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THE SILVER SAGE

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Club of Silver City



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Sgt-at-Arms:	Jim Tindall
Senior Advisor:	Peter Falley

Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date: 2018	What's Happening
Tuesday, January 23	1:15 pm: Club Board Meeting [Sunset Room]
Tuesday, January 30	12:00 pm: Peter Falley – Navigating the Club Website and Facebook page
Wednesday, January 31	Early Bird Registration Deadline for District Conference (Santa Fe)
April 26-29	Rotary District 5520 Conference (Santa Fe)
June 23-27	Rotary International Convention (Toronto, Canada)



Meeting Notes

President Joe Heidrick rang the bell at 12:10 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Francis Reyes** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Tom Bates** gave the Invocation, and **Nkechi Nwachuku** led the Four-Way Test.

Visiting Rotarians

District Governor Doreen Kelsey with husband Tony



Rotary Announcements

- **Joe Heidrick** announced
 - A Foundation Board meeting today after the meeting
 - The volunteer sheet is being passed around
 - The District Conference in Santa Fe, deadline January 31, 2018, for discount. **Peter Herzberg** is going.
- **Sunny Kellerman** announced
 - The raffle for the cruise is still going on, deadline March.
 - **Kathy Eaton** deserves a thank you for having us at her home last night for the potluck.
- **Kathy Eaton** announced
 - A workday at the Volunteer Center for the water catchment system on February 24, 2018. She asked for volunteers for the district project and received volunteers **Joe Heidrick, Tom Bates, Helen Shoup, Kate Watson, and Maggie Veeder.**
 - A workday will be held on the 2nd weekend in February to plant trees; she will give us more information later.
 - We are working on the memorial bench at Ft. Bayard for veterans to have seating space while at the cemetery.
 - Kindergarten books are being delivered by **Mark Richard.** She brought one to show us the quality of the books – a Golden Book of 9 *Sleepytime Tales.*
 - An aging course “Aging with Compassion” is about how to deal with aging patients. The course is 7 weeks long and is free. It starts January 27, 9-11 a.m. with 2 more classes, one starting February 1, from 5:30-7:30 pm. All classes will be at the Church of Christ on Little Walnut. We need to call Gigi at 505-358-1590 to participate. If you have an Alzheimer patient at home, the Alzheimer Association will pay for your caregiver so you can go to the class. The class usually happens in Deming, so we are lucky to have it here in Silver City this year.
- **Mark Richard** announced our Annual Valentine’s party at Bear Mountain Lodge on Saturday, February 10, starting with drinks at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7. We still need volunteers for services or adventures for the silent auction – to benefit Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Special Presentation



District Governor Doreen Kelsey presented our club represented by **Joe Heidrick** with an End Polio Now Certification for donations of \$1500 or more; we were 1 of 9 clubs so honored.

She also mentioned the *Time Magazine* (from 12/25/17 Issue) article "The Year Polio Gets to Zero."

<http://time.com/5068516/is-2018-the-year-for-polios-extinction/>] It was very accurate. We had 37 cases of polio world-wide in 2016 and 21 cases in 2017, so we are making progress.

At the end of the meeting, **District Governor Doreen Kelsey** presented our club represented by **Joe Heidrick** with a banner with the Rotary International Theme for the year: Rotary Making a Difference.



Non-Rotary Announcements

- **Peter Falley** offered 2 tickets to Friday's Grant County Community Concert Association concert, and **Wendy Spurgeon** took the tickets.
- **Peter Herzberg** announced the Restaurant 1Zero6 is closing in March.

Braggs and/or Happy Dollars

- **Francis Reyes** announced she has 101 students this semester.
- **Paul Moore**'s dissertation defense has been set for February 5, 2018.
- **Kate Watson** celebrated her successful trip to Big Bend in a Grand Caravan rental car, and insurance company helped pay for it!
- **Nkechi Nwachuku** is back from their trip to Nigeria, and it was successful, seeing the family.
- **Jim Callender** announced a new athletic director has been hired. Also, from his players, they had a 3.3 GPA for 26 players: 8 had 4.0 and 4 were on Dean's List.
- **Peter Falley** is no longer the president of Grant County Community Concert Association – he has retired after 11 years.

Program



Sunny Kellerman introduced **District Governor Doreen Fox Kelsey**: She is a member of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque Del Sol and has been a Rotarian since 1996. She served as Rotary Club president in 1999-2000, one of 3 times serving as a club president.

Her passion is the Rotary Foundation, focusing on fund development and humanitarian service projects. She served as District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair in Rotary District 5080 and was a frequent workshop leader for Pacific Northwest PETS serving multiple districts. She relocated to Albuquerque and District 5080 in 2012, where she served as an Assistant Governor before her nomination as District Governor for 2017-2018.

In her professional life, she works as a vice president and branch manager for Los Alamos National Bank in Albuquerque. She was a branch manager earlier for US Bank, where she received US Bank's most distinguished individual service award, the Circle of Service Excellence, in 2014.



District Governor Doreen Kelsey acknowledged: **Joe Heidrick** as president; **Peter Herzberg** as president-elect; **Francis Reyes** for being the president-elect nominee, active in RYLA, and her auction work; **Peter Falley** as past president and Rotary Foundation Stewardship; **Linda Telaak** as secretary/treasurer; and **Jim Callender** as past president and always active.

Our club has sent youth to RYLA, books to children, worked on district grants, sent a student abroad, and worked on the Guatemala project – we have done a good job.

She spoke about the District Assembly in Albuquerque on March 24. Registration is available now for \$25 with lunch. **Dennis Wickham** will be the speaker. For the District Conference, **Rick King** will be speaking (Santa Fe in April).

She has had many experiences in Rotary that would not have been possible otherwise. She learned in Rotary that by saying “yes” on the Foundation and youth exchange team selection, her weak “no” muscle served her well. When she went to Bangladesh in conjunction with a grant to support a hospital there, she even wrote and presented a short speech in Bengali, having only received very brief training in that language.

She was in banking for 40 years, then resigned and went back to Bangladesh to help in the administration of the hospital. Six years ago, she and Tony adopted the child of her Bengali friend. She went back to work in 2012 to help support her new daughter who has finished high school in 3 years and is finishing her college degree in biology in 3 years as well.

And all of this has been because of saying “yes” to Rotary: Rotary Making a Difference.

Today was her birthday, so we sang Happy Birthday to her.

Raffle

No raffle today, will resume next week

Attendance

We had 21 of 33 active members in attendance, or 64%.

Gallery



Tom Bates



Linda Telaak



Joe Heidrick



Peter Herzberg



Tony Kelsey



Jim Tindall



William Knuttinen

Wendy Spurgeon



Kathy Eaton making
announcements