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Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date: 2018-19	What's Happening
Tuesday, March 5	12:00 pm: Jason Burke - SW Adolescent Group/SWAG Thrift Shop
Tuesday, March 12	12:00 pm: Doc O'Connell (Deming Rotary) - RYLA
Tuesday, March 19	12:00 pm: Sunny Kellerman - Membership
Tuesday, March 26	12:00 pm: Kevin Lenkner – MRAC & The Blues Festival
Tuesday, April 2	12:00 pm: Karen Beckenbach – GCCCA 2019-20 Season
Tuesday, April 9	12:00 pm: Kathy Eaton – Parents' Donations to the Rotary Foundation 1:15 pm: Silver City Rotary Foundation Board Mtg.
Tuesday, April 16	12:00 pm: Sarah Robinson – Shelterbox 1:15 pm: Club Board Meeting

Meeting Notes

President Peter Herzberg rang the bell at 12:13 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Kathy Eaton** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, **Tom Bates** gave the Invocation, and **Carlos Lucero** led us in the Four-Way Test.

Guests



Lucy Kavanagh – Was guest of and introduced by **Peter Falley**. (Picture at left)

Mike Carillo – Administrator of the Grant County Detention Center, our speaker today (seen at right with Tom Bates).

And, of course, our Exchange Student, **Jan**



Jan's Report



Jan (seen at left with Rosie Higgs) told us that he had an interesting trip to Taos for the Rotary Youth Exchange Weekend. Aside for skiing, they did some volunteer work for a veterans' organization and shoveled a lot of snow just to be able to get out of driveways. When he got home, he had to catch up on his school work.

Rotary Announcements

Peter Herzberg made a number of announcements:

- He reminded us that **Helen Shoup** is recovering from a mini-stroke, but she seems to be doing well. He circulated a Get Well card.
- Since the board and the club had talked about rethinking our board structure, he asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to make recommendations for such restructuring. The committee will consist of Kathy Eaton, Rosie Higgs, Sunny Kellerman and Peter Falley.
- He reminded us of the District Conference being held in El Paso on May 2-5. You can go to the District website to register.
- In connection with the Kindergarten Book project, **Francis Reyes** and **Peter Herzberg** visited Cliff Elementary School to read to the kids, and **Rosie Higgs**, **Bart Roselli**, **Becky Nell Young** and **Alicia Edwards** were at 6th Street School for the same purpose. Alicia provided healthy food samples to accompany the reading. Bart took the pictures, which can be found at the end of this Bulletin.

- The Silver High School Career Fair is scheduled for Friday, March 8. **Francis Reyes** has handout materials. We should arrange to have a booth to promote RYLA and our scholarship program.
- The Rotary International Convention will be held in Hamburg, Germany, June 1-6. **Sunny** and **Harry Kellerman** and **Peter Falley** have registered and will be going. Anyone else interested should go to the Rotary website to register.

Peter Falley asked to be reminded of who is on the Membership Committee. They are: **Peter Herzberg, Francis Reyes, Tom Bates, Wendy Spurgeon** and **Peter F.**, with **Sunny Kellerman** willing to pitch in but not to chair the committee. Peter F. will convene the next meeting.

Suzanne Kavanagh asked for suggestions for a speaker for March 26. As noted in the calendar above, she subsequently filled the slot with **Kevin Lenkner** of MRAC.

Non-Rotary Announcements

Peter Falley told us he had tickets for the 1st Armored Division Band concert on April 7. Most of the tickets were distributed. The concert is free, but tickets are required for admission.



Happy Dollars:

Tom Bates told us that his wife, Jane, is showing gradual improvement in her recovery from a stroke. She will be moving to the Silver City Care Center for further rehabilitation in the near future.

Program: Tom Bates introduced our speaker, **Mike Carillo**, and told us that Mike had a long history of service in the Police and Sheriff's Departments here in Silver City and Grant County, and that he had served as Police Chief in Deming for 21 years before accepting the position of Grant County Detention Center Administrator.



Mike told us that he works hard in the Detention Center to reduce inmate recidivism. At present, the recidivism rate is approximately 66%. The Jail has an official capacity of 95 but can accommodate up to 100 inmates. The current head count is 89, 12 of whom are women. There has been a gradual increase in the female population in the last few years. Many of the inmates are there because of probation violations or on warrants for failure to appear for court dates.

One of the biggest problems the Detention Center faces is that of drug addiction. He works with HMS and CareLink and with Gila Regional Medical Center to evaluate inmates when they are first brought to the Detention Center and to develop an appropriate treatment plan when needed. There continues to be a problem of contraband drugs being brought into the facility, mostly by newly committed inmates. Although they are searched thoroughly, they cannot be required to endure body cavity searches, and some manage to bring in drugs as a result.

Mike also told us that segregation for disciplinary purposes had been eliminated by court order. That means that even unruly inmates often have to be left in the general population and that makes control more difficult.

He presented an interesting overview of the challenges facing him and the Detention Center.

Raffle: Jim Reynolds won the Raffle once again.

Attendance: There were 22 of 32 members in attendance, or 69%.

Gallery:

Rotarians and others reading to kids at 6th Street School:



Becky Nell Young (snapping a picture) and Rosie Higgs (on the carpet) with the children.



Becky Nell reading, Alicia Edwards getting food ready



Healthy food snacks ready for the kids to enjoy after the reading.



Cliff School: Francis Reyes with the kids and Peter Herzberg and Becky Nell Young in background