

## Taos Milagro Rotary Club November 8, 2017

**Blessing:** Dolly Peralta.

**Guest:** Our speaker, Ernestina Cordova for Taos Feeds Taos.

**Presentation:** Mrs. Cordova is, along with her husband Francis, a long-standing member of the board of Taos Feeds Taos. They have been with the organization since its founding. This will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> year they will do food basket distributions at holiday time. They distributed over 1200 baskets last year. Each contains enough food for six people for a week. The estimated grocery cost is \$72,000, and the volunteers work year-round. All work is done by volunteers; there is no paid staff.

Beneficiaries are limited to Taos County residents. They must be pre-qualified by presenting an I.D., proof of income and a utility bill.

Mrs. Cordova will send Steve a schedule of all key dates for December, which he will circulate to all Rotarians. Rotarians have volunteered in the past, and she is hoping we will again. Volunteers are needed between 10 AM and 4 PM on December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to set up the staging area and fill boxes. There will be an opening ceremony on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Finally, there will be a fundraising pancake breakfast at the Bent Lodge this Saturday between 8 and 10 AM.

### Announcements:

- Our club board will meet Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in our usual meeting room.
- Our club will light farolitos on the plaza on December 11<sup>th</sup>, at dusk. Details forthcoming.
- Our club holiday dinner will take place on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Taos Country Club. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 PM.
- Dolly announced an open slot for the men's shelter meal sign-up which was promptly filled by Marc and Lisa. Kellie noted that the Interact kids will also join each meal sign-up and John Crouch echoed what a joy it has been to have them participate in our service at the shelter.
- Gary announced that there will be an effort through the Taos Community Foundation to buy a holiday ham for every Taos Municipal Schools employee. Donations may be made at [www.taoscf.org](http://www.taoscf.org) (specify TMS Holiday Hams) or by giving Gary a check payable to the Taos Community Foundation.



- Kathy announced that the permit hearing for the Heart of Taos residential facility will be at the County Commission chambers at 6 PM this evening. They don't anticipate any opposition to their request. She also mentioned that raffle tickets are still available for HEARTS' Hawaii vacation are still available. See Kathy.

**Good News:**

- Lisa – things are going very well at the Taos Community Foundation. They will hold an open house in their new office on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Marc – he and Diane returned to Taos last Sunday after an excellent 35 day trip to Oregon and other points west.
- Bruce - his driveway is shaped up with seven truckloads of gravel. However, his barn project is moving more slowly.
- Yale – introduced Maria Isabel Guerra-Verastegue, the former Chavi Petersen. Chavi's change of name is official! He also gave an update on our inbound exchange student, Bing Huan Chung. He is as ever, but seems to be doing well in the Jones home.
- Del - she has installed two more little free libraries, at the Midtown Market and the Vigil trailer park. Larry volunteered to stock the one at the trailer park.