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Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

March 28, 2017	Elaine Howard – WNMU Early Childhood Programs
April 4, 2017	Rotary Friendship Exchange Visitors – Tales from the Road
April 11, 2017	Dawn Starostka – Big Brother/Big Sister SCRF Board Meeting – 1:15 pm
April 18, 2017	Debra Frasca – LifeQuest Club Board Mtg. – 1:15 pm
April 25, 2017	Madge Slavec – Gila Valley Library

Meeting Notes

President-Elect Joe Heidrick rang the bell at 12:10 pm and told us that President Suzanne Kavanagh is still recovering from her medical procedure. Jim Tindall led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; Tom Bates gave the invocation; and Kate Watson led us in recitation of the Four-Way Test.



Visiting Rotarians



Merritt Helfferich & Jim Tindall

Merritt Helfferich (picture at left) from Fairbanks, Alaska, was with us once again.



Bill Harrison & Tom Bates

Also joining us was Honorary Rotarian Bill Harrison (picture at right).

Guests



Andie Portillo & Helen Shoup

Andie Portillo (picture at left), Silver City Museum Educator, was introduced by Helen Shoup.

Peter Falley introduced Erika Jayne Christian, former club member, and Anita Larson introduced Laura Ramnarace, our speaker. (See picture at right.)



Joe Heidrick, Erika Jayne Christian, and Laura Ramnarace

Rotary Announcements

Joe Heidrick reminded us that there would be a club board meeting immediately after this meeting.

He also told us that the Auction Steering Committee would be meeting at his house on Thursday, April 6, at 6 pm.

In addition, he announced once again that a Rio Grande Academy is planned for Las Cruces on 4/21 and 4/22. It will be a 1½ day event during which all segments of the Rio Grande Academy will be presented. The location is as yet uncertain.

Maggie Veeder reminded us that we need to get busy in soliciting Auction items. She urged us to talk to anyone and everyone!

Helen Shoup told us that, with the Rotary Friendship Exchange group coming to town on April 2, they will be at our luncheon meeting on the 4th. In addition, there will be a potluck event for them at Sunny Kellerman's home on the evening of that day.

Non-Rotary Announcements

Paul Moore told us that he and Wendy Spurgeon are working on a dramatic reading Easter event and are inviting any aspiring thespians to contact them to join in.

Happy/Sad Dollars

Dave Thomas told us that this was his last meeting with the club. He is retiring from his company and leaving Silver City at the end of this month and moving back to Michigan.

Auction Team Updates

Anita Larson told us that her team was having trouble getting started. She is urging all team members to get busy and start collecting Auction items.

Wendy Spurgeon told us that she has a number of contacts and hopes to produce additional Auction items shortly.

Francis Reyes told us that the current list of Auction items had been posted on our website in the Member Access area. The list is organized by donor name, so that you can see who has already been contacted.

Program

Wendy Spurgeon introduced the speaker Laura Ramnarace, Executive Director of Nonviolent Action New Mexico. She has an extensive background in conflict resolution.

She told us how conflict can arise in any number of situations, between children and parents, between individuals and society, and between any two individuals. She pointed out how individuals' desire for freedom can be in conflict with existing laws or institutional norms. Her family experienced that situation when her parents sought to get married in Nebraska and were initially told that inter-





racial marriage was prohibited. Of course, we have many such examples in the experiences of minority communities, and we also know that in many cases actions in those communities resulted in changes in local or national laws.

Ramnarace told us that studies have shown that non-violent action was generally more effective in bringing about change. Non-violent approaches can be more inclusive and can leave society more peaceful. Violent action, on the other hand, often produces equally violent opposition and may not lead to a solution to problems.

Ramnarace discussed various types of non-violent action. She gave an example of people in Poland bringing out their television sets in wheelbarrows to protest the uselessness of government-run news broadcasts in that country. She also described a Lego toy protest in Russia and pointed out that efforts that ridiculed authorities or particular regulations could be very effective. Often peaceful demonstrations or simply letter writing campaigns can be quite effective in bringing about change.

Raffle

Jim Reynolds won the Raffle – \$36.50.

Attendance

We had 25 of 29 active members in attendance, or 86%.