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Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date: 2018	What's Happening
Tuesday, August 28	12:00 pm: Melissa Amarello - Advocate for Snake Preservation

Meeting Notes



President Peter Herzberg rang the bell at 12:15 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Suzanne Kavanagh** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Wendy Spurgeon** gave the Invocation, and **Joe Heidrick** led the Four-Way Test.

Guests

Becky Nell Young (right),
our speaker today

Kathy Eaton, Becky Young



Joe Heidrick, bringing Rotary "stuff" he found
in unpacking

Jan, our exchange student:



Left to right: Sunny Kellerman, Jan, Rosie Higgs

Rotary Announcements

President Peter Herzberg made the following announcements:

- When he asked about **Bill Harrison**, **Kathy Eaton** told us he won't make more meetings. It's too difficult for him.
- For the Group to Juarez, he sent out an email this morning: **Tom Bates**, **Anita Larson** and her husband, **Peter Herzberg**, and **Francis Reyes**. They are going this Friday.
- He recommended bringing soap and shampoo to hand to kids and maybe a gift from the dollar store. It's a halfway house for kids they are visiting. **Francis Reyes** has some Crayolas. **Rosie Higgs** is going to gather stuff for them as well.
- He thanked **Francis Reyes** for helping him with the median! It's coming along. We need participation please!!!! The Rotary Sign is up!
- There will be a board meeting after the meeting.

Tom Bates passed around the Fairgate signup sheet, September 21-23.

Sunny Kellerman asked members to sign up for the welcome party for Jan, our exchange student, at her house Sunday and to sign up for reading to kindergarten kids during this academic year. There will need to be background checks if the person is to be alone with the kids. You fill out a form and it is free to Rotary. She has background check forms as well. There will be books to give to the students at least 5 times, and other times we would just read and the one book can be given to the teacher for the classroom.

Special Presentation

Jan, our exchange student, spoke with the group and told us about some of his week at school. He made the football team in kicker and safety positions. He went to school and practice. Here classroom activities don't seem to matter, but in Germany it is 50% of the grade. He thought practice was long! His favorite class was Strength and Conditioning. He ate a fast food burrito but thought it was spicy. The first game on Friday is in Springerville, AZ.

Brags and/or Happy Dollars

Sunny Kellerman and Harry went to Denver for weekend and saw Joe Kellerman (former member) and wife Miriam. They love Denver and send their regards.

Tom Bates told us about a donation of new elementary textbooks worth \$25K (4 pickup loads of books). He took them to San Simon, AZ, (K -12) where they were needed. The entire school helped unload them. They were so pleased with the K-6th grade books.

Wendy Spurgeon was in paper again today!

Program



Sunny Kellerman introduced the speaker for the program, Becky Nell Young. She is a 4th-generation teacher and great story teller. She is from Texas with a history of working with youth.

It is super important to read to kids! Reading brings vibrancy to children's lives. They learn to sit and listen – it takes practice. Most important, it gives them a sense of imagination and empathy. It's an exchange of a gift in the reading and the listening between the children and the reader.

She demonstrated how to read to the children. A few Rotarians (the "kids" in the program) were ready: **Francis Reyes** and **Kathy Eaton** sat on the floor, and **Wendy Spurgeon** and **Tom Bates** sat on chairs while she read *There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea*.

A story that children can participate in helps them enjoy it more, and you as well. The children will remember that you came and that you cared. The key is to do it with FUN! There are 10 Kindergarten classes at 6th street. Becky will be a volunteer but is not coming to a meeting! She recommended to come once a month and read to the same class so they can get to know you. Introduce yourself every time.

Raffle

Jim Reynolds won the raffle.

Attendance

We had 17 of 29 active members in attendance, or 59%.

Gallery



Peter Herzberg Suzanne Kavanagh

