

**Taos Milagro Rotary**  
**December 20, 2017**  
**Meeting minutes/notes**

President Bruce Mulligan called the meeting to order at 7:34.

**Guest Speaker:** Tim Korte, New Mexico Gas Company

Blessing of the Day: George Jaramillo

One guest, Luis Jeantete was reintroduced to the membership; he is a Rotarian returning from Law School

Bruce presented Daniel, our breakfast host with a holiday gift check in appreciation for his dedicated work providing weekly breakfasts; as well as transitioning from our previous location to the El Camino Lodge.

A letter of gratitude was received from Pastor Stephen Wiard from El Pueblito Methodist Church and Shared Table thanking Rotary for our support this past year. Letters were also received from Not forgotten Outreach and the Equine Spirits Sanctuary thanking us for our support.

The Pueblo Day School is requesting socks and gloves for seniors. Lucille Jaramillo will take donations later in the day.

Keith thanked the members who helped with the distribution of the dictionaries to 3rd graders and reported the students have already shown improvement with their literacy levels.

A somewhat lengthy discussion regarding the cost of breakfast raised by the Finance Committee and the resulting deficit with regard to the actual number of members purchasing on a weekly basis brings up the question of how we afford it within our budget. However, it was pointed out our meetings are called breakfast meetings and visiting Rotarians will expect to be able to get breakfast. The Board voted to adjust dues to \$325 annually to help cover room costs and absorb some of our costs with interest from our endowment. Bruce noted our dues will still be at the level they were at when he

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transferred into the club in 2012. It was determined to defer this matter until the 2nd Board meeting of the month to allow the Board to discuss further options.

There will be no meeting December 27. We will "GO Dark". The next meeting will be in the New Year 2018 on January 3<sup>rd</sup> .

Steve Fulhendorf introduced Tim Korte of New Mexico Gas from Albuquerque who gave an exemplary presentation on the Taos Minline Project on Rt. 68.

Since beginning this project, the construction found three landslide areas impacting stability of the 6 mile stretch on the west side of Hwy 68. The project cost is \$14 million. Some 16,000 customers in Taos, Questa and Red River are to benefit from the improvements. The existing 8" pipeline will be replaced by a 12" pipe.

There are concerns about the weather until completion and they are working with the NMDOT closely to make safety #1 especially when the snow and ice conditions come into play. Beginning Dec 22 and until Jan 2, 2018, the Hwy will be restored to a two lane road for the holidays. They will be resuming work Jan 3rd. The project completion is targeted for Jan. 30, 2018.



**Announcements:**

Angels for the CAV are to be turned in today. Rotary was given an extension due to the date of our Christmas Party.

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A new member welcome/social meeting will be held Jan. 30 at Trotsky's, Quechua Peruvian Restaurant at 122 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

Darryl Bouchard said "For the Love of Reading" project is delayed.

Lucille reminded all about the need for socks and gloves for the seniors at the Pueblo.

**Good News Winner:** George Jaramillo