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Membership:	Bart Roselli
Youth Service:	Wendy Spurgeon
Development:	Kate Watson

Schedule: Upcoming Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
Tuesday, May 5	Dr. Douglas Dinwiddie – History of Ft. Bayard

March & April in Brief

On March 3rd, **Mario Sanchez** gave a fascinating talk about marketing strategies used by his office to reach potential WNMU students. After that, everything came to a screeching halt because of the coronavirus pandemic. Like many other organizations, we first experimented with Zoom and then moved our meetings to Zoom sessions hosted by **Wendy Spurgeon**. The first experimental session took place on March 28. On March 31 we started having regular Zoom meetings on Tuesdays at noon.



Our first Zoom experiment



Rosie Higgs & Lucy Falley observing 4/29/20 food delivery to The Commons

We were notified by the District that we could use any remaining District Grant funds from the 2019-20 grant for a COVID-19 relief project and the club decided to use the remaining \$502.60 plus a contribution from SCRF funds to make up a \$1,000 payment to the Roadrunner Food Bank for food to be delivered to The Commons for its food pantries. This plan was approved by the District as an appropriate use of the District Grant funds.

The club subsequently decided to apply for a 2020-21 District Grant to expand the support of The Commons' food pantries. **R.J. Jones** will be working on the application process, possibly with help from **Lucy Falley**. Both

attended an April 13th Grants Training Session offered by the District.

The club also sought to address the COVID-19 crisis in other ways: **Kathy Eaton** produced face masks, and she and other Rotarians distributed them to shoppers at Albertson's. Club members also contributed nonperishable food supplies for the Gospel Mission's food pantries, and we were urged to make financial contributions to the Gospel Mission to allow it to replace its food freezer.

We also decided to support a substantial Covid-19 relief project in Guatemala spearheaded by Deborah Simon. The club contributed \$1,500 to the \$225,000 goal for the project.

While much of our time was taken up with the effects of the pandemic, other work continued as well. **Peter Herzberg** and **Tom Bates** worked on the median on Highway 180 East and got it in shape to welcome to the summer. The Scholarship Committee, consisting of **Leslie Bush**, **Al Gamboa** and **Lucy** and **Peter Falley**, completed its work and selected Tiffany Ynostroza and Craig Keys as the winners of \$1,500 college scholarships. Tiffany and Craig are both Silver High graduates. Tiffany plans to attend UNM in a pre-med program and Craig plans to study nursing at NMSU.



Mask Distribution at Albertsons'

Bart Roselli attended the Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) via Zoom, since the in-person session was cancelled along with other District events. (Unfortunately, one of those events is **Sunny Kellerman's** District Governor installation celebration.) Bart is preparing to assume the club presidency in July, and he has asked **Peter Herzberg** (Community & International Projects), **Kathy Eaton** (Club Service & Public Image), **Wendy Spurgeon** (Youth Service) and **Kate Watson** (Development) to continue their board roles for another year. In addition, he has asked **Jack Isbell** to serve as Membership Chair in 2020-21.

With all the coronavirus tumult, we almost forgot some significant member dates: **Al Gamboa** celebrated his birthday on March 21 and **Ray Goellner** had his birthday on April 28. **Shane**

Coker's wife **Norma** had her birthday on April 23 and **Joy Tindall**, **Jim**'s wife, celebrated hers on April 25th. Club anniversaries included **Sunny McFarren** on March 26 (1 year^{1st}), **Kathy Eaton** on April 14 (22 years) and **Cynthia Bettison** on April 15 (23 years).

What's Coming Up?

Club meetings as well as board meetings will probably have to continue on Zoom until we can safely return to in-person meetings.

As mentioned above, the club will be applying for a 2020-21 District Grant.

May birthdays include **Kate Watson** on the 6th, **Nkechi Nwachuku** on the 15th and **Maggie Veeder** on the 22nd. May club anniversaries will be **Lucy Falley** on the 6th (1 year) and **Jim Callender** on the 17th (15 years).