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New Generations:	Wendy Spurgeon
Vocational Service:	Kathy Eaton
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Jim Tindall
Senior Advisor:	Leslie Bush

Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
Tuesday, March 19	12:00 pm: Col. Joe Campos of Holloman Air Force Base 1:15 pm: Club Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 26	12:00 pm: Club Assembly
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

Peter Herzberg rang the bell at 12:15 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Niel McDonald** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Wendy Spurgeon** gave the Invocation, and **Suzanne Kavanagh** led the Four-Way Test.

Visiting Rotarians

Doc O'Connell, our speaker and Secretary of the Deming Rotary Club, was introduced by Sunny Kellerman.

Guests

Wendy Spurgeon introduced **Rick Stille** and **Nelson Murphy**.

Peter Falley introduced **Lucy Kavanagh**.

And, of course, our Rotary Youth Exchange Student, **Jan**.

Not a Guest

Everyone was delighted that **Nkechi Nwachuku** was able to join us once again. Her job had made it impossible for her to come to meetings of late, but she hopes to be able to attend more regularly now.

Jan's Report

Jan reported that the past week was quite busy because he had to catch up on some assignments, but this week he got to catch up on his sleep instead: It is Spring Break. He also told us that he would be going to Lordsburg with a school group next week, so he will miss the Rotary meeting – his first miss since arriving here in August.

Rotary Announcements

Peter Herzberg made a number of announcements:

- The club board meeting is scheduled for next week.
- The SCRF board will meet today after lunch.
- **Jim Tindall** is recovering slowly from the broken cervical vertebra, but is frustrated about not being able to do anything. Peter passed around a Get Well card for everyone to sign.
- The District Conference will be in El Paso May 2-5.
- March 26 will be a Club Assembly focusing on membership. The discussion will be led by **Sunny Kellerman** and **Bart Roselli**, outgoing and incoming chairs of the Membership Committee respectively.
- Please return your Cruise Raffle tickets to **Kate Watson**. Kate reminded us that this is a good way to meet our Every Rotarian Every Year obligation and that part of the money raised through Rotarian contributions to The Rotary Foundation is returned to us in the form of District Grants. Our club's community service projects have benefited from that system for the last three years.
- The Rotary International Convention is scheduled in Hamburg, Germany, from June 1 to June 5. As of now, **Sunny & Harry Kellerman** and **Peter Falley** are scheduled to go. Look it up and join in if you can.

- PETS will be held in Santa Fe April 4-6. **Rosie Higgs** is planning to attend, but she could use company.

Kathy Eaton asked for a huddle of the Sonny Brown awards committee directly after lunch and before the SCRF meeting. She also asked for ideas on firms to nominate, and several names were brought forward.

Peter Herzberg then conducted an election for President-Elect, and **Rosie Higgs** was elected unanimously.

Program

Doc O'Connell gave a terrific talk about RYLA. He told us that he has been in the Deming Rotary Club for 11 years, and what keeps him there is his enthusiasm for the RYLA program. He has been a RYLA counselor all this time. Each year, he arranges through the Counselor at Deming High to have a meeting with the junior class to tell them about the RYLA opportunity, and Deming always winds up sending at least three students to the RYLA camp.

Doc told us how the students become engaged from the moment of their arrival in the RYLA camp and how they quickly form teams and support each other in a tremendous growth experience. He said that everyone of the RYLA attendees comes home ready for leadership roles and how they always seem to go on to do great things

Raffle: **Kate Watson** won the Raffle.

Attendance: There were 19 of 32 members in attendance, or 59%.

