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Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
Tuesday, April 30	Ret. Col. Susan Beck, Gila Wilderness Fly-overs
Tuesday, May 7	Faye McCalmont – Fiesta Latina
Tuesday, May 14	Jim Jackson - Service Animals used by Persons w. Disabilities 1:15 pm: SCRF Board Meeting

Meeting Notes



Peter Herzberg rang the bell at 12:15 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Maggie Veeder** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Tom Bates** gave the Invocation, and **Kate Watson** led us in the recitation of the Four-Way Test.

Guests

Kevin Lenkner, our speaker, seen here with Peter Herzberg.



Bart Roselli introduced his wife **Gail Avignone**.

Bart & Gail

Lucy Kavanagh was Peter Falley's guest once more.

And we again welcomed our Rotary Youth Exchange student **Jan**, who is seen in the picture below with Jim Callender.



Lucy Kavanagh & Rosie Higgs



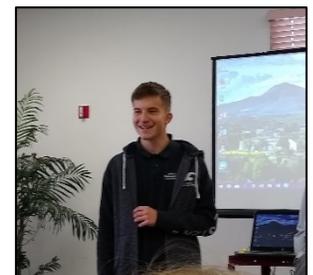
Exchange Student Report

Jan reported that he had had another track meet on Thursday, that he took a trip to Las Cruces and that he would be moving to a new host family this evening.

Rotary Announcements

Peter Herzberg made the following announcements:

- He reminded us of the District Conference scheduled for May 2-5 in El Paso. Several of our members are going.



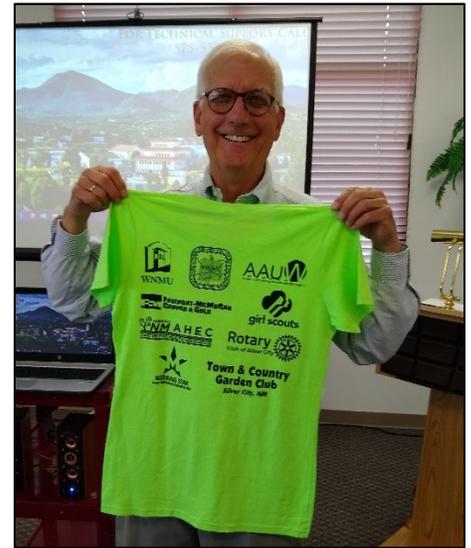


- He told us that he had received a Thank You note from Karen Love for our support of the *Expanding Your Horizons* program. He showed us a sample of the T-shirt given to the participants at the event.

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.

Peter Falley reported again on the discussion with Sodexo and on the need for us to decide if we wanted to continue with the buffet type

arrangement for lunch or have everyone go through the regular cafeteria food line. If we stay with the buffet arrangement, the understanding would have to be that we all eat the food being offered and refrain from going to the cafeteria food line except where it is essential for dietary reasons. We took another straw poll, and the vote was 12 to 2 with one abstention in favor of staying with the buffet arrangement. The board was asked to have a huddle after lunch to finalize the decision and communicate with Sodexo.



Non-Rotary Announcements

Bart Roselli told us about a *Sustainability of Ranching* forum scheduled at the Silver City Museum on Thursday. It is part of the Museum's *Ranching in Grant County* exhibit.

Happy Dollars

Tom Bates told us that he and his wife Jane were celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary.

Program



Kevin Lenkner told us that he has now been Executive Director of the Mimbres Region Arts Council (MRAC) for four years. He is a former Rotarian, his father was a Rotarian and Kevin benefited from a Rotary scholarship.

The Arts Council is undergoing some change, but some of the established programs are continuing, such as

- The Blues Festival (scheduled this year for May 24-26),
- Chocolate Fantasia,
- The Southwest Print Fiesta, and
- The traveling art exhibit to local schools.

However, MRAC has been moving from doing its own programming to putting greater emphasis on engagement and participation in the arts. Its mission is now expressed in one sentence: *To nurture a creative community.*

To be able to operate more effectively, MRAC is looking for a new home. Its present office can only be used five days a week from 9 to 5, since it is located in the Wells Fargo building. It is hoped that a new headquarters for MRAC could become another anchor location for Grant County.

What the Arts Council seeks to do is to establish a Gila Center for the Arts, which will

- Attract visitors and promote cultural tourism for Grant County;
- Grow local job opportunities in the Creative Economy;
- Increase educational opportunities for K-12 students and promote life-long learning; and
- Build an inclusive community that values creativity and innovation.

Kevin gave a rundown on plans for this year's Blues Festival, which will feature numerous prominent artists. He said that the cost to MRAC of putting on the Festival is about \$80,000 to \$100,000, but that it is worth doing because it has significant positive impact on the local economy. There are other costs incurred by the Town and County in hosting the Festival. Support for the Festival comes from New Mexico Arts, the Silver City and Grant County Lodgers Tax, and various other sources.

Attendance: 18 of 32 active members were in attendance, or 56%.