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Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

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

Meeting Notes

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

Guests

Lucy Kavanagh was Peter Falley's guest once again.

Karen Beckenbach, our speaker today, was also introduced by Peter F..

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

Exchange Student Report

Jan reported that he had a pretty uneventful week. He had track practice and ran the 100 meter and 400 meter in a track meet at Silver High. There will be another track meet next Saturday.

Rotary Announcements

Peter F. reminded us about the District Conference in El Paso on May 2-5. The day of this meeting was the last day for Early Bird registration. Peter will be one of the speakers at the Grants Training session on Thursday, and Jan will be in the talent show on Saturday.

Peter also gave a reminder about the membership contest we initiated last week. Members who had not attended last week's meeting were given cards with a listing of their respective teams.

Peter reported that Sodexo is unhappy with so many of our members going to the food line in the cafeteria rather than eating the food that is provided for the meeting. He asked that members make every effort to eat the food provided for the meeting so as to minimize this problem. The food seems to have improved since a new chef and cafeteria manager have been brought in, and that should minimize the need to seek alternatives in the food line. There will be a meeting with Sodexo to talk further about this issue.

Peter also told us that a check in the amount of \$4,500 had been sent to the New Mexico Land Conservancy from the proceeds of the Valentine's Dinner. He thanked **Mark Richard** for his hard work in making the event such a success.

Sunny Kellerman told us that there will be substantially more money available for District Grants this year than in the past because the District's contributions to The Rotary Foundation were exceptionally high in 2016. In order to benefit from grant funding, we need at least two people who have gone through the grant training. The next opportunity for that will be at the District Conference. **Rosie** and **Max Higgs** said that they would attend the training. Sunny also pointed out that the grant funds available to us will depend, in part, on our having raised at least \$100 per member for the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund this year. Therefore, it is important for members to return their Cruise Raffle tickets with money. The money raised through the Cruise Raffle goes to The Rotary Foundation and counts toward our \$100 per member expectation.

Sunny also told us that **Tom Bates** had his birthday yesterday and that he was happy to report that his wife **Jane** had finally been moved to Ft. Bayard Medical Center for further rehab treatment.

Wendy Spurgeon announced that the next book reading would be at San Lorenzo Kindergarten on Wednesday, April 3, at 12:30 pm. If you can come and participate, please plan to be there by 12:15.

Kathy Eaton announced that new books are ready for delivery. **Mark Richard** said that he would do most of the deliveries, and **Wendy Spurgeon** said that she would take books to San Lorenzo.

Jim Reynolds announced that the next work session at the Rotary Median would be on April 27th at 10 am and would involve cleanup and flower planting. Please join in if you can.

Francis Reyes told us that the Expanding Your Horizons event for which we had provided some funding took place last Saturday. Close to 150 girls showed up and about 20 of them were from Silver, but Deming had huge representation. The Silver City Rotary logo was on the shirts provided to the girls.

Non-Rotary Announcements

Francis also announced that SASS will have its annual Gala Friday, April 5, 2019, 6pm at the Convention Center.

Happy Dollars

Francis Reyes celebrated her 42nd birthday on April 1.

Program

Karen Beckenbach, the president of the Grant County Community Concert Association, spoke about recent innovations she's been working on to make the offerings of the GCCCA more relevant to a younger audience, and her successful efforts to invigorate the Educational Outreach program. The latter now regularly draws 700 or more students to the Fine Arts Center Theater for the outreach programs offered by the artists who perform for the adult audience in the evening. She said that GCCCA is working to make these programs even more widely accessible by providing video streaming to schools in remote areas like Animas. Karen also told us that the Association is trying to bring in a more varied program of music including popular genres, and a bit less classical.

She said that a GCCCA subscription must be by far one of the best deals to be had in New Mexico. For the 6-concert season program, the Early Bird subscription price is still only \$45, with the regular price being \$55 if the subscription is purchased after June 30.

Karen then showed brief videos of the six artist groups that will be performing in the 2019-20 season:



Piano virtuoso Alina Kiryayeva on October 1;

Burlap and Cashmere in a folk music revival on November 8;

The Maxwell Quartet, playing classical and Scottish folk music on January 14;

Dan Miller's Cowboy Revue on February 24, in an authentic Western Review;

Sons of Serendip on March 3, with a fresh mix of emotionally expressive popular music;

And Savannah Jack on April 4, in a high-energy, crowd engaging show of country, pop and rock hits.

Attendance: 16 of 32 active members were in attendance, or 50%.