

# Service Above Self

## THE SILVER SAGE

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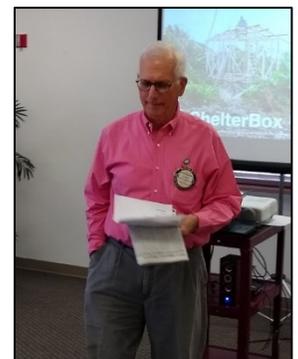
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### Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

| Date              | What's Happening                                |
|-------------------|---|
| Tuesday, April 23 | Kevin Lenkner, MRAC                             |
| Tuesday, April 30 | Ret. Col. Susan Beck, Gila Wilderness Fly-overs |

### Meeting Notes

**Peter Herzberg** rang the bell at 12:15 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Cynthia Bettison** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Sunny Kellerman** gave the Invocation, and **Jan** led us in the recitation of the Four-Way Test.



## Visiting Rotarians



**Sarah Robinson** (seen at left with Peter Herzberg), Director of Fundraising and Partnerships at Shelterbox USA and president of the Albuquerque Rio Grande Rotary Club, was our speaker.

## Guests

**Lucy Kavanagh** was Peter Falley's guest once again.

And our Rotary Youth Exchange student **Jan** was also with us again.



*Lucy Kavanagh & Rosie Higgs*

## Exchange Student Report

**Jan** (picture at right) reported on a track meet at which he had to run both the 400 meter and the 400 meter relay.



## Rotary Announcements

**Peter Herzberg** made the following announcements:

- The District Conference is scheduled for May 2-5 in El Paso. Several of our members are going, but any additional registrants would be welcome. There will be a silent auction and the District is looking for silent auction items. If you have anything to contribute, please get in touch with Peter, so that he can give you the appropriate contact information.

- There will be a club board meeting directly after lunch.
- The Albuquerque del Norte club is hosting a Pins for Polio bowling fund raiser at the Santa Ana Star Casino in Bernalillo on April 27.

**Jim Reynolds** reminded us that the Median Cleanup day is April 27. If you can make it, please come to the Median on Hwy 180 West opposite Western Bank at 10 am.

**Cynthia Bettison** gave a report on the Regional Dispatch Authority and the Hospital's decision not to join it. The effect will be primarily on the other partners that operate the Authority (Silver City, Grant County, etc.) whose share of the operating costs will rise. The Hospital will be billed on a per call basis. It may decide to join at a later date.

**Peter Falley** reported that an ad hoc committee consisting of Rosie Higgs, Suzanne Kavanagh and himself met with Sodexo representatives to discuss the food service arrangement for our meetings. Sodexo needs



a decision on whether we want to stay with the present system, with the understanding that people will only go to the cafeteria food line in unusual circumstances, or go to a system where all of us go through the food line. The food has improved of late and Sodexo has agreed to provide some additional items, such a croutons and a food salad for our regular lunch. We took a straw vote on whether to stay with the present system or change. 11 of those voting opted for staying with the present system and 3 opposed. We will take another vote next week, and the decision will have to be made then as to which option to choose.

**Kate Watson** reminded us that there is still time to get in on the Cruise Raffle. If you have not returned your tickets to Kate, please do so before the end of this week. Tickets and money can be brought to her office at 105 S. Arizona St., Telephone: 534-9550.

## Happy Dollars

**Sunny Kellerman** told us that **Cynthia Bettison** is celebrating her 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary as a club member this week.

**Peter Herzberg** told us that he had a great trip to Guatemala.

## Program

**Sarah Robinson** told us that ShelterBox is a non-profit organization that partners with Rotary International to provide temporary housing and supplies for people around the world who are displaced by natural disasters or armed conflict.

Sarah is one of ten employees of ShelterBox in the US, with only 100 employees world-wide. The bulk of the work of the organization is carried out by volunteers who work for short periods twice a year.

ShelterBox fills a need that is left by other nonprofit organizations that focus primarily on providing food and medical aid. It supplies 140 lb boxes containing a 15' x 15' tent, tools and other equipment to allow people to have a roof over their heads during a transition period. Each box costs about \$1,000 to provide, including shipment. Lately, smaller kits with tools, etc. to allow people to repair damaged homes, or build their own shelter and get started on some farming are provided. These smaller kits cost only about \$100.

ShelterBox has supplies pre-positioned around the globe and works with local Rotary clubs to have them distributed as needs arise.

The need for this kind of help is enormous and growing. Since 2000, ShelterBox has helped 1.5 million people. The organization was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize last year and again this year.

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