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mike Maule, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

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Garrett Robinson to Receive Award

Members of the Centro club are invited to attend the meeting of the downtown club on Thursday, January 25, at noon at the Inn at Loretto to witness the presentation of the Paul Harris Award to Garrett Robinson. Garrett is being honored by the Riverhead Rotary Club of Long Island, New York, for assisting them in getting a water well drilled on the Island of La Gonave, Haiti.

Riverhead had been searching for an in-country partner since this was to be an international project. They tried all of the clubs in Haiti but were unsuccessful. A Rotarian in South Carolina told them about Garrett and the club he had started in San Michel, Haiti; they contacted him and his club became the in-country sponsor. The water well was successfully completed several weeks ago and they now have fresh water in La Gonave. George Solomon, who will be presenting the award, is the immediate past president of Riverhead Club (term ending last July) and is the incoming District Governor of district 7260. Please come Thursday and support Garrett!

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!

Report of Nominating Committee

November 4, 2006

To: President
From: Nominating Committee
Subject: Nominating Committee Report

The Committee nominates the following for the 2006-07 Rotary Year:

President: Victoria Edwards
President Elect: Garrett Robinson
Secretary: Joe Durr
Treasurer: Steve Johnson
Director, Membership: Ray Gere
Director, Club Administration: Megan McFarlane
Director, Public Relations: James Armijo
Director, Service Projects: No nomination
Director, RI Foundation: No nomination

All those nominated have been contacted and will serve in the positions shown if elected.

Note: These nominations are in accordance with the newly revised Rotary International management plan. To have these Directors, it will be necessary to rewrite the Centro bylaws prior to July 1, 2007.

Mike Maule

Why I'm a Rotarian

By Mike Maule

Why am I a Rotarian? Simple: It was expected of me. Park Superintendents were expected to participate in the communities where they were stationed and joining a service club was the primary way of doing so. Rotary was a common, I might say predominant, choice. At my first superintendency, Effigy Mounds National Monument, I was invited to join the Kiwanis Club, the only service club in McGregor, Iowa, and I was a member for two years.

But very shortly after I transferred to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Frederick Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Sites, the mayor of Hyde Park, NY, came to my office and invited me to visit his Rotary Club, pointing out that my predecessor had been a member. It was a small club of about 40 members and was very active, especially in the community.

Hyde Park was a changing town and there were threats of inappropriate development that could mar the town and intrude on the historic sites. I became active in the club, working mostly on community projects, concentrating often, I must admit, on those that would protect and enhance the historic sites or bring the community to them. I became a Director, which helped me pursue my community interests. Our board meetings were in one of the Hudson River mansions, a nice perk.

When I transferred, the mayor (he had been re-elected at least once) announced that I had made the historic sites more a part of the community than any of my predecessors. I have always considered that to be one of the nicest compliments I ever received in my career and I was able to do it in great part through Rotary.

My next park, Richmond National Battlefield Park, had been established through the efforts of the Richmond Rotary Club in the 1920's. I was invited to join that club by the man who led the campaign to establish the Park. It was a huge club and I had a small part in it, except I became involved in some of its interesting Service projects, notably the Prison Civil War Roundtable, a project of the Commonwealth Education Department that was in part sponsored by the club. There, I was told that I would deal with prisoners who "were not dirty criminals like child molesters and rapists but with clean criminals like murderers." It was an impressive experience to have the huge metal doors bang closed in back of me the first time. It was enough to keep my interest in Rotary and its projects.

In Santa Fe, first in the Downtown Club and now at Centro, my interests have expanded to include District administration where I can help other clubs. It is interesting and brings me into contact with many interesting, dedicated people. You should all become involved with District, even if only the District Convention. It can broaden your interest in Rotary, too.

Mike presenting a Paul Harris Award to Gil Butler of the Rotary Club of Los Alamos.



Schedule of Events

- **January 18** Board Meeting at Zia Diner 7:00 a.m.
- **February 15** Board Meeting at Zia Diner 7:00 a.m.
- **March 8-10, 2007** PETS, Albuquerque.
- **March 15** Board Meeting at Zia Diner 7:00 a.m.
- **April 19** Board Meeting at Zia Diner 7:00 a.m.
- **April 21** Rummage sale.
- **April 28** Rummage sale rain date.
- **May 5, 2007** E-Conference.
- **May 10-13, 2007** District Convention, Taos.
- **June 17-20, 2007** 98th Annual RI Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.

January 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	17	18 7:00 a.m. Board Meeting	19	20
21	22	23 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	24	25 12:00 p.m. Garrett to receive award at downtown club	26 Happy Birthday, Victoria!	27
28	29	30 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	31			

Need to Make-Up A Meeting?

- Bernalillo** —Wednesday 5:30 pm
Milagro Grill
- Espanola** —Tuesday Noon
La Taqueria
- Las Vegas** —Tuesday Noon
Hillcrest
- Los Alamos** —Thursday 12:10
Fuller Lodge
- Moriarty**—Monday 6 pm
El Comedor
- Rio Rancho** —Tuesday Noon
Hilton
- Santa Fe Del Sur** — Wednesday Noon
Santa Fe Country Club
- Santa Fe Downtown** — Thursday Noon
Inn at Loretto
- Taos Milagro** — Wednesday 7:20 am
Quality Inn
- Online**—<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

Upcoming Speakers

- Jan 2 - Social**
- Jan 9 - Chris Pearson, Boy Scouts of America**
- Jan 16 - Sandy Cunningham, Uncharted Outposts**
- Jan 23 - Hannah Neuhierl, AFS Germany Presentation**
- Jan 30 - Jonnalyn Grover, Coldwell Banker Realty**
- Feb 6 - Joe Wright, Rotary Cruise**
- Feb 13 - John Halpin, Trader Joes' Market**
- Feb 20 - Social**
- Feb 27 - Chris Kramer, PearsonKramer Internet Business Specialists**
- March 6 - Justin Greene, Dashing Delivery**
- March 13 - Sarah Williams, Just the Basics**

If you have suggestions for future speakers, contact Megan McFarlane at megsmcfarlane@yahoo.com.

Santa Fe Centro Rotary



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Centro Co-Founder



Frank Lee
Centro Co-Founder



Joan Rutherford
Centro President



Dennis Edwards
District Governor



William Boyd
RI President



Victoria Edwards
Centro President Elect

Santa Fe Centro Rotary Board

President—Joan Rutherford

President Elect—Victoria Edwards

Secretary—Joe Durr

Treasurer—Steve Johnson

Sergeant-at-Arms—Joe Durr

Director, Community Service—Vacant

Director, Club Service—Mary Walta

Director, Vocational Service—James Armijo

Director, International Service—Ray Gere

Immediate Past President—Megan McFarlane

**Appointments: Membership Committee
Chairs—Mary Walta and Lew Geer.**

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Centro Sentinel Submissions:

Please email all news about you, your Rotary friends, and any other Rotary activities by the last Thursday of the month:

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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 Service Code and is eligible to receive tax deductible contributions. The foundation has a June 30 fiscal year-end and its federal tax identification number is 20-5353265.

John E. Barraclough, Jr., is the Registered Agent and the mailing address is: c/o Barraclough & Associates, P.O. Box 1847, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1847. Board members are: Megan McFarlane, Chairman, Rhonda Williams, Secretary, and Joan Rutherford, Victoria Edwards, and J. Barry Gerst, members.

Please contact Rhonda Williams for additional information.