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# THE SILVER SAGE

**BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SILVER CITY**

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## Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects and Special Events

<b>April 4, 2017</b>	Rotary Friendship Exchange Visitors – Tales from the Road
<b>April 11, 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dawn Starostka – Big Brother/Big Sister</li><li>• SCRF Board Meeting – 1:15 pm</li></ul>
<b>April 18, 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debra Frasca – LifeQuest</li><li>• Club Board Mtg. – 1:15 pm</li></ul>
<b>April 25, 2017</b>	Madge Slavec – Gila Valley Library

## Meeting Notes

President Suzanne Kavanagh, looking fit, rang the bell at 12:10 pm and received a round of applause on her recovery from surgery. Francisca Reyes led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; Tom Bates gave the invocation; and Kathy Eaton led us in the recitation of the Four-Way Test.



## Guests



*Kevin and Suzanne Kavanagh and Paul Leetmae*

Suzanne introduced her husband Kevin Kavanagh and friend Paul Leetmae of Lawley Toyota.

Kathy Eaton introduced her husband Art.



*Art and Kathy Eaton*



*Suzanne Kavanagh, Elaine Howard, Rachel Sowers*

Kate Watson introduced our speakers, Elaine Howard and Rachel Sowers.

## Rotary Announcements

Suzanne Kavanagh reminded us that the Friendship Exchange group is coming in on the evening of April 2 and will be leaving on April 5. They will be at our meeting next week, and there will be a pot luck at Sunny and Harry Kellerman's home on the evening of April 4.

She also added a reminder that a Friendship Exchange group is forming for a trip to Oregon in August. Anyone interested in joining in should be in touch with Helen Shoup or Suzanne.

Francis Reyes told us that she had distributed application forms to the local high schools and hopes to get applications for this summer's RYLA camp.

Peter Herzberg reminded us that a blood drive is planned for April 12.

Tom Bates told us that the Kids' Bike Safety Rodeo will take place on April 22 in conjunction with the Tour of the Gila. It is a joint effort with the Kiwanis Club and Bikeworks. We still have a good supply of helmets left over from last year, but Tom will take an inventory to ensure that we have enough of all sizes.

Francis Reyes told us that she and Joe Heidrick will be representing the club at the upcoming WNMU Career Day.

Suzanne gave us reminders of the following:

- The Rio Grande Academy in Las Cruces on April 21 and 22, exact location still to be announced
- The District Conference on May 4-7 in Albuquerque
- The Auction Steering Committee meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, April 6

## **Auction Team Updates**

Kathy Eaton gave an update on the progress of Auction Teams in collecting auction items. At the moment, the Missionaries under Kathy's leadership are well ahead with \$4,800 worth of auction items. The Librarians under Wendy Spurgeon are next, having collected almost \$3,000 worth of items, and the LQs under Anita Larson are still struggling to get started. The full list of items collected so far, compiled by Francis Reyes, can be found in the Member Access area of our website.

## **Happy/Sad Dollars**

Paul Moore and Francis Reyes are celebrating birthdays. In Francis's case, it's her 40<sup>th</sup> and she contributed \$40 to celebrate the occasion.

Kate Watson and Paul Leetsmae made contributions to celebrate Suzanne's recovery.

Suzanne is thrilled that she has been found to be cancer-free!

## **Paul Harris Award**

Suzanne Kavanagh presented Tom Bates with a pin to recognize his fourth Paul Harris fellowship.



*Tom Bates & Suzanne Kavanagh at pin presentation.*

## Non-Rotary Announcement

Paul Leetmae and Kevin Kavanagh invited us to come to Lawley Toyota on Friday for their big sale day.

## Program

Elaine Howard and Rachel Sowers of the WNMU Early Childhood Program were introduced by Suzanne Kavanagh.



Elaine explained that the Early Childhood Program is part of the School of Education. It offers a comprehensive array of family centered services, from day care for toddlers to family counseling and testing for learning disabilities. The program is designed primarily for members of the WNMU family (students, faculty, and staff) but will accept children of other members of the community on a space-available basis.

The comprehensive nature of the program is unique in the state. The program's Child Development Center/PreK is a 5-Star NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited lab that employs an educated staff. The student/teacher ratio at all levels of the program is lower than that required by state guidelines.

Rachel Sowers is a language pathology specialist and will be testing children age 3 to 5 with potential speech problems. These children are often diagnosed as learning disabled, although they only suffer from some kind of speech pathology that can be amenable to treatment. Testing them can be valuable in keeping them from being tracked into programs for children with developmental disabilities. Rachel and Elaine thanked the club for its contribution to the program to acquire proper testing equipment and materials.



## Raffle

Jim Reynolds won the Raffle again. The pot was \$49.

## Attendance

We had 18 of 28 active members in attendance, or 64%.

