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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
Tuesday, November 20	12:00 pm: Chris Saxton & Terry Humble - Early Mining Techniques
Tuesday, November 27	12:00 pm: Club Assembly
Tuesday, December 4	12:00 pm: William Knuttinen - Taxes
Tuesday, December 11	12:00 pm: Tom Bates & Peter Herzberg - International Projects
Tuesday, December 18	12:00 pm: Barbara Mora - SPIN
Tuesday, December 25	No Meeting
Tuesday, January 1, 2019	No Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2019	12:00 pm: Tanya Ortiz - CASA

Meeting Notes

President Peter Herzberg rang the bell at 12:13 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Kathy Eaton** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Leslie Bush** gave the Invocation, and **Rosie Higgs** led the Four-Way Test.



Visiting Rotarian

Merritt Helfferich from the Fairbanks, Alaska, Rotary Club



Guests

Peter Herzberg introduced these guests from SASS:

- Susan McFeaters, speaker and president of the board
- Chelsea Cooper, Executive Director
- Rusty Talley, board member

Susan McFeaters



Rusty Talley, Chelsea Cooper



Jan, Rotary exchange student from Germany



Rotary Announcements

Foundation meeting after today's meeting.

Tom Bates went with **Peter Herzberg** to El Paso for the Bi-District Rotary conference. **Tom Bates** provided an update and insight into the experience. The important part of the conference was the displays about projects being proposed by clubs in Mexico's Rotary District 4110 and for which they seek support. Several of the projects were in the health field. **Tom Bates** will talk with Deming about these projects to see if they would like to partner with our club on any of the projects. The projects will be presented to the board for consideration, and then projects selected by the board will be presented for discussion at a club meeting.

Kathy Eaton

- She called Jan to the front to present him with a gift for his 17th birthday and the club sang Happy Birthday to him.
- She thanked **Mark Richard** and **Merritt Helfferich** for taking the books she had received as part of the Kindergarten book project to the Mining District and to Cliff, respectively. She also asked the people who had agreed to read to the children to meet briefly after the meeting to talk about who would be able to read at which school.

Mark Richard told us about the Rotary Holiday Party December 7th, 6:30 cocktails, dinner at 7 at Bear Mountain Lodge. Don't forget your Pearl Harbor Costume!!!

Special Presentation



Jan, our Rotary exchange student, updated the club with his past week. His week was average until Friday when he went to Albuquerque with the football team to watch a game against Santa Theresa. They ate at Golden Corral and then went to a hotel to sleep. Saturday they played football in Grants. Jan made the extra points, though they did lose the game – he will probably get more sleep as football is over. He may join pre-season track after he meets with his counselor. He wants to go bowling for his birthday.

Non-Rotary Announcements

Peter Herzberg told us that College Avenue will be completed by the end of the month.

The article in the *Daily Press* about **Jim Callender** was marvelous.

Braggs and/or Happy Dollars

Kate Watson was hopeful last week for something and this week she is grateful.

Kathy Eaton told us Duane Elms and his wife Kathryn will be in town and staying with her for a few nights. He is now retired.

Rosie Higgs glad to be back they went to a Rotary meeting in Houston. She is happy about the profit from the Estate Sale. She shared a funny story about the jewelry from the sale there was beautiful silver turquoise bracelet which was broken. **Peter Falley** said to throw it away. She was tired and she followed instructions. That night in her sleep she questioned why she had thrown it away. The next morning, she dug through the trash to find the bracelet, and it was salvaged.

Max Higgs said there were a lot of festivities while gone, but it's great to be back – they attended the Bazaar at the Good Shepard Church, and he visited with Jane, **Tom Bates'** wife, asking her several questions.

Merritt Helferich's daughter and her husband will be here for about 2 weeks from Michigan, and he is very happy about it.

Peter Herzberg and his wife Tina will be going to Guatemala for about a week around New Years. He is excited about going.

Program



Francis Reyes introduced Susan McFeaters (left), President of the board of Silver Regional Assault Support Services (SASS). **Francis Reyes** has also volunteered to be on the board of SASS. She has been on the board for a little over 2 years. She was very excited to be asked to be part of the board. She has been the President since this past summer.

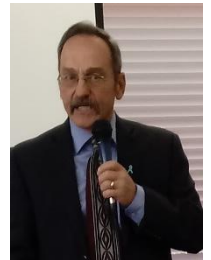


McFeaters introduced Chelsea Cooper (left), Executive Director, who has been with SASS for 4 years.

The organization has an advocacy-in-crisis program where client services are done, including using rape kits and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exams, there is a 24/7 hotline, case management, client assistance with financial assistance, and financial assistance with relocation, food, clothing, any needs a client may have that the organization may provide help with. There is an outreach program, informing the community about the services and teaching safe gates which covers safe dating, healthy relationships, sexual assaults.

New to the agency this year there is a local safe house interviewer who interviews children if they were sexually assaulted, assaulted, or abused. It is very exciting to have them local to better assist their clients. There is a therapeutic counselor, and trauma-sensitive yoga is offered through the Lotus Center which starts today. SANE unit is being administered at La Clinica. SANE Exams are conducted to collect evidence, and these exams can be conducted even if they don't want to report an incident. They give about 2 SANE exams/month and about 12 clients come in for support services. There are more people coming forward about abuse that has happened in the past. All services are question-and-answer and are always confidential.

Cooper introduced Rusty Talley (right), one of the newer members to the board. He was previously affiliated with SASS as a law enforcement officer. He spoke about his experiences with SASS from his law enforcement experience and how survivors do not have the support from the criminal justice system; that is why it is important to have independent resources such as SASS.



Raffle

Peter Falley won the 50-50 Raffle.

Attendance

We had 23 of 30 active members in attendance, or 77%.

Gallery



William Knuttinen



Tom Bates

Paul Moore



Niel McDonald



Jim Tindall

Linda Telaak



Kathy Eaton



Leslie Bush

Carlos Lucero



Jim Reynolds

Mark Richard