



Centro Sentinel

District 5520 Award Winning Newsletter

President's Report February 2007



President's Message

February is "World Understanding Month" in Rotary International. A Rotarian from San Diego, CA, was recently spotlighted in an NBC Nightly News segment on its "Making a Difference" series. Fary Moini, Iranian born, became a U.S. citizen 20 years ago. Moini had made several trips to Afghanistan and Pakistan as a Rotary volunteer and was struck by the illiteracy and neglect inside Afghan refugee camps located in Pakistan. Together with other volunteers in her club, she raised \$250,000 to build a school in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, to accommodate 2,000 students, many of whom were denied educational opportunities under the Taliban. She is known as "Mama Fairy" to the students and her story is a shining example of how Rotary International promotes world understanding and peace.

On the domestic front, PETS training for incoming club officers is scheduled for March 8-10 in Albuquerque at the beautiful new Embassy Suites. PETS provides a valuable opportunity to learn more about the world of Rotary, to understand club officer roles and responsibilities, to greet old Rotary friends and to make new Rotary friends. The amount of work and planning

that goes into PETS is phenomenal. District Trainer Dick Jones and other volunteers have done an incredible job of putting this educational and interesting meeting together. You may sign up for this event to going to our District 5520 website.

Our Rotary Club was fortunate to receive approval for a simplified grant from District 5520. We had applied for a grant to purchase books for the children in the Santa Fe Head Start program. The books will be sent home with the children to read with their families. Our club also decided to have club members go and read to the children. Last Thursday, a few hardy souls from our club made the trip to the Manderfield Center where the Head Start program is located. Steve Johnson and his wife Marilyn have spearheaded this project with our club. Congratulations to Marilyn on her recent promotion to Head Start Education Coordinator.

Time is precious and there never seems to be enough of it. A little of your time can go a long ways towards improving the lives of others. Do you remember when you were young that you always wanted to have one more



book read aloud to you? These children feel the same as you can tell by the bright smiles on their faces. Please put your name on the sign up sheet the next time it goes around the room and go read to the children at Head Start. You will be glad you did!

**Joan
President**

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member Cheryl O'Connor! Cheryl was sponsored by Mary Walta and was inducted into the club on January 23. We will have more information and a picture in the next issue of this newsletter.

FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Wine & cheese tasting and silent auction to be held on March 7. See Page 2 for details.

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Why I'm a Rotarian, by Victoria Edwards

I have always been passionate about helping others and when Jane Terry told me she was in Rotary and invited me to attend, I jumped at the chance. After my move from Ruidoso, I had not been involved in any community service organizations and truly missed the rewards that giving of yourself offers. I had no idea what Rotary was all about when I joined, other than years of exposure to the name "Rotary" via colleagues that were members. So, when I learned about all of the wonderful projects that Rotarians do, I was more than ready to pitch in my efforts to help make a difference in the lives of others. I am very proud of what our small but mighty club has accomplished in the



past and will continue to accomplish in the future. We have great, dedicated members that are also passionate about being of service in their communities, district, and internationally. I look forward to serving as President in the upcoming year and growing our club in membership as well as the number of projects that we can accomplish.

Victoria with one of the gingerbread sleighs she makes every year for our club to auction off as a holiday fundraiser.



**President Elect
Victoria Edwards**

Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro Foundation Wine & Cheese Tasting

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

5:30 pm

Whole Food's Community Room
753 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe

\$20 ticket

Discounted wine and cheese will be available for purchase
In exchange for the price of this ticket, you will receive a \$20 value
in food & beverages. Therefore, no part of this ticket purchase is
tax deductible.



Garrett Robinson Honored by Riverhead Rotary Club of Long Island New York

On January 25 Garrett Robinson was honored with a Paul Harris Award by George Solomon of 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.

Garrett's wife Jeanine, mother Mary Robinson, and sister Frances Griswold were also on hand for the presentation. The Rotary Club of Santa Fe did a wonderful job and really made Garrett's family and George Solomon and his wife feel welcome.

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 presented the award, is the immediate past president of the Riverhead Club and is the incoming District Governor of district 7260.

Congratulations, Garrett, and thank you, downtown club, for your assistance!



Garrett Robinson and George Solomon report on the Haiti project at the January 25 meeting of the downtown Rotary Club of Santa Fe.



Left to right: Tim Lopez, President of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe; George Solomon, Immediate Past President of the Riverhead Rotary Club of Long Island, New York; Garrett Robinson, member of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro; Garrett's wife Jeanine Robinson, Garrett's sister Frances Griswold; and Garrett's mother Mary Robinson, member of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe.

Left to right: George Solomon, Immediate Past President of the Riverhead Rotary Club of Long Island, New York, his wife, and Garrett Robinson, member of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro.



Schedule of Events

- **February 15** Board Meeting at Zia Diner 7:00 a.m.
- **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.
- **June 17-20, 2007** 98th Annual RI Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.

February 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Happy birthday, Steve	3 Happy anniversary, Paul!
4	5	6 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	7	8	9	10 Happy birthday, Ron!
11	12	13 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15 7:00 a.m. Board Meeting	16	17
18	19	20 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 7:00 a.m. Club Meeting Happy anniversary, Victoria!	28 Happy birthday, Joe!			

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

- 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 - 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 10 - Terry Nelson,
LEAP Law Enforcement Against Prohibition**

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

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Santa Fe Centro Rotary Board

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

The foundation's first fundraiser will be a wine and cheese party at Whole Foods. Thank you to Barry Gerst for arranging the event and to Whole Foods for providing the location and donating the wine and cheese!