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THE SILVER SAGE

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BE THE INSPIRATION

Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date: 2018	What's Happening
Wednesday, October 24	4:00 pm: Pints for Polio – Little Toad Creek
Tuesday, October 30	12:00 pm: Alicia Edwards - Healthy Kids - Healthy Communities
Tuesday, November 6	12:00 pm: Kate Watson - The Rotary Foundation
Tuesday, November 13	12:00 pm: Susan McFeaters - Sexual Assault Support Services 1:15 pm: Silver City Rotary Foundation Board Mtg.
Tuesday, November 20	12:00 pm: Chris Saxton & Terry Humble - Early Mining Techniques 1:15 pm: Club Board Mtg.
Tuesday, November 27	12:00 pm: Club Assembly

Meeting Notes

Past President Suzanne Kavanagh rang the bell at 12:10 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Carlos Lucero** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, **Tom Bates** gave the Invocation, and **Jan** led the Four-Way Test.

Visiting Rotarian

Merritt Helfferich of the Fairbanks, Alaska, Rotary Club (right) was with us once again with new member **Carlos Lucero** (left).



Guests

Jan, Rotary exchange student from Germany and our speaker today

Rotary Announcements

Suzanne Kavanagh announced:

- Pints for Polio will occur at Little Toad Creek tomorrow, Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.
- The Bi-District Conference will be held in El Paso on November 9-10. **Francis Reyes**, **Tom Bates**, and possibly **Peter Herzberg** will be attending.
- November is *Celebrate Rotary Foundation* month. Note the planned talk about The Rotary Foundation by **Kate Watson** on November 6.
- Work on the Median continued. On October 19, **Jim Reynolds** worked by himself but got a lot done, clearing trash and underbrush (see photo at right).

Francis Reyes announced that the Rotaract Club would participate in a 50-50 raffle at tonight's Volleyball game to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation's Polio Fund.



Non-Rotary Announcement

Jim Callender announced that the Volleyball game tonight would be a Think Pink event to raise breast cancer awareness. A portion of the 50-50 raffle will go to the fight against breast cancer.

Induction Ceremony

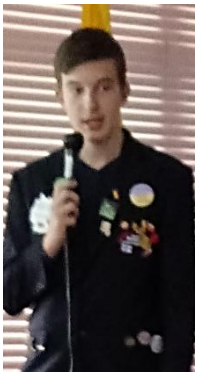
Peter Falley inducted **Ashley Herndon** as our newest member with her proud father **Jack Herndon** on her left.



Happy Dollars

- **Paul Moore** told us that he and wife Karisse went to see their son in Washington State, where the son has a new home and a large quail farm.
- **Suzanne Kavanagh** told us that her trip to MD Anderson in Phoenix resulted in the good news that she is cancer free. She has a whole year till she has to go for her next check-up.

Program



Jan prefaced his talk by giving us a brief report on his activities during the past week. The highlight consisted of winning games by both the JV and Varsity football teams, in both of which Jan participated. In the varsity game, his game-saving tackle resulted in a slight concussion; because of that, he is benched for the time being.

To start his talk, Jan presented a banner from the Dormagen Rotary Club (his sponsoring club) to Suzanne Kavanagh. He then briefly told us about his family, including his father Stefan and mother Heike and 14 year- old sister Katja Marie. They live in Neuss-Allerheiligen (a section of Neuss) near Düsseldorf in the state of North-Rhine Westphalia in Germany. Neuss is just 100 meters (300 feet) above sea level. It is a small town only about 8 miles from Düsseldorf (population 600,000) and less than 25 miles from Cologne (pop. 1,000,000). He pointed out the contrast between that location near large metropolitan centers and Silver City pretty much in the middle of nowhere.

He also told us about other contrasts or comparisons: For example, Germany, with a land area of about 138,000 square miles has a population of 82 million people, or almost 600 people per square mile, while New Mexico, with an only slightly smaller land area of 122,000 square miles has a population of only about 2 million, or about 16 people per square mile.

Another contrast involves the school systems. We only have one type of secondary education. In Germany there are three types of secondary school: Hauptschule (designed to prepare students for the work force), Realschule (designed to prepare students for vocational school) and Gymnasium (designed to prepare students for higher education). Jan attends Gymnasium Norf.

He told us that one major difference between his experience in school in Germany and here is that in Germany class participation is essential and counts significantly toward your grade, while here class participation is almost non-existent and seems to have no effect on your grade. The effect is that school here is always rather boring.

In Germany his GPA is 1.83 on a scale from 1 to 6, where 1 is top. His school in Germany has 1,200 pupils and 120 teachers.

Another difference between the school systems is that there are no sports programs in the German schools. If you want to participate in sports you have to join a club outside school. He likes our system. In the spring he hopes to join the track team.

One similarity between Germany and the US is that Germany is also a representative democracy. It has 16 states, of which North-Rhine Westphalia is one. The capital of Germany is Berlin, and the currency is the Euro.

Jan told us that his hobbies include soccer, reading, and games (board games and computer games). He also thanked the club for the warm welcome he has received here.

Attendance

There were 19 of 30 members in attendance, or 63%.

Gallery



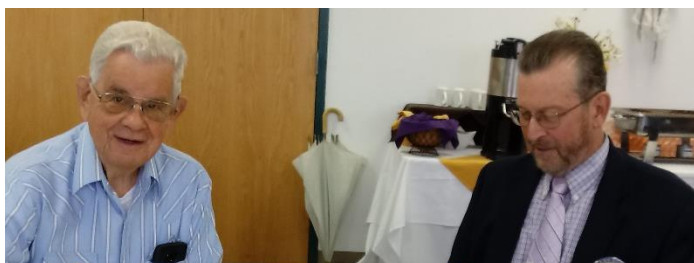
Jim Tindall

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Tom Bates



Peter Falley

Jim Reynolds



Maggie Veeder



Francis Reyes

Jan

Suzanne Kavanagh (standing)



Jim Callender

Kathy Eaton

Jack Herndon