

Taos Milagro Rotary Club

Meeting of May 30, 2018

Guests: Olivia Armijo (application for membership pending) and our speakers, Bill Buchsbaum and the Hon. Patricio Serna, the retired Chief Justice of New Mexico.

Thought for the Day: Offered by John Crouch.

Presentation: Messer's Buschbaum and Serna were here on behalf of MATCH New Mexico. Bill is the chairman, and Justice Serna is the vice-chairman. MATCH is now in five New Mexico cities, including Taos. They pair third graders with high school seniors and college students for reading tutoring, four hours per week. Each mentor is trained in advance and paid \$1000 for a school year. The program's annual budget is about \$150,000.

During the recently concluded school year, MATCH mentored 18 students at Enos Garcia Elementary School. Bill made a plea for contributions in order to keep this program going.



President Bruce responded (appropriately in the view of this reporter) that our club is doing this and providing books at no charge at both the Pueblo Day School and Ranchos Elementary, and that, further, we have no discretionary money for this purpose. However, we appreciate their efforts.

Announcements:

- Bruce read a thank you letter from Andy Leonard of Taos High School. Our community grant will be a big help to the alternative energy vocational teaching contemplated for the coming school year.
- Reminder: Our induction dinner will be Saturday, June 9th at 5:30 PM at the Country Club. The cost is \$40 per person. If you haven't signed up and wish to, contact George Jaramillo or Bruce Mulligan and bring your check for \$40 to next week's meeting.
- International Committee: Dean announced that we plan a garage sale to fund our international projects on July 28. Location TBA, but round up stuff you can contribute.
- Meeting on June 6th: Speaker will be Marci, our Rotary Foundation Chair.

Good News:

- George Jaramillo – the reading program concluded last week. Del, Leo, Bill, Lillian and Darryl also gave shout outs to our club for this.

- Jim Mitchell – the Oregon Ducks women’s softball team went to the national championships.
- Lucille thanked Leo for her great design work for the Chile Challenge.
- Lillian will miss our meetings the next few weeks due to an elective surgery scheduled for May 31st.
- Justice Serna thanked us for being leaders and commented that Taos is the heart and soul of Northern New Mexico.

