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Senior Advisor:	Leslie Bush

Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
Tuesday, March 12	12:00 pm: Doc O'Connell (Deming Rotary) – RYLA 1:15 pm: SRFC Board Meeting
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: 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



Suzanne Kavanagh rang the bell at 12:16 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. Ashley Herndon led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Leslie Bush** gave the Invocation, and **Sunny Kellerman** led the Four-Way Test.

Guests

Jason Burke, our speaker, seen at right with Kathy Eaton.



And, of course, our Exchange Student, **Jan**, whose smiling face you see below with Ashley Herndon.



Jan's Report

Jan told us that he was sick last week, but that he feels better now and is looking forward to Spring Break, which comes up next week.

Rotary Announcements

Suzanne Kavanagh made a number of announcements:

- She told us that **Rosie Higgs** had agreed to move up her club presidency to next year (2020-21), which means that, subject to the official club vote next week, she will be our President-Elect.

- **Jim Tindall** had a bad fall and broke a cervical vertebra. **Linda Telaak** told us that he is doing Ok, but that he'll be out of commission for a while.
- **Helen Shoup** sent a Thank You for her Get Well card.

Peter Falley made the following announcements:

- The WNMU Scholarship Committee decided to award two scholarships this year: \$500 to Jeffrey Arrington, who will be graduating in December and who was our sole scholarship recipient last year; and \$1,000 to Michelle Ynostroza. Both are in the Nursing Program.
- Several of us attended WNMU's Scholarship Luncheon on Monday: **Leslie Bush, Cynthia Bettison, Jack Herndon** and **Peter F.** Ashley Herndon was there too, but as a scholarship recipient. Unfortunately, our two scholarship winners did not show up.
- As we make scholarship awards, the Rotary Scholarship Fund at WNMU is being drawn down, and we need to make a point of replenishing it periodically.
- 21 high school students have started work on their scholarship applications. The deadline is March 15. Seven students have completed the applications and are in the process of submitting the required supporting documentation.
- The Membership Committee meeting Peter had tried to organize for Wednesday evening (3/6) had to be cancelled because a couple of key members of the committee had conflicts. He asked for the members of the committee to stay for a brief meeting after lunch to set a new date.
- The Silver City Rotary Foundation Board Meeting is scheduled for next week after lunch.

Sunny Kellerman told us that the book reading at 6th Street School and Cliff Elementary that she and **Francis Reyes, Peter Herzberg, Rosie Higgs** and **Bart Roselli** participated in along with **Becky Nell Young** and **Alicia Edwards** was great fun and was received enthusiastically by the kids.

Future book readings will be at Hurley on March 18th at 12:30 and San Lorenzo on April 3 at 12:30. **Francis Reyes** volunteered for the Hurley event. One or two other people will be needed.

Sunny also announced that we're not having any international Rotary Friendship Exchange this year, but internal U.S. Friendship Exchanges are becoming more popular. A Friendship Exchange group from Fredericksburg, TX, will be in our area July 8-16, and we'll need some people to host them if we want them to come to Silver City for 2 or 3 nights. **Kathy Eaton, Jim Reynolds** and **Sunny Kellerman** indicated that they might be able to take a couple of people each. (It turns out that the Fredericksburg group has been snapped up by another club. Perhaps the next one will come this way.)

Kate Watson announced that she has tickets for the annual District Raffle. The tickets are \$10 each and come in packets of 10. Kate is giving each club member one packet to either sell or buy on their own. Either way, the money produced for The Rotary Foundation by each member will count toward his or her Every Rotarian Every Year contribution and toward Paul Harris Fellowship points. The winner of the Raffle can either opt for a cruise or can take the money in cash, part of which will go to The Rotary Foundation. Ticket stubs with cash or

checks made out to The Rotary Foundation are due by April 16th. Members in attendance all eagerly accepted their ticket packets.

Suzanne gave another reminder that the District Conference is scheduled in El Paso May 2-5. It will start with a dinner at the Zoo and end in a Denim and Diamonds dance. Several of our members are already signed up to go, but more would be merrier. You can sign up on the District website.

Suzanne also told us that a Sergeant Jeff from Holloman Air Force Base will be our speaker on March 19 instead of Sunny Kellerman.

Kathy Eaton announced that she had agreed to head up the Sonny Brown Business of the Year selection committee. The Committee will try to select three businesses for nominations as outstanding large, medium sized, and small businesses. **Leslie Bush, Rosie Higgs** and **Cynthia Bettison** agreed to be on the committee.

Happy Dollars

Sunny Kellerman told us **Peter Falley** had agreed to serve as District Conference Chair for the 2021 District Conference to be held here in Silver City.

Taffy Arias was happy to announce that she had managed to hire a new pediatrician for the Hospital.

Program



Jason Burke told us that he heads up the Southwest Adolescent Group, which has opened a thrift shop, appropriately named SWAG, on Hudson Street opposite the Post Office. After the It Takes a Village program ended, a few people decided that the greatest need was to provide support services for adolescents and youths. The organization set out to have a free-standing youth center, which is now housed in the same building as the SWAG shop, but it still needs work. They would like the youth center to have activities, life skills, vocational workshops, and community service projects. The focus will be 12 to 17-year-olds. They're working with Aldo students to create a needs assessment survey to hand out to the kids. Right now they are doing a lot with basketball and Little League. They are also giving scholarships to kids who cannot afford these sports for the equipment they need.

The SWAG shop accepts all kinds of items as long as they are in good condition. They cannot accept large items, such as mattresses or large box TVs.



Right now the SWAG shop is the only source of income for the program.

Raffle: Rosie Higgs won the Raffle.

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