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Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
Tuesday, May 14	Jim Jackson - Service Animals used by Persons w. Disabilities 1:15 pm: SCRF Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 21	Christine File and her Service Dog
Tuesday, May 28	Peter Herzberg reporting on his Guatemala trip
Tuesday, June 18	Club Assembly

Meeting Notes

Peter Hertzberg rang the bell at 12:12 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Nkechi Nwachuku** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Sunny Kellerman** gave the Invocation, and **Kathy Eaton** led the Four-Way Test.

Guests



Cynthia Bettison & Faye McCalmont

Faye McCalmont was our speaker today.

And **Jan**, our Rotary Youth Exchange student, was here again too.

Exchange Student Report



Jan told us that he had a busy time at the District Conference in El Paso this past weekend. The exchange students put on a talent show, participated in the food packaging for underprivileged families, and assisted in Sunday's memorial service for deceased Rotarians.

Rotary Announcements

Peter Herzberg announced:

- Merritt Helfferich, the Alaska Rotarian who had spent his winters here in Silver City, passed away earlier this week.
- There is only one month left for Rotary Peace Fellow nominations. The Rotary Peace Fellowships are for graduate study and work at one of the Rotary Peace Centers around the world.
- The Rotary International Convention is scheduled for Hamburg, Germany, during the first week of June. **Sunny** and **Harry Kellerman** and **Peter Falley** and **Lucy Kavanagh** are going to attend.
- A recent message from our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student Salianna Goss reported on her trip to the Dalmation coast and indicated that she is having a wonderful experience in Europe.

Peter Falley announced that the Scholarship Committee had completed its work and selected Raelynn Moon of Cliff High School and Jose Ruiz of Cobre High School as the 2019 Rotary Scholarship winners. Raelynn is planning to attend WNMU and Jose will be going to UNM.

Sunny Kellerman and **Peter Falley** reported on the District Conference in El Paso this past weekend. In attendance along with Sunny and Peter were **Harry Kellerman**, **Francis Reyes** and **Jan**. Highlights of the conference included the packaging of 20,000 packets of oatmeal for indigent families in the El Paso area and a talk by Alan Mallory about his grueling and challenging adventure in climbing Mt. Everest with his father, brother and sister. Peter

received an Outstanding Service Award for his work in ensuring that clubs in the District are in good standing with the IRS. Next year's District Conference will be in Ruidoso on March 25-28, and the 2021 Conference will be here in Silver City on April 22-25. The latter will be a substantial undertaking and will require all of us to pitch in.

Sunny also showed us and offered for sale calendar being sold by the Rotary Youth Exchange students for \$15 each, with the money going to Shelterbox.

Rosie Higgs told us that she is still looking for volunteers to fill some board and committee positions for the 2019-20 Rotary Year. Please see her if you think you can help.

Nick Seibel and **Leslie Bush** sought support for a "Press Run" to take place preceding the Wine Festival in Gough Park in July. Rotary support could help to make it successful and could generate some revenue for a project of our choice. After some discussion and mention of PolioPlus as a possible beneficiary, there was consensus that we should support the effort. We could be listed as a sponsor and have our logo on T-shirts designed for the event. The board will meet in a special huddle next week to make it official.

Non-Rotary Announcement

Cynthia Bettison announced that there would be a Black on White Gala at the University Museum on July 13. Admission will be \$135 per person. It will be an upscale event, but not a sit-down dinner. There'll be finger foods and drinks. She asked that people update their addresses with the museum so that invitations could be sent out.

Happy Dollars

Kate Watson made a contribution in celebration of her birthday on Monday.

Program

Faye McCalmont, Special Assistant to the President for Cultural Affairs at WNMU, gave us a rundown on *Fiesta Latina*, a three-day event planned by the University for June 21-23. It will be an exciting event celebrating Latin American arts, crafts, music and dance. Musical acts will include Little Joe y la Familia, Calle 66 (with salsa dancers), Fontera Bugalu from El Paso, Mariachi, Folklorico dancers and more. There will be Latin-American-inspired food and drink vendors, a Tequila Tasting event, a Transcending Borders documentary series, and crafting and hands-on demonstrations for children. The University invites participants as well as volunteers to help run the event. Spanish speakers will be particularly useful as volunteers.



Attendance: 18 of 33 active members were in attendance, or 55%.