

SILVER SAGE NOTES: 12/7/21 MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SILVER CITY*

Co-Presidents Sunny and Jim rang the bell and introduced themselves

PLEDGE (Steve Chavira), INVOCATION (Niel), FOUR WAY TEST (Jerry)

Visiting Rotarian: Tom Westheimer, Peterboro, NH, from the Rotary Club of Grand Mondadenock, classification: Computer Business, Retired

GUESTS: Anacaita Caperton, Lee Gruber (SWNM ACT), and Americorps members Lex Gargan, Owen McNamara and Blue Christensen,

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. No meetings on 12/21 and 12/28
2. The 12/7 Toastmasters' Demo Meeting is being postponed until January: Steve Chavira will announce the new date as soon as it's set
3. Board huddle today after the meeting
4. Board planning meeting on January 7, 2:30-5:30 pm at Sunny's house - all Rotarians invited
5. Speaker next week: Father Hector Trejo Cano, Shelters in Juarez
6. No happy dollars this week because we have an abundance of speakers!

SPEAKERS:

Jim Callender introduced our speakers from Americorps: They are part of an 11-member team from Boston, here in Grant Country for a month. They work five days a week on five projects sponsored by SWNM ACT to restore historic properties in the area and stay in the Armory in Santa Clara during their visit. Americorps has been compared to a "Domestic Peace Corps" or "National Civilian Community Corps", a series of residential-based individual deployments. They were articulate, engaging and inspiring!

Sunny introduced Karen Beckenbach, President (since 2017) of the Grant County Community Concert Association (GCCCA), which seeks to strengthen the cultural life of the southern NM region by offering live concerts by nationally and internationally known artists. Karen was born in OK, moved to Grant Country from Vancouver Canada, where she was a lab technician in molecular biology and also

worked in airport management. She gave us an overview of the challenges of managing the GCCCA during the pandemic and also presented a brief review of the concerts scheduled for the balance of this academic year. Fascinating presentation! (NOTE There's free concert on Sunday, December 12, at 3pm at the WNMU Fine Arts Center by one of the premier military bands in the US. Come join us!)

(* 15 Rotarians in attendance: Callender, Kellerman, Chavira, Eaton, Herzberg, Ouzts, Kempton, McDonald, Whitlock, Veeder, Watson, Higgs (Max), Isbell, Goellner, Vladimir Gnizubov)