



Espanola Rotary News

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January is Awareness Month

What can we Espanola Rotarians do, to be better known for our actions and deeds? I think that we can do more activities to serve the local community, and publicize our international activities more.

For starters, on January 23, vocational committee members will meet at Dos Amigos restaurant to discuss setting up an Interact club in a local school.

Also as we don't want to use up our budget on self promotion, we can work on using free PSA's, Public Service Announcements, to educate the community on who we are and what we do. PSA's might mean using 30 second video clips from Rotary International to screen at the "Dreamcatcher Cinema's" before feature films. Also, a PSA might mean putting up flyers of our club meetings around town. How about Radio and Newspaper clips. If you've ever been up to Chama, NM, you'll see a large Rotary Billboard as you're leaving south, recognizing Rotary's 100 yr Anniversary. It is very impactful.

Harpal Singh Khalsa, Club Chair



Dear Rotary Members: Congratulations to Joe Romero who has been selected to fill a vacant position on the Espanola School Board. You are invited to join Joe to attend the swearing in ceremony. You will receive a formal invitation at our next meeting.

The swearing in ceremony and reception will be held on **Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 3:30PM, at the Carlos Vigil Middle School - Industrial Park Road.**



Photo Contest – March 1, 2006

The Rotarian, Rotary's monthly magazine, has a Photo Contest. Send in a photo by March 1, 2006 that best demonstrates the concept of "Service above Self" Images must be at least 300dpi resolution and submitted on line at Rotary.org

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A Brief History of Rotary

February 23, 1905 in Chicago

Turn of the century. The tail end of the great American industrial revolution. Industry had advanced faster than agriculture. Goods were being made by power driven machinery and assembled in factories where management planned operations and the workers did little more than tend the machines. Capital (money) controlled industrial production; labor was being allowed to organize to fight for higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions. The railroad, the improved sailing ships, the steamship and the telegraph had reduced the cost and time of transportation and communication. Living standards were higher than at any time before. Populations grew rapidly, and more people were living in cities. The automobile was being put together for the first time. A class struggle between industrialists and workers was brewing. People were reading the writings of Karl Marx, the Communist Manifesto (Das Kapital) encouraging workers to band together.

A young lawyer in Chicago by the name of Paul Harris discussed an idea. The idea of a club composed of business and professional people who could and should be friends. The aim of the first rotary club was to encouragement of friendship, fellowship and mutual assistance. The name "Rotary" was suggested because the first members met in rotation at the various places of business.

A couple of years later (1907) Chicago rotary club no. 1 undertook its first community project-the establishment of public comfort stations in Chicago's city hall. Soon to follow was club no. 2 in San Francisco, then Oakland followed by Seattle, Los Angeles, New York and Boston. In 1910 the first convention was held in Chicago where 29 members met representing 14 of the 16 organized Rotary clubs. Like wildfire the movement spread to Canada, England, Ireland, South America, the Philippines and into Asia.

The first club in district 552 was the El Paso Rotary club chartered [Joe Romero] in 1914. Today the idea of Paul Harris, the patron saint of Rotary, has spread to 160 countries with over one million members in 23,000 clubs including Espanola chartered in 1959.

Rotary's accomplishments through the years defy expression in figures. The fellowship created, the improvement in the conduct of business and the professions, the play grounds provided, the crippled children help, the student loans granted, the community betterment undertakings, the increased understanding among nations, the fight to eradicate polio by the year 2005 and countless other achievements of rotary clubs probably too many to mention in this communication.

- Joe Romero

Espanola Rotarian - Dr. Japa Khalsa



Raised in Cleveland, OH, but later moved to Durham, North Carolina with my family for elementary and high school. I had a dream to be an actress, and completed a theatre degree at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL. But alas, it wasn't so. To really be an actress, you have to be prepared to starve. Instead, I got into computers just to make money, but my heart wasn't there. Eventually, I found my calling in Eastern Medicine. At the same time, I studied Kundalini Yoga in Chicago, and am currently a certified Kundalini Yoga Teacher. I look forward to Tuesday meetings with Rotary, and to all the fellowship and service that I can be part of.

Sat Nam

Birthdays & Anniversary Celebrations

Manuel Valdez
B.D. Jan 1

Thomas Cordova
B.D. Jan 13

