

# Taos Milagro Rotary Club

## Meeting of June 6, 2018

**Guests:** Olivia Armijo and Louis Jentette both really not guests to our club.

**Thought for the Day:** Offered by Jay Wood.

**Presentation:** President Bruce opened the discussion of the Rotary Foundation with a reminder that June 6<sup>th</sup> was the anniversary of the D-Day Invasion as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. He opened the discussion with a remembrance of perhaps Kennedys greatest speech delivered in South Africa two years before he was killed. The fact that the trip to South Africa even took place could be considered a minor miracle. The senator's invitation to speak came from South Africa's Union of Students. The architect of apartheid — Dr. [Hendrik Verwoerd](#) — was the nation's prime minister, and Nelson Mandela remained in prison on Robben Island. The South African authorities made it clear they would not offer Senator Kennedy any security, many State Department officials were convinced his trip was ill-conceived and doomed to fail.

In his [speech](#), Robert Kennedy spoke for those who were not free to speak. His gave hope to anti-apartheid student activists who had felt alone in their quest for racial equality, and he showed them how their efforts were connected to other civil rights movements underway around the world. He spoke of ...”the danger of futility: the belief there is nothing one man or one woman can do against the enormous array of the world's ills-against misery and ignorance, injustice and violence. Yet many of the world's greatest movements, of thought and action, have flowed from the work of a single man. A young monk began the Protestant Reformation, a young general extended an empire from Macedonia to the borders of the earth, and a young woman reclaimed the territory of France. It was a young Italian explorer who discovered the New World, and the thirty-two-year-old Thomas Jefferson who proclaimed that all men are created equal.”

He went on to say: "It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Bruce reminded us that in Rotary whether we are reading to kids, providing scholarships or funding projects here or in the world through the Rotary foundation we are sending out ripples that can change the world. Ripples to which we will not see the change but must trust that change will come.

Marci went on to show a couple of videos and provide information on how Paul Harris participation by club members changes the world in which we live. For every member who contributes to the foundation Yale Jones volunteered to match their contributions with his points necessary to get them to the next level.



Marci awarded Paul Harris level pins to Jay Wood and Dolly Peralta.

### **Announcements:**

- Board Meeting Tuesday 5:30 PM
- Induction Dinner Saturday 5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:30 PM
- June 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday = Strategic Planning Session (all day) Valverde Commons
- International committee meeting today after meeting – Dean
- Fun Walk for Cancer Support Sat on Kit Carson – Keith
- Chile Challenge Tickets Passed out today – get out and sell them – Leo
- Rotary Chile Challenge add up @ Storyteller theatre – Lucille
- Friday Motors Collecting Toiletries & water for firefighters – Keith

## Good News:

- Glad to see Louis & Olivia here
- George collecting flowers for Linda Valaika
- Marci's daughter graduates this Saturday. She is also glad to see Joe will be a new Paul Harris fellow.
- Jim and Ann Yates have made it on their European bicycle trip Jim Mitchell reported
- Leo is leaving for Europe
- Sue Mulvaney reports that she is organizing a support group for Dixon homicides meeting at the Mission Building 201 NM 75. Coming into town on the right across from Church. Parking in the back.
- Bill Thompson is back and glad to see everyone.
- George won the pot!

