

EAGA Business Builder

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Today's speaker was Dr. Michael Melloy—Petroglyph Animal Hospital



Dr. Melloy is a New Mexico native. He was born here in 1965, nearly 40 years after his grandparents decided to plant that branch of the family tree in this neck of the woods. Dr. Melloy's grandfather had actually owned a pretty successful car dealership in Iowa, but asthma forced the family to look for a more suitable climate. Grandfather Melloy had heard that New Mexico would be a good place to alleviate the breathing problems, so they headed west. Arriving in Santa Fe in 1944, he was not impressed with what he saw. It was obviously "The City Different" back then too...and apparently not in an appealing way. Grandpa decided to continue on to see what Albuquerque had to offer. In our fair city, Mr. Melloy's asthma was immediately better, so this would be the place to stay. It was a fortunate decision for the family; for the automobile industry in Albuquerque (yes. Grandfather was the founder of the Melloy car dealerships); and for the animals in the area. Can you imagine if the family had settled in Santa Fe? Dr. Melloy wouldn't have as much time to treat the smaller animals that he prefers. His time would be taken up trying to cure all the hard headed mules in our state Capital. But more about veterinary work later. As noted, Michael was born here, and has lived here for most of his life. He attended Our Lady of Fatima grade school and St. Pius High School. He had worked at the car dealership quite a bit—for nearly 8 years, beginning when he was only 11. It sounds like Michael still has a little of the mechanic's blood in him, but for a day job he prefers something else. After high school, Michael began a sort of educational tour. He had a brief stop for studies in the Animal Science Program at Iowa State University before two years of learning about Wildlife Biology at New Mexico State University. Next is was Biology at UNM. And the 'grand finale' was a DMV Degree from the Veterinary School at Colorado State University in 1993. Now, during the discussions of Dr. Melloy's matriculation, the first assumption is that "Wildlife Biology" was the description of the types of things studied at NMSU, and not the atmosphere in which the studies took place. But then again...there may have been some extracurricular education involved too because Dr. Melloy used gambling winnings to fund his purchase of a van for his first veterinary adventure after college. His Bring Vet To Pet company made house calls to treat sick or injured animals. In 1995, Dr. Melloy got a business partner and their work turned to the more traditional brick and mortar operation. In 1997, Dr. Melloy formed an even more important partnership when he married Marianne. They now have two great children. Daughter, Grace is currently attending UNM. Son, Owen has Down Syndrome and he and Dad are pretty good hunting buddies (they have Harris hawks that do most of the work). Dr. Melloy's veterinary escapades now consists of two facilities. Petroglyph Pet Hospital which they opened in 2003, and Coronado Pet Hospital which is the successor to the El Rincon facility that they purchased in 2005. Their business has grown substantially to a point where they now have about 21,500 clients. With the analysis that it takes 2 1/2 people to properly conduct each patient visit, it is obvious that Dr. Melloy's employee list must be rather large. There are actually 10 professional staff members (associate veterinarians) and 40 support folks to operate their facilities. The doctors will treat nearly every kind of animal, except for the 'large' animals like horses and cows. Their patient list includes the expected animal varieties like dogs, cats and birds. However, that list also includes raptors, bats, snakes, hawks and a whole lot of other animals from the not-so-standard groups. In addition to the humans that assist in treating the animal patients, the doctors have also acquired a fair amount of technological equipment to get the job done as well. They have the now common digital radiography machines (digital x-rays) and the ultra sound equipment , but Dr. Melloy's group also has some leading edge technology - like the HRCT thing. That is "High Resolution Computed Tomography". Those machines scan a subject from various angles, then put all the images together into a single composition. The physician is then able to use the resulting product to examine a patient from a virtual 3 dimensional perspective. When using special viewing glasses, Dr. Melloy can 'travel' inside the subject, then maneuver in whatever direction he chooses, to see how things look. Amazing Star Trek-ish technology! (I wonder if Dr. Melloy treats tribbles). If you ever have a pet that is in need of medical treatment, whether emergency or just precautionary, call Dr. Melloy at 505-898-8874. Or, if necessary, take your critter to one of the Doctor's hospital facilities. Dr. Melloy, or any one of the Associate Vets, will make certain that your animal is treated in the most beneficial and most caring manner possible. Dr. Melloy strives to live by the values instilled by his parents and grandparents...best described by the words "All you have to do is take care of people". And he relates that sentiment to all the world's small animal friends as well. (There are other dedicated folks that take care of the larger animals).

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Business Leads:

None noted today

Reciprocity:

Nothing to print today

- ◆ There will not be a meeting on November 26th because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- ◆ The EAGA Holiday Party this year will be December 7th at Hotel Albuquerque. Cocktail hour will start at 6:00 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM. There will also be a Hospitality Suite available for a couple of hours before 6:00 PM. Sign up sheets and more particular information will be available at our next few Tuesday breakfast meetings.
- ◆ We are again approaching the end of our 6 month cycle and it is time to think about new Board of Director positions. There will be two Board Member slots available when we have elections on December 10th. If you would like to nominate a member, or if you would like to have your name placed on the ballot, please contact Patrick Wallace 505-900-1322; pat@abqexterminator.com ; or in person at Tuesday's meetings. He is also the one to talk to if you want to know more about the rules and the requirements for being a Director.

Badge Board Greeters

Nov 12th Kevin Gullick—SealMaster—Albuquerque
Nov 19th
Nov 26th **No Meeting—Thanksgiving Holiday**
Dec 3rd
Dec 10th
Dec 17th
Dec 24th No Meeting—Christmas Holiday
Dec 31st No Meeting—New Years Day Holiday

Upcoming Speakers

Nov 12th John Mead—John Thomas Jewelers
Nov 19th Steven Douglas—The Printing Guy
Nov 26th **No Meeting—Thanksgiving Holiday**
Dec 3rd Paul Jew—Moji Studios
Dec 10th Rio Rancho Mayor Greg Hull
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