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MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SILVER CITY

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Schedule: Upcoming Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
Tuesday, March 3	Scott Noble – WNMU Athletics
Tuesday, March 10	Mario Sanchez – Marketing the University
	Foundation Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 17	Lisa Garcia – The Grant County Education Initiative
	1:15 pm – Club Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 24	Anthony Romero – The Janos Trail
Thursday, March 26	12:00 pm, President Elect Seminar – Ruidoso Convention Center
Friday, March 27	12:00 pm, District Conference – Ruidoso Convention Center
Tuesday, March 31	Club Assembly

February in Brief

Thanks to **William Knuttinen**'s efforts, we once again had a slate of interesting speakers. **Teresa Dahlin** spoke about *Trauma and Substance Abuse Therapy*. Honorary Rotarian **Bill**

Harrison regaled us with stories from his time in the Navy, and **Bruce Ashburn** of PNM told us of PNM's plans to move toward a system of energy generation from renewable sources. He particularly focused on the challenges presented by the need to close down the coal-burning San Juan power plant. In addition, the second meeting of the month was held at Mick's 33, the small up-scale restaurant attached to Q's Bistro. At that meeting, **Anthony Quintana** told us about the development of his restaurant complex, including the two restaurants just named as well as the Fry House, and about his plans to re-open the Buffalo Bar after an extensive restoration effort.

We welcomed R. J. Jones, a musician and song writer, as the newest member of our club.

Considerable progress was made on our District Grant project. The first set of books was delivered to Grant County kindergartens and **Wendy Spurgeon**, the coordinator of the Kindergarten Book Project, read to the kids at 6th Street School. In addition, the Vocational Scholarship Committee settled on a set of criteria and recommended that we make available three \$500 scholarships for students at WNMU in a



vocational discipline. The recommendation, along with criteria for selection of scholarship recipients, was approved by the club board and the scholarship program is being implemented using the University's application process. The deadline for applications is April 15th.

Under the existing Rotary Scholarship program, the review committee consisting of Cynthia Bettison, Lucy and Peter Falley, and Al Gamboa, selected two recipients of \$1,000 scholarships, Alyssa Clear and Elizabeth Sorrells.

It was a big month for birthdays: **Nick Seibel** (Feb. 4), **Jim Tindall** and **Shane Coker** (Feb. 6), **Jim Reynolds** (Feb. 14), his wife **Tricia** (Feb. 16), **Jim Callender** and **Georgia Bearup**'s husband **Steve** (Feb. 17), and RJ Jones (Feb. 28). Also, **Alfredo Ontiveros** and his wife **Barbara** celebrated their wedding anniversary on the 24th.

What's Coming Up?

The Kindergarten Book Project will continue. In addition, with the weather improving, the Median will probably require attention in March.

We will have to consider whether to apply for a District Grant once again. If so, we'll have to come up with a suitable project and two club members will have to attend the District Grant training in April.

The application deadline for the high school scholarships is March 15. We have several applications already in progress and a number of other students have indicated an interest.

President **Rosie Higgs** has reported that she already has two applications for RYLA and more seem to be in the pipeline. We could be sending as many as four students to RYLA this year.

Al Gamboa will celebrate his birthday on March 2 and **Sunny McFarren** will have her first club anniversary on March 26.