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THE SILVER SAGE

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Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
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

Suzanne Kavanagh rang the bell at 12:12 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Lucy Kavanagh** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Tom Bates** gave the Invocation, and **Kathy Eaton** led us in the recitation of the Four-Way Test.

Visiting Rotarians

Linda Wilson, president-elect of the Socorro Rotary Club, and interim pastor at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church was introduced by Rosie Higgs.

Guests

Guests of **Kathy Eaton** included:

Kathy's sister **Frances Day**;

Kathy's friend **Bill Evatt**;

Boy Scouts representative **Kelly McMurphy** from El Paso;

Jodi Edens-Crocker and **George Turner** representing the WNMU Foundation;

Friends **Mario Sanchez** and **Jay Hemphill**;

WNMU Humanities Professor **Phil Schoenberg**.

Lucy Kavanagh was Peter Falley's guest once again.

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

Exchange Student Report

Jan reported on having had track meets and practice during the past week.

Rotary Announcements

Suzanne made the following announcements:

The Club received the 2017-18 Rotary Citation for achieving goals that strengthen the club and Rotary.

The District Conference this year is scheduled for May 2-5 in El Paso.

The Silver City Rotary Foundation board will meet after lunch (the meeting was subsequently cancelled).

Suzanne also welcomed back **Jim Tindall** who said that he is making good progress in his recovery from a back injury and is happy to be back.

Kate Watson reminded us that the Cruise Raffle deadline is Tuesday, April 16. Please work on buying or selling your tickets and get the money and the ticket stubs to Kate before that date. This is the best way to meet your Every Rotarian Every Year commitment, earn points toward a Paul Harris Fellowship, and help the Club to maximize its ability to get future District Grant funding.

Wendy Spurgeon announced that Jan had been accepted for RYLA. He will stay in the US till the end of RYLA in order to take advantage of this opportunity.

Sunny Kellerman reported that **Merritt Helfferich** has been transferred to the Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico at 4451 E. Lohman in Las Cruces for further treatment. He expects to be there for another three weeks. He would welcome calls. The best time to call is mornings after 8 am.

Kathy Eaton announced that the Sonny Brown Award Selection Committee had selected the **Tranquil Buzz** coffee shop as nominee for Small Business of the Year.

Happy Dollars

Linda Wilson was happy to be able to visit another Rotary club.

Sunny Kellerman wished **Tom Bates** a Happy Birthday



Frances Day and Kathy Eaton with exhibits

Program

Kathy Eaton and Frances Day introduced a program of remembrance and recognition for their parents, Jack and Arley Reece. As Kate Watson explained, the Reeces had established a Charitable Remainder Trust which reached maturity after twenty years. During those twenty years, the income from the Trust went to the heirs specified in the Reeces' wills, but now the principal amount of the Trust is being distributed to the following designated beneficiaries:

The Rotary Foundation's John and Arley Reece

Endowment Fund

The WNMU Reece Scholarship Fund

The Boy Scouts of America

The Shriners Children's Hospital.

Kathy and Frances, with help from Jim Callender and Kate Watson, regaled us with stories of Jack Reece's important contributions to Rotary. He was known as the Can Man for collecting aluminum cans and turning them in in El Paso for cash to contribute to Habitat for Humanity. His devotion to this project is illustrated by the following poem, which Kate read to us:

REJUVENATE ME

I wish I could tell you
How much you mean to me.
I was a little beat up can
When you befriended me.

You picked me up when I was down.
You treated me with care,
You took me down to Rotary Town
A joyous thing to share.

Not many cans that I know of
Will get a second chance.
I am just a lucky one,
It makes me sing and dance.

So met me down, rejuvenate
Make me into something new
Then send me off to HABITAT
Help build a house or two.

Now I think this is the truth
And fair to all concerned.
It builds a better friendship
And benefits are earned.

Thanks,
If I CAN you CAN
We all CAN
Bring another CAN.

John A. Reece
Just "Jack"
The Can Man



He also manufactured thousands of religious and other wood-carved signs for sale. They were sold at \$2 each and raised a lot of money for Rotary. Jack was a Shriner and a Scout Master, and his son was an Eagle Scout.

Kelly McMurphy expressed the gratitude of the Boy Scouts for the bequest and indicated that it would probably be used to establish an endowment.

Jodi Edens-Crocker and George Turner expressed the thanks of the WNMU Foundation and stressed the importance of contributions such as these in making it possible for many deserving students to complete their education.

Attendance: 21 of 32 active members were in attendance, or 66%.



Frances Day, George Turner, Jodi Edens-Crocker, Kathy Eaton