

**Taos Milagro Rotary Club  
Meeting Notes  
November 15, 2017**

**Club Assembly**

**Prayer by Jay Wood**

**Guests:**

- Rotarian Klas Vikman, a visiting Rotarian from the Stockholm, Sweden area and his wife Karin.
- Lauria Urbanejo and Dr. John Graham from MATCH New Mexico.



**Club Christmas party:** This will be at the Taos Country Club on Wednesday 13 December. The cost will be \$45 per person, with another \$5 per person being paid by the club. A signup sheet went around the room. If you were not present, please email Dolly (holadolly@hotmail.com) with the names and number of you who wish to attend. Treasurer George would prefer that you bring him a check at a meeting before the party, but you can pay at the door.

**Report of Tuesday evening board meeting:**

- Treasurer George reported that our cash accounts look good. Only a few members are overdue on their dues payments. Lucille reported that we have received a \$1000 grant from Chevron USA to support "For the Love of Reading. Thanks for your efforts on this, Lucille.
- Membership: Jim Yates reported that Jim Mitchell's application is in the pipeline. There will be a new member orientation/club social soon.
- Attendance is down a bit.
- Scholarships: Darryl reported that all but one of our pending scholarships have been paid. The exception is a fourth-year student who was slow getting his/her paperwork in last year and has didn't do so by the deadline this year. Darryl and the committee "cut this person loose."
- Our club committee structure was discussed at the board meeting. Some committees are working well, others not so well. The board plans a full discussion of this issue at its December meeting.
- Literacy: Del reported that we now have 13 little free libraries and a fourth one pending in front of the SOMOS office. Also, people are now reading to 18 children grades K-3 at the Taos Day School.

- Cost of meeting room at El Camino Inn: This was discussed at length at the board meeting and was brought to the club assembly. The Inn is asking \$50 per week from our club, for which it will provide free coffee. Nobody objected to this cost (especially since we are running out of venues), but the issue was how we round up the money. Lots of discussion. The decision was sent back to the club board.
- Our Guatemala water and sanitation project. Yale reported that the global grant application is almost complete (by the Rotary Club of Nueva Guatemala). It now embraces installation of sanitary toilets and hand washing stations at seven schools and hygiene education for 2724 students, 119 teachers and 140 parents. We have more than enough money pledged in District 5520 to help fund the project and are hoping that the Rotary Foundation will approve it before the end of the year.
- Club Officer Elections: Lucille announced that the nominations committee proposed the following slate of officers for 201 – 2019:
  - Past president – Bruce Mulligan
  - President – Lucille Gallegos Jaramillo
  - President–elect – Darryl Bouchard
  - Treasurer – George Jaramillo
  - Secretary – Andy Greif
  - Foundation Committee Chair – Marcia Beatty
  - Literacy Committee – Del Endres
  - Youth – Sue Mc Dowell

**Elections will be held at our Christmas dinner. Other nominations should be communicated to Lucille.**



**Good news:**

- Lisa announced that the Taos Community Foundation held its teacher awards event at the Country Club yesterday afternoon. Grants of \$300 to \$500 totaling \$15,000 were made to teachers.
- Jeff Smith announced that a sixth local boy has passed his board of review to become an eagle scout.

- Bruce announced that first he was also proud to participate as a member of the Board of Review in passing the sixth Eagle Scout for Troop 98 and second he and Janis settled their issues with the Airstream dealer in Albuquerque and will soon be the owners of a new Airstream motorhome.
- Klas said that our club assemblies were not that different from those in his Swedish home club and thanked us for our hospitality. He also presented us with a club banner.
- Lucille thanked the incoming board.

**Drawing winner:** Kathy Herman.