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Schedule: Upcoming Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
Tuesday, February 4	Teresa Dahlin - Trauma and Substance Abuse Therapy
Tuesday, February 11	Bill Harrison - World War II Naval Experiences 1:15 Silver City Rotary Foundation Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 18	Anthony Quintana - Our Business Plan (at Q's Bistro) 1:15 pm – Club Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 25	PNM's Bruce Ashburn - Moving to reduce carbon emissions and increase renewable energy
Thursday, March 26	12:00 pm, President Elect Seminar – Ruidoso Convention Center
Friday, March 27	12:00 pm, District Conference – Ruidoso Convention Center

January in (not so) Brief

We kicked off the new decade with a visit by **District Governor Gary King** on January 6th and 7th. After a pot luck dinner with the Governor and his wife **Yolanda** on the 6th at **Sunny** and



Governor Gary King with our own Sunny Kellerman, who is slated to be his successor as District Governor. The picture is being taken by Yolanda King.

Harry Kellerman's home, we had a special board meeting before our regular meeting on the 7th. At both the board meeting and our regular meeting, the Governor recognized the contributions our club has made and continues to make, and he presented President **Rosie Higgs** with a certificate recognizing our contribution to Polio Plus earlier in the Rotary Year. He also told us about new membership models being tried by many clubs, and informed us that the Cruise Raffle, which in past years had been a means of generating contributions to The Rotary Foundations Annual Fund, is being discontinued because of IRS concerns about the tax-deductibility of raffle purchases.

Club membership got another boost when **Alfredo Ontiveros** transferred his membership from the Tempe Downtown club to Silver City. He officially joined the club on January 1, but the induction ceremony did



Alfredo Ontiveros

not take place till January 21 because of the delay in getting the necessary documentation from RI.

We had two additional speakers: **Melissa Green** of Heart of the Gila Trails Partnership and a member of that group told us how trails in the Gila Wilderness are now being maintained by the non-profit organization. Many of its members are retired Forest Service employees who have a continued commitment to keeping the Gila Wilderness accessible. **Al Gamboa brought a number of members of the Marine Corps League's Grant County Detachment** to tell us how active the Leagues is in doing charitable work in Grant County. It's premier effort is the annual Toys for Tots drive.

Our two 2019 high school scholarship recipients, **Raelynn Moon** and **Jose-Miguel Ruiz**, picked up the second half of their scholarship. Both decided to change colleges for financial reasons and to pursue specific academic programs being offered by Doña Ana Community College and NMSU respectively.

At our Club Assembly, **Rosie** and **Max Higgs** and **Peter Falley** gave details of three potential global grant projects that the club might want to support: A Vision Project to test school kids in Monclova, Mexico, for vision defects and get them help to correct those defects; a project to equip a biotechnology lab in a school in Cuauhtemoc, Mexico; and an extension of an ongoing project in Nepal to provide reusable sanitary products to young women to minimize the monthly disruption of their lives that many now experience.

Peter Falley also gave a presentation about the need to support The Rotary Foundation through direct donations, since we can no longer rely to the Cruise Raffle to generate that support on an annual basis.

Wendy Spurgeon and **Kathy Eaton** reported on the start of the Kindergarten Book project, with close to 900 books having been ordered and now ready for distribution. Since the project got off to a late start, we will probably spend less than \$700 of the \$2,740 2019 District Grant this year. For that reason, we the club decided to go use a portion of that grant money to extend our scholarship program to support students going into vocational training

programs. An ad hoc committee consisting of **Kathy Eaton, Leslie Bush, Max Higgs, Lucy Falley, Jim Callender, Peter Herzberg** and **Bart Roselli** will propose a process for awarding such scholarships.

Jack Isbell and **Peter Falley** both celebrated their birthday on January 30.

Taffy Arias (January 15) and **Bart Roselli** (January 22) had their first club anniversary, **Jim Reynolds** his 4th on Jan. 19, and **Georgia Bearup** and **Tom Bates** their 7th on January 22.

Nkechi Nwachuku's husband, **Victor**, had his birthday on January 7, and the couple celebrated their wedding anniversary on the 24th.

Wendy Spurgeon got great reviews for her direction and performance at the Oasis Coffee House of the one-woman play *The Belle of Amherst*, by William Luce.

What's Coming Up?

The Kindergarten Book project will involve distribution of the books to the elementary schools in Grant County, and **Wendy Spurgeon** is looking for volunteers to read to the children from the books they'll be getting.

We will have to consider whether we want to apply for a District Grant once again. If so, we'll have to come up with a suitable project. It'll also be important that we each do our best to contribute to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE in order to maximize the amount of grant funding that will be available to us. Donations can be made online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>.

We'll be busy with scholarship issues. The new vocational scholarships will have to be set up and we will be getting a list of applicants for the WNMU Foundation Rotary scholarships.

