

**Taos Milagro Rotary Club
Meeting Notes November 29, 2017**

Blessing for the Day: Prudy.

Guest: Kirsten Main

New Member Induction: We inducted Trotsky Barreto (sponsored by Sharom Gilster), and Jim Mitchell (sponsored by Leolyn Wood). Each told us a bit about himself:



- Trotsky Barreto: He is 43 years old, a native of Lima, Peru. His parents were both professors and socialists, hence the name Trotsky. He studied trumpet in a conservatory for many years. Then his life journey took him to Los Angeles, Luxembourg, Mexico City and, four years ago, Taos. He is married with three children. His wife is a well-regarded tortilla artist. Now they run a Peruvian restaurant below the plaza, which he also sees as a cultural event space. They are going to do a cultural exchange with Mexico in March, which will involve teenaged dancers.
- Jim Mitchell has also led a peripatetic life. He began his remarks by giving Jay and Leolyn credit for his move to Taos last September. He was raised in Tucson, then lived in Los Angeles, Pittsburg and beginning in 1973 in Bend, Oregon, where he met Jay and Leo. There he began a long career in the ski business. From Bend he went to Crystal Mountain in 1979. About that time, he rode a bike solo from Seattle to Boston to see the Wood. Jay was eventually his best man. After the ski business he began selling stone and tile in the Reno-Tahoe area. He was a member of the Tahoe City Rotary Club. There he chaired a major area ski event.



Jim is a graduate of the University of Oregon. He has also managed golf courses. But he moved back to Bend to work with Healing Reins, an equine assisted therapy organization. When he came to Taos in September, Jay hooked him up with Ruth at Equine Spirit Sanctuary, where he is now a devoted volunteer.

Announcements:

- Our next club board meeting will be December 12th. All are welcome.
- Our club holiday party will be December 13th at the Taos Country Club, 5:30 PM.
- Angel Tree gifts will again be available at the party. Gifts should be delivered to CAV by December 20th.
- We will light farolitos on the plaza on December 11.
- Lisa announced that the Community Foundation will have a ribbon cutting at its new office on Friday, December 1 with an open house all day to follow.
- Gary and Lillian again urged us to contribute to contribute to the fund at the Taos Community Foundation to buy Christmas hams for school district employees by Friday.

Good news:

- Bruce (bedecked in a University of Oregon shirt) – The Ducks won the Civil war with



Oregon State 69-10 Saturday.

- Alix – University of Washington won the Apple cup beating Washington State Saturday.



- Prudy and John had a good visit in Florida and then two weeks in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico.
- Dolly and Fred's son Daniel has been accepted to medical school at UNM.
- Del – her Wisconsin Badgers also won, plus she put in a dollar each for our two new



members.

- Lillian had a great time with her grandchildren last week. Also, the Taos Municipal Schools are inviting everyone to tour the schools, which are doing great.
- Drawing winner – Jim Mitchell.