

Taos Milagro Rotary Minutes  
July 19, 2017

**Opening :** Bruce opened the meeting with an announcement of the tragic news that Rotary President-Elect Sam F. Owori, had passed away on Thursday evening due to complications from scheduled surgery. Rotarian Owori would have begun his term on July 1, 2018. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda for 38 years.

**Prayer:** Yale Jones

**Guests:** Peter Seltzer, Catherine Webster and Nathaniel Evans (Program)



**Induction of New Members**

Paul Sands and Bruce Mulligan inducted new members Dean Caldwell and Larry Mapes. Congratulations and welcome to the Taos Milagro Rotary.

**Foundation Award**

Marci Beatty presented Sue McDowell with her Paul Harris pin. Congratulations and thanks Sue. Taos Milagro Rotary is one of the top five clubs in the district with the number of members involved in Paul Harris.



**Guest Speaker**

Steve Fullendorf introduced town councilman Nathaniel Evans as today's guest speaker. Mr. Evans spoke about the Strong at Heart Project that has been launched by the town of Taos. A few council members attended a conference in Durango concerning projects to develop a vision for the future. The current 2020 Vision is approaching its end and the town wanted to develop a plan that was more transparent and involved more community input. In this manner, the community will start to take ownership of the plans.

Taos was selected to receive some funding and guidance. The town is currently in Phase 1 of the Strong at Heart Project. There was a community meeting, presentations have been made to service clubs and organizations and pop-ups have been held at different events. There have been three questions that have been asked:

- What do you love about Taos?
- Why do you love this?
- What would like to see in the future?

These questions will be used to gauge values, the need to shift and change, work together and have conversations with the community.

Phase 2 will be to have more reflection. Though we have the same values, why we care may be different. Community members will be able to discuss and see the depth of the challenges as we use this information in developing the town plan.

Phase 3 will help us identify goals and challenges in creating a new culture politically and as a community.

There is a 20-member Citizens' Advisory Council. There are opportunities for other presentations, hosting of meetings, etc. To date 800 comment cards have been filled out and collected. We can respond by taking the internet survey on: [downtowntaos.com](http://downtowntaos.com). These survey cards will also be at Fiestas and schools.

### **Announcements and Good News**

Prudy Abeln informed the club that usually when a club receives an Inbound Exchange student, they can send an Outbound Exchange student. Since we are not sending a student and the Albuquerque Del Sol Project is sending but not receiving a student, they will be picking up the \$1,400.00 yearly fee for our student this year.



Sue McDonnell thanked Darryl Bouchard, Dolly Peralta and Leo Wood for helping with the transportation of our RYLA students this year.

El Endres informed the club that there would be a Literacy Committee Meeting after the Rotary Meeting today. Marci Beatty submitted the grant for the District funding for this project.

Jay Wood let the membership know that he would collect the Silent Auction items for Leo today but reminded everyone to please attach a Donor Form so that who, what, and where for the items. He also said that members should let him know about the sponsorship funds they were collecting but to give the checks to George Jaramillo for accurate accounting.

Marc Harrel said that the link ([taoschilechallenge.com](http://taoschilechallenge.com)) has been revamped. Anyone interested in helping to keep it current should let Bruce know.

Prudy informed the membership that the second Pay It Forward Raffle will be pulled next week. This will be a good time to bring guests.

Marci agreed to take notes for the month of August, thanks Marci!!

Yale Jones contributed to Good News in honor of our new members and Kathryn Herman for her upcoming hip surgery.

Marc Harrell talked about his 21-state tour and being glad to be back to Taos.

Larry Mapes is glad to be part of the club and is thankful for the friendship already shown him.

Catherine Webster was grateful for the warm welcome she received as a guest to our club and talked about her trip to Kenya.

Katherine Herman thanked Bruce for an excellent meeting.

Dolly Peralta let us know that Fred is home from the hospital and doing better.

**Winner of the Raffle:** Katherine Herman

Submitted by: Lucille Gallegos-Jaramillo