

Taos Milagro Rotary  
January 31, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

President Bruce Mulligan opened the meeting at 7:30 am

**Guests:**

Rodney Grosse, Executive Director, Tri-County Community Services  
Jerry Rice, Author of "Raven Avenging"

Kathy Herman distributed the Cruise/Cash Raffle tickets to members for the Rotary Foundation for the Annual Fund. The drawing is going to held at the District Conference April 28, 2018 in Santa Fe. **Please have your ticket stubs turned into Kathy no later than March 28th**

Today, January 31, is the last day to sign up for the early-bird discount for this year's district conference. Use this link to register:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=3b4e210a-e6bc-45fb-a312-512325c95117>

Trotsky put out a call for anyone with a trailer willing to help in the transport of llamas. Jim Yates thanked all who turned out for last night's social, new member welcome.

Keith King introduced our guest speaker, Jerry Rice, the author of "Raven Avenging".

Jerry is a Harvard educated lawyer originally from Roseau, Minnesota. He and his wife, Pat are residents of Taos. Jerry became aware of the sex trafficking trade and the horrors attached to it in the 1970's and 80's because of the "Minnesota Pipeline". His family experienced it due to a 14-year old niece who disappeared. Fortunately, that child returned home and has a family of her own now. Due to his compelling storytelling, many of our members bought a copy of the book.



## **Announcements:**

Lucille Gallegos-Jaramillo reminded us of the "Hearts & Stars" event on Saturday, February 10 from 5:30 to 8:00pm at Wilder Nightingale Fine Art, 119 Kit Carson Rd, Taos, New Mexico 87571. Tickets are \$15/person. Proceeds benefit the [Men's Shelter](#) and [TECC](#).

Kathy Herman presented information for HEART of Taos's 2nd Annual [LunaFest](#) to be held on March 8, International Women's Day, at the TCA. Tax deductible sponsorships are available starting at \$100. The is a FREE to the community event. VIP reception starts at 5:15pm, doors open to the the public at 6:15 and the films start at 7:00pm. More information can be found at [heartoftaos.org](http://heartoftaos.org).

Prudy Abeln reminded us about the Rotary Youth Exchange Ski Week on February 22-25. One more host family is needed. Please contact her at 575-613-3337.

Lillian Torres proudly announced that the Taos School District now has 13 National Certified Teachers and are moving forward to reach their goal of 20 National Certified Teacher!

Gratitudes were expressed by visiting member Van Wenginnen for our club, as well as Keith King's gratefulness for all members of Taos Milagro's support for the Literacy project.

**Good News Winner:** Lisa O'Brien

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38am.