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BE THE INSPIRATION

Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date: 2018	What's Happening
Tuesday, December 4	12:00 pm: William Knuttinen – Taxes
Tuesday, December 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 pm: Tom Bates & Peter Herzberg – International Projects 1:15 pm: Silver City Rotary Foundation Board Mtg.
Tuesday, December 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 pm: Barbara Bora – SPIN 1:15 pm: Club Board Mtg.
Tuesday, December 25	No Meeting
Tuesday, January 1	No Meeting
Tuesday, January 8	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. **Suzanne Kavanagh** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, **Paul Moore** gave the Invocation, and **Francis Reyes** led the Four-Way Test.

Visiting Rotarian



Will Jansen is from the Deming Rotary Club. He is the Chief Operating Officer at Silver Health Care.

Guests

Jan, our Rotary exchange student from Germany



Jan's Report

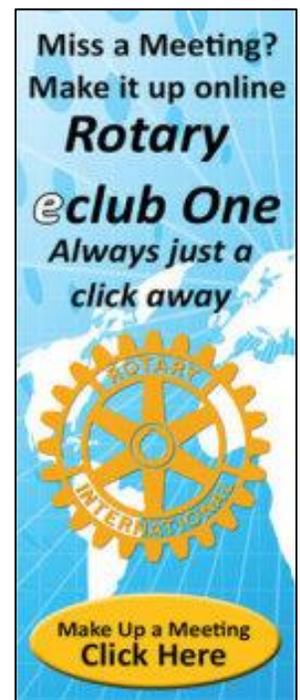
Jan gave us an update on his birthday week. It included a trip to El Paso with **Francis Reyes** and two Thanksgiving dinners. He also got some rest because of the school break and the football season having come to an end.

Rotary Announcements

Peter Herzberg made a number of announcements:

- Subject to approval by the board, the main club officers for next year will be: **Francis Reyes** – President, **Leslie Bush** – Secretary, **Carlos Lucero** – Treasurer. **Peter** was particularly delighted that **Leslie** and **Carlos** had agreed to take on those roles.
- The Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday, December 7, at 6:30 pm at the Bear Mountain Lodge. The cost is \$35 per person. Bring family and friends. This is not just for Rotarians. There will be a dessert auction to benefit our scholarship fund and we are also asked to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots drive. The toy should be new and unwrapped.
- Rotary will have a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena again this year and Rotarians are asked to help promote Rotary by calling it to public attention.
- **Jim Callender's** retirement party will be at Q's on December 7 from 4 to 6 pm. If you can attend, come to our Holiday Party afterwards.
- We made a contribution from the Silver City Rotary Foundation to Shop-with-a-Cop in the amount of \$300.
- **RI President Barry Rassin** will be in El Paso and Juarez on February 1. There will be a luncheon for him in Juarez at \$20 per person and a gala dinner in El Paso at \$50 a person. We discussed the possibility of buying a table (of 10) for the latter. A number of members indicated their intention to attend, so that buying a table for \$500 may not be a problem.

Peter Falley told us that on this Giving Tuesday, there are 3 worthy causes we should particularly keep in mind: The Rotary Foundation, the Silver City Rotary Foundation, and the WNMU Rotary Scholarship Fund. The Rotary Foundation does so much good work around the world and is where contributions (to the Annual Fund) can also come back to the club in the form of District Grants; the Silver City Rotary Foundation makes it possible for us to support local projects, nonprofit organizations, and scholarships; and the WNMU Rotary Scholarship Fund supports our scholarships for WNMU juniors and



seniors.

Non-Rotary Announcements

Wendy Spurgeon announced that the play *Deathtrap* will be presented by the Silver City Community Theater on the first 2 weekends of December, including this Friday, November 30, at 7:30 pm. There will also be a dress rehearsal performance on Thursday at 7:30 pm for which admission is free to the rehearsal audience. For the regular performances, admission is \$10 if tickets are purchased at the door. Advance tickets at \$8 each can be purchased at Vicki's Eatery or Morningstar.

Peter Falley announced that the Hi Lo Silvers would have their Christmas Concert at the First Presbyterian Church on Swan Street on Friday, December 7, at 7pm, and on Sunday, December 9, at 3 pm. Admission is free.

Braggs and/or Happy Dollars

- **Sunny Kellerman** told us that it was her 70th birthday. In celebration, she made a contribution to the Silver City Rotary Foundation, and she will also be celebrating by taking Jan to the District Exchange Student Weekend in Rio Rancho.
- **Paul Moore**, who chairs the Rio Grande Diocese's Border Ministries, told us about a successful Border Ministries Summit held on November 16-18, which brought together people engaged in borderland ministry to share experiences and to network. **Paul**, who had organized the event, told us that he was pleased that people came from as far away as Massachusetts to attend.
- **Suzanne Kavanagh** was happy that the water leak in her house, which had caused havoc for the last few weeks, had finally been fixed.

Program – Club Assembly

Peter Herzberg led us in a discussion of a possible Auction or other project in 2020. We talked about the fact that the Auction had been successful in the past, but that its novelty might have worn off. Last year's experience with recruiting and engaging beneficiaries was less than stellar. **Peter** asked if we should plan on another Auction or if we would want to consider other projects instead.

Jim Callender suggested that, if we do another auction, we do it for the Silver City Rotary Foundation rather than for specific beneficiaries. We could advertise it as supporting a large number of good causes, shown as leaves of a tree with the names of organizations or projects we had supported in the past. This would obviate the need for the difficult beneficiary selection process and might be just as appealing as having named beneficiaries.

Mark Richard suggested that we consider sponsoring a Mardi Gras celebration which could be structured as a fundraiser.

Jim Callender suggested another project, the Teddy Project (named after **Peter Herzberg's** deceased therapy dog Teddy) to select, train, and provide therapy dogs for local veterans.

There was some discussion of the fact that, in the past, the auction had been a pretty sure-fire way to raise a substantial amount of money, although it had always been quite labor intensive. To do it again, we would need significant buy-in from the club membership.

In the end, we decided to appoint a task force to consider plans for an auction or alternate project. The following volunteered to be on the task force:

- **Sunny Kellerman**
- **Francis Reyes**
- **Mark Richard**
- **Cynthia Bettison**
- **Jim Callender**

Raffle

Peter Falley won the raffle.

Attendance

We had 19 of 30 active members in attendance, or 63%.