

Taos Milagro Rotary Club

Notes of Meeting of March 28, 2018

Blessing: Trotsky Baretto

Guests: Sue Mulvaney, Donna Mellinger, Alan Wilkins (membership application pending), Marissa Crolette, and William Breeland.

Presentation: Our speakers were Matt and Budd from Strong at Heart. This is a project of the Town of Taos focused on working with Taoseños to create a vision for a thriving downtown for everyone. The goal of the project “is to create a Taos Downtown Strategy, which communicates our shared values, guiding principles and vision for the downtown, and includes an action-plan to get things done.” See <https://www.downtowntaos.com/> for a summary of goals, what has been done to date, and next steps. A vision is emerging of what we want downtown Taos to look like.



Announcements:

- President Bruce announced that the club member satisfaction survey is going out this week. In fact, it went out shortly after the meeting. This is everyone’s chance to have preliminary input into our pending strategic planning process. Bruce asks that they be returned ASAP, preferably by April 6th.
- The District 5520 Annual Conference will take place April 27 – 28 in Santa Fe. It’s not too late to register by going to rotary5520.org. Also, there will be an “all club luncheon” which is also available as a standalone event for \$30. Rotary Past President Rick King will be the speaker.
- Jim Mitchell brought us up to date on the Chile Challenge planning meeting earlier this week. For a complete summary, see the email co-chair Jim Yates sent out on March 29th.
- George Jaramillo reminded us to vote for our club as the best community service club in the Taos News Best of Taos online survey.
- Lucille mentioned the Bowl For Kids event on April 7th at Gutters.

Good News:

- Lisa – the Taos Community Foundation Ridge-a-thon made \$45,000 for emergency medical services. Also, the Foundation has hired our own Louis Jeantete as an associate.
- Bruce announced that Taos County has signed off on his barn.
- Bob Shaw is off to Tuscon for the month of April.
- Dr. Lillian celebrated the accomplishments of various Taos Schools teams and clubs.

Drawing: Marci.