



Espanola Rotary News

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Rotary Christmas Party - Dec 1st



The Rotary Club of Espanola's Holiday Party with fellow Los Alamos Rotary club was a fun-filled evening. The agenda was informal and the fellowship warm and sweet. All seemed to have a great time. Special Rotary guests were Past Governor Bob and Dianna De LaHunt from Chama, Lieutenant Governor Mike and Maggie Maul from Santa Fe Centro, and our current District Trainer Dick and Loraine Jones from Santa Fe downtown. Each Rotarian brought a gift to give to "Put a Smile On A Child." The gifts will be presented to the children Saturday December 16th. Beron Briscoe, our club president, gave our Lt.G, Mike Maul a banner from our club. Ken Beesley, received his 2nd prestigious Paul Harris Award for his commendable service to Rotary. Beron and Ralph (Los Alamos president) gave a short closing holiday greeting.

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A Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss

Student Anecdote.

Oswaldo Vasquez, Senior Airman US Air Force, is a student in my class at DePaul University who wrote:



“I had no previous knowledge of Sutras (sayings of wisdom), but can now identify some of the pillars of knowledge in my life that have led me to some of my greatest successes. My father always used to say in Spanish that a rock in a stream that moves too often is unlikely to facilitate the growth of moss. Moss to him was the good things in life like family, friends, and material wealth. He always spoke to me about stability and longevity. Because of his words, I have been much more careful about making quick and sudden decisions as they pertain to my life. This "Sutra of Sorts" has really saved me from making brash decisions in my life that could have yielded serious adverse consequences”.

What, you ask, does this have to do with Rotary? For starters I think we have to feel good about we do on a whole throughout the year. And realize that we are helping build a better community to live in. But it can't happen in 1, 2 or 3 years,.... It comes from a lifetime of commitment to our goals. We need to stick around, show up and keep up. Attendance and participation is key. Thank you everyone for your community service and all that you do. Blessings this Joyous Season!

-Japa K. Khalsa

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

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Letter to Editor,

Harpal, I just saw your blurb in the ashram email, about working with the Amigo de Valles seniors via Rotary. My father recently passed away and when I went to the Life Celebration [Memorial], I met many of his Rotary associates and learned a lot about his Rotary life. He was a member for 51 years, they called him the bedrock of the club [in Lakewood, CA]. He opened the meetings with an inspirational story, or more frequently, a joke. When they were considering opening membership to women, he said, "If they allow women in the Rotary, I'm gone." Later he said that if he had left Rotary when women joined, it would have been one of the greatest mistakes of his life. The Lakewood Rotary made my mom an honorary lifetime member, and created a scholarship in my dad's name. The current president of the club is a Kundalini Yoga student!

-Guru Tera Kaur, editor [Aquarian Magazine](#)



Jay Bajwa, the new Rotarian, is a gregarious, content and helpful individual who would give the shirt off his back if needed; but, he also has an independent streak and will speak his mind freely if the nonsense gets too heavy.

He was born and raised in India to an army family and cut a handsome figure as a Sikh youth, with a turban and everything! He came to the US to go to college and decided to stay for the all-American tradition of Thanksgiving dinners. His wife Mary, the Rotary Anne, was born and raised in the upper Midwest and has decided to call that part of the country as a "good place to be from". They have two children: daughter Jenny, an opinionated city planner in Portland, OR (she is married to Cody, a saint); and son Alex, another opinionated second year law student.

Jay and Mary like to think of themselves as congenial, self-effacing, eclectic, honorable and responsible individuals. They can be a lot of fun under the right circumstances!!

Happy Birthday



Ivan James Guillen
B.D. December 26th

New Year's Fellowship

January 2nd @ 7:30am

Oasis Café

Join other Rotarians for a coffee and welcome in the New Year!

