

President's Report March 2007



ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA FE CENTRO

Centro Sentinel

District 5520 Award Winning Newsletter

President's Message

If you were not at our club's March 7 wine and cheese tasting and silent auction event, then you missed a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. The event was held at the Whole Foods community room. Whole Foods was kind enough to donate all of the food and the time of their many staff members who were on hand to pour wine and provide insight into the creative wine and food pairings. The wine offerings began with French champagne and ended with a delicious Italian dessert wine. There were five tasting stations in all and the food included tidbits such as grapes encrusted with blue cheese and walnuts and beef Bordeaux crostini. Southern Wine and Spirits of New Mexico donated all of wine. The manager at Whole Foods told the group how much he enjoyed learning about Rotary through this event. Both Whole Foods and Southern Wine and Spirits of New Mexico are great supporters of the community and we appreciate their contributions. We raised \$1,600 through ticket and silent auction sales and the proceeds are the first influx of monies into our club's newly formed foundation.

Speaking of fundraising for

our foundation, we have another event planned for April 21 which will allow you to get a jump start on your spring cleaning. We will be holding a rummage sale in the parking lot of the Capital Christian School and church on Richards Ave. The location is great for traffic and accessibility. Please put this



event on your calendar and help us to make this an all-club volunteer event. And be sure to start setting aside all of the items that you don't want as well as those "white elephant" items that somebody else might just love.

The 2007 Rotary District 5520 Convention is coming up May 10-13 in the beautiful town of Taos. Most of the events will be held at the Sagebrush Convention Center

or the Taos Convention Center which is close to the plaza. A district convention is always a great place to get energized about Rotary service and to learn more about what other clubs are doing. You also get to make new friends and mingle with old ones at the many social events that are planned. To register, go to the district website at www.rotary5520.org.

One of the exciting and different aspects of this district convention is that there will be a simultaneous vocational and trade fair. Rotarians have the chance to showcase their businesses through booths or sponsorships. As one of Rotary's four Avenues of Service, our commitment to vocational service encourages Rotarian to serve others through their professions and practice high ethical standards. Hope to see you there!

Joan
Club President

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Why I'm a Rotarian, by Rhonda Williams

I grew up in rural Kansas and was involved in all types of community, social, and church activities. At a very early age I decided I would be either a nurse or a missionary when I grew up! Instead I became a teacher, a secretary, and finally a Certified Public Accountant. Being an accountant is certainly not the same as being a nurse or a missionary, but it offers many opportunities for community service. Not only do people need competent tax and accounting services, but many nonprofit organizations need someone to help guide them through the maze of federal and state tax compliance. The firm I work for provides pro bono and discounted services to many New Mexico charities and I myself do as much volunteer tax and consulting work as I can fit into my schedule.

In my 22 years in Tulsa, Oklahoma, I was actively involved in many church, community, and professional organizations. When I moved to Albuquerque eight years ago, I had to start over again, then again six years later when I moved to Santa Fe! The move to Santa Fe turned out to be a good one as I found myself working for a firm, Barraclough & Associates, that not only encouraged, but supported professional and community involvement. Better yet, I found among my own clients many wonderful people who shared the same values.

One of those people was Garrett Robinson. I really admired Garrett for the charity work he was doing in Haiti. I knew absolutely nothing about Rotary, but when he invited me to attend a meeting, I was willing to come because of his enthusiasm. When I attended my first meeting in the spring of 2005, I was immediately attracted to the club for two reasons. First, I admired the sincerity of the members in their desire to make a difference in this world. Second, the fact that even though Rotary is an organization consisting of professionals, it is not just a professional organization. I was open to an opportunity to serve my community, not just another opportunity to pass out business cards. Once I learned what Rotary was about, especially its international reach, I realized that this was exactly the type of organization I had been looking for. I volunteered to assist Victoria Edwards with the newsletter and became the editor in December of 2005.



As I have come to know the other members of my club better, I have become even more convinced that Rotary is an organization of truly concerned individuals who believe we can accomplish more together than we can individually. Knowing that I am a small part of this wonderful international organization gives me a great feeling of satisfaction. I might be just a small cog in a wheel, but it is a great wheel!

On November 21, 2006, Rhonda won the jackpot at the weekly club meeting drawing! The next week, she donated her winnings to the Rotary Foundation.

“What is Rotary? What is it all about? ... Beneath Rotary’s many and varied activities, there is the unchanging undertones of goodwill, goodwill, goodwill”

Paul Harris’ message on the 39th birthday of Rotary, – February 23, 1944.

“The ramifications of Rotary are beyond imagination. Nearly every phase of modern life is influenced and the outlook of members is broadened, and through it all there is the benign influence of fellowship, which sweetens life. These are a few of the many reasons why Rotarians value their membership.”

Paul P. Harris—My Road to Rotary

Meet Our Newest Member, Cheryl O'Connor



Cheryl O'Connor was inducted into the Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro by President Joan Rutherford on January 23, 2007. Mary Walta, left, was her sponsor.

Raised in a small farming community in western Kansas, I grew up loving horses, dogs and cats. Small town ways and virtues have remained ingrained in me, even though I left rural Kansas for life in the city. After high school, I attended the University of Colorado in Boulder. While a student, I worked as a photographer and (small) fashion model. In order to pursue this life-adventure, I left college for a time. Eventually, in order to grow in the career, I was required to move to Chicago. Instead, I returned to college where I met my future husband, who was completing a master's degree. Once he got the master's degree, he left Colorado to attend graduate

school in Massachusetts. To enable us to continue our romance, I was easily convinced to join him there. I finished my last three undergraduate years at Wellesley College, graduating from Wellesley in 1983. After graduation, I attended a term in graduate school, but left to move to New Mexico with my husband, who took a job at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

As a result of my husband's career, we were able to travel to many foreign countries. We also started and ran a successful guest ranch. Full of energy and ambition, and to match my husband's dual career status, I worked as a realtor in Santa Fe. In 1989, I returned to Colorado to get a law degree from the Denver University Law School. While I was in law school, my husband returned to Massachusetts and took a full-time job at his alma mater.

After receiving my J.D., I returned to New Mexico, with the initial intent of working as an attorney for a year or two, then returning to real estate. Instead, I worked for several years as an attorney for the state, where my newly minted law degree was enhanced by my knowledge of real estate. Eventually, I left state government and limited my practice to insurance defense work.

Recently, I returned to work for the State of New Mexico. With the move back into the public sector, I now have time to participate in community service, and so joined the Rotary Club of Santa Fe. I chose the Rotary Club as it has an impressive breadth of projects, including projects outside of the U.S. Through the Rotary Club, I can give back to my community and also have the grand opportunity to be part of something much larger than myself.

Cheryl O'Connor

Schedule of Events

- **March 7** Wine & Cheese fundraiser for Centro Foundation at Whole Foods 5:30 to 8:00.
- **March 8-10, 2007** PETS at Embassy Suites in 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 at Capitol Christian (rain date April 28).
- **May 5, 2007** E-Conference.
- **May 10-13, 2007** District Convention, Taos.
- **May 23, 2007** GSE Party TBA.
- **June 17-20, 2007** 98th Annual RI Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.
- **June 24, 2007** Kick-out party at Victoria's home in Stanley.

March 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	SF Centro Foundation Fundraiser	PETS in Albuquerque		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		7:00 a.m. Club Meeting		7:00 a.m. Board Meeting		Happy Saint Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Happy Birthday, Paul!		7:00 a.m. Club Meeting				
Happy Anniversary, Mike!						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		7:00 a.m. Club Meeting				

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

March 6
Mr. Brian Goldbec, US Department of State,
Embassy of Ulaambaatar Mongolia;
and Justin Greene, Dashing Delivery

March 13
Sarah Williams, Just the Basics

March 20
David Kaseman - Local's Care

March 27
Bret Houston - Queen's Ransom

April 3
John Sharp - Grand Prix de Santa Fe

April 10
Terry Nelson,
LEAP Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

April 24
Candi Aguilar, Outreach

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

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Centro President Elect

Santa Fe Centro Rotary Board

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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. 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, J. Barry Gerst, Treasurer, and Joan Rutherford and Victoria Edwards, members.

Please contact Rhonda Williams for additional information.