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## THE SILVER SAGE

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

<b>March 14, 2017</b>	Paul Moore - Honduras Tile Factory
<b>March 14, 2017</b>	SCRF Board Meeting
<b>March 21, 2017</b>	Club Board Meeting
<b>March 28, 2017</b>	Elaine Howard - WNMU Early Childhood Programs
<b>April 4, 2017</b>	Rotary Vistors - Tales from the Road

### Meeting Notes:

President-Elect Joe Heidrick rang the bell at 12:10 pm and told us that president Suzanne Kavanagh is in Tucson undergoing medical treatment. Merritt Helfferich led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; Wendy Spurgeon gave the invocation; and Jim Reynolds led us in recitation of the Four-Way Test.



## Visiting Rotarians



*Merritt Helfferich*

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

Also joining us was today's speaker, Alfredo Ontiveros of the Tempe, AZ, Rotary Club.



*Joe Kellerman & Alfredo Ontiveros*

## Guests



*Leslie Bush & Pam Archibald*

Former club member Pam Archibald was introduced by Leslie Bush.

Art Utay was introduced by Mark Richard.



*Art Utay & Mark Richard*

Kathy Eaton introduced husband Art once again.



*Art & Kathy Eaton and Peter Herzberg*

Stew McClintic of the Daily Press was introduced by Maggie Veeder.



*Stew McClintic*

## Rotary Announcements

Paul Moore announced that Marjorie Harrison, wife of honorary Rotarian Bill Harrison, passed away. There will be a memorial service at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd tomorrow, March 8, at 10 am.

Helen Shoup announced;

1. The visiting Friendship Exchange group will be coming to Silver City on April 2 and leave for El Paso on April 5. Transportation from Alamogordo and to El Paso is needed. There are seven people in the group and each is expected to have two pieces of luggage. So far we don't have enough cars to carry them all and their luggage.
2. There will be an outgoing exchange group going to Oregon in August. If you have any interest in joining that group, please contact Helen.
3. There will also be a New Zealand group coming later in the year. We have not committed to hosting them and will not do so at least until we see how things work out with the group coming in April.

Sunny Kellerman announced:

1. Not all the cruise raffle tickets that are out have been returned. Please return them with your payment as soon as possible.
2. The Rotary Workday on Saturday was a success. Rotarians participated with representatives of the Volunteer Center and a group students in constructing a shed and 18 benches for the School Gardens Project and starting a garden at Jose Barrios Elementary School. Sunny thanked all who pitched in.
3. The Rio Grande Academy on April 21-22 will be held in Las Cruces at a location to be announced. It could not be accommodated in Silver City because of a conflict with the Tour of the Gila.

Peter Falley announced that there would be a Silver City Rotary Foundation Board meeting after our regular meeting next week.

Mark Richard announced that the Silver Screen Film Festival is set to take place this weekend. Tickets are still available.

Joe Heidrick announced:

1. The District has notified him that there will be a World Peace Conference on March 31, April 1 in Ann Arbor, MI.
2. There will be a New Mexico Senate Resolution to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women in Rotary. There will be a ceremony at the Roundhouse on March 9 at 11 am.

3. The Auction Steering Committee will have its next meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 6 pm at Joe's home.

## Non-Rotary Announcements

Paul Moore announced that there would be showings of wilderness-related films on Tuesday evenings at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd starting this evening.

Wendy Spurgeon told us that International Women's Day events in Silver City, would take place tomorrow, March 8, at the Presbyterian Church on Swan Street from 12-2 pm and at the Volunteer Center from 7 to 9 pm.

Peter Falley asked for help in finding a sitter for the 6-year old daughter of the artists who will be performing in the Community Concert series on March 18. Maggie Veeder said that one of her daughters might be available, and Jim Callender said that, if that didn't work out, he could ask a member of the volleyball team to help out.

Cynthia Bettison reminded us that today was Election Day for the Town of Silver City. Two Town Council seats, including hers, are up for election.

## Happy Dollars:

Maggie Veeder told us that she had a great time on a trip to Las Vegas.

## Program



Alfredo Ontiveros, the interim CEO of Gila Regional Medical Center introduced himself by telling us about his extensive background in hospital administration, dating back to his days in the military and including a stint as CEO of GRMC in 1995-98. He is now back here on an interim basis while a search is under way for someone who can take the position on a permanent basis.

He told us that the hospital is continuing to make adjustments in an effort to eliminate the deficit. Last month, for the first time in quite a while, the hospital had a positive operating balance. However, there are still problems because income from admissions and other services is not meeting budgetary targets.

That means that, for the fiscal year, expenses may again exceed income unless further cuts in staffing or other expenditures are made.

Alfredo told us, that even while the hospital is working hard to bring its financial house in order, it is still committed to providing exceptional quality patient-centered care. Its values statement goes by the acronym ICARE, which stands for



Integrity  
Compassion  
Accountability  
Respect  
Excellence

He also wanted to squash rumors about plans to close or sell the hospital, and told us that no such plans were in the works.

The search process for a new CEO is well under way. It involves a 15-member community advisory committee that represents a broad cross-section of the Grant County Community. The Committee is in the process of prescreening candidates. Some are being interviewed by telephone, and others will have in-person interviews. A final slate of candidates will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees to make a final selection.

**Raffle:**

Dave Thomas won the Raffle - \$36.50

**Attendance:**

24 of 29 active members were in attendance, or 83%.