

Taos Milagro Rotary Minutes  
July 26, 2017

Prayer: John Crouch

Guests: Linda Elliott, David Christ, Dr. Ken Merle, Terry Cooper and Catherine Webster

Program:

**Foundation Award**

Marci Beatty presented Louis Jeantete and Lillian Torrez with their Paul Harris pins. Congratulations and thanks Lillian and Louis.



**Guest Speaker**

In the absence of our guest speaker, Yale Jones spoke about the Guatemala Water and Sanitation Project that Taos Milagro Rotary will be doing as a Partner Grant with Nueva Guatemala this year. The project will provide handwashing and bathroom stations for 5 schools. Service will be provided to 2,127 students and teachers at these schools and training on the use of the stations will be included.

To date, Yale has secured \$12,000.00 pledge from the District, \$3000.00 from the Santa Fe Club and \$5,220.00 in pledges from Santa Fe Club members. In addition, the Albuquerque Del Sol and Carlsbad Clubs are on board to pledge funds.

Yale said that last year local club members donated their \$1,000.00 Paul Harris donations (a total of \$8,000.00) for the water projects that were on-going. He made a request that we do so again and had forms to take pledges so that they could be submitted once the project receives final approval. Pledges in any amount will be appreciated for this worthwhile project. Please see Yale Jones for a form for your Paul Harris Pledge.

Two visits will be made to Guatemala by Taos Milagro Rotary members. In October, one team will go to present the funds. In April, another team will go for the Ribbon Cutting / Inauguration.

Bruce said that any new member to the Taos Milagro Rotary, not yet in Paul Harris that makes a \$500.00 will have those 500 points matched by the club.

**Pay It Forward Raffle**

Prudy Abeln drew the names on the second raffle drawing on our Pay It Forward Raffle for the Year. Many club members purchased tickets in the names of non-profit organizations in order to pay it forward. The funds generated by this raffle support our International Projects. The winners were:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100.00	Gael Whethell
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - \$200.00	David Henry
1 <sup>st</sup> Place - \$300.00	Himalayan Stove Project

**Announcements:**

Leo Wood asked if all club members present had received their envelopes with brochures and tickets to sell for Chile Challenge. She further thanked members who had brought Silent Auction Items and announced the 11:45 meeting at the Taos Country Club to plan the layout for our event.

Bruce Mulligan said that he is planning the District Governor Doreen Kelsey's visit for September 15-16, 2017. She will be here for our Chile Challenge to see our club in action. He is planning a lunch with her and the board at the Taos Ski Valley on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bruce has been posting more Taos Milagro Rotary information on our Facebook page. This includes minutes. He has been pleased to see that there has been positive reaction from the community. He's glad to get the word out to our community.

Bruce thanked Louis Jeantete for his leadership on the Taos Education and Career Center (TECC) Survey Project. Louis and his team helped write the survey and Rotarians met with businesses to ask the survey questions. This was done to help guide TECC in providing job skills to their students,

Prudy Abeln let the membership know that our exchange student from Taiwan will be here soon. School starts on August 11<sup>th</sup> and he will be here. She is reaching out to the community to recruit host families for the student.

Lucille Gallegos-Jaramillo announced the Big Brothers Big Sisters Fashion Show. It will be a beautiful event on October 14, 2017 at the Taos Country Club. Patricia Michael's from Taos Pueblo and one of ten fashion greats to be featuring their designs at the Louvre in Paris, will be showing a progression of her styles. Due to the mentoring theme, Patricia's personal mentoring and her mentoring of others will be shared. More information to come.

### **Good News**

Leo Wood announced that she has had her art at the Taos Artist Collective and has sold three paintings this month. She visited her son in New York and enjoyed the sights. Freja Christiansen, last year's exchange student from Denmark, has contacted her and she misses Taos. Jay, who is not a traveler, is now planning a trip to for them to visit Freja and her family in Denmark.

George Jaramillo thanked Louis Jeantete for his contributions to the Taos Milagro Rotary Club.

Yale Jones thanked Louis as well. Louis is off the SMU Law School. We all wish him well.

Louis Jeantete thanked the Rotary for its friendship, fellowship and mentorship. He is off to Dallas for a one-week prep course, will return and leave in early August.

Dick Oliver said that he had a visit from friends. While they visited Abique, he saw former Rotarian Mark Shuman who sent his greetings to the club members.

Bruce Mulligan reported that his wife Janis Checchia may not be needing plastic surgery after their accident. We are glad to hear that she is doing well.

Visitor Linda Elliot issued an invitation to Louis Jeantete to participate in their web Rotary meetings when in Dallas.

Superintendent Lillian Torrez stated that she is grateful to be a part of Rotary and the assistance given to Taos students and staff.

**Winner of the 50/50 Raffle:** Andy Greif

Submitted by: Lucille Gallegos-Jaramillo