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**Rotary**  
Club of Silver City



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## Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date	What's Happening
October 3, 2017	Club Assembly
October 7, 2017	Rotary Auction at the Convention Center
October 10, 2017	1:15 pm: SCRF Board Meeting
October 17, 2017	1:15 pm: Club Board Meeting
October 20, 2017	6:00 pm: Celebration of the team with the most value of items for the auction at Little Toad Creek

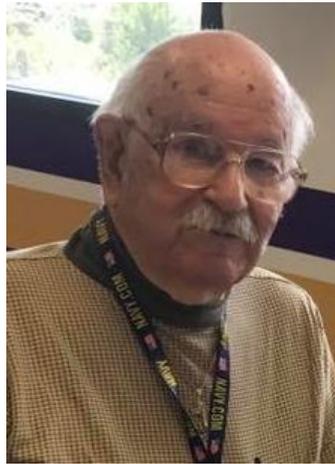


## Meeting Notes

**President Joe Heidrick** rang the bell at 12:10 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Asa Barnes** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Tom Bates** gave the Invocation, and **Anita Larson** led the Four-Way Test.

## Visiting Rotarians

**Bill Harrison**, Honorary member of Rotary



## Guests

Max and Rosie Higgs, former Rotarians from Texas who recently moved to Silver City, visited again.



We had representatives of the WNMU Rotaract Club with us: Club President Vladimir Gnizubov, Vice President Madison Jones, Treasurer Clarissa Moreno and Secretary Valeria Luna.



Also with us were 4 members of the Silver High School National History Competition team that went to the national competition in Maryland (Washington, DC) with support from our Club: Shelby Laney, Gabbie O'Keefe, Serina Castillo, and Regan Berrigan.



## Rotary Announcements

- **Joe Heidrick** made several announcements:
  - The Auction Steering Committee will be meeting this evening, 9/26, at 6:00 pm at **Joe Heidrick's** house. Anyone interested is welcome to join in.
  - To ensure the widest possible circulation of our Facebook postings, all of us should LIKE our Facebook page: Rotary Club of Silver City. In addition, sharing our postings about the Auction with your Facebook Friends can be particularly helpful.
  - The Volunteer Hours/Donation record sheet is being circulated again.
  - The District 5520 Regional Assembly will be held in Truth or Consequences on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 3 pm. Go to the District website for further details. It would be good for our club to have strong representation at the Assembly.
  - **Joe Heidrick** extended a special thanks to all who participated in Fairgate this past weekend. According to Fair representatives, the Fair was a success and attendance was up from last year.
  - The Auction poster is being distributed to members for posting around town. Please take some and indicate on the accompanying sheet where you intend to post them.
  - Also being circulated is a sign-up sheet for the day of the Auction. We need all hands on deck for the event, and everyone is asked to contribute as much time as possible on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Francisca Reyes**
  - Reminded us that today was the last day for auction items to be submitted. Items coming in after this date will not make it into the Auction catalog.
  - Told us that the WNMU Rotaract Club has been formed and recognized by the University. There are 22 members, and an induction ceremony will be held on October 19. Rotarians are urged to attend.

## Non-Rotary Announcements

- **Peter Falley** reminded us that the Community Concert Association will be starting its season this Sunday at 3 pm with a concert by 3 Redneck Tenors. Two tickets were available and were claimed by Jim Callender.
- **Joe Kellerman** told us that a stereo system had been stolen from his car. This was one of several recent thefts from cars parked in his neighborhood (Kimberly Dr., Serinna Ct., Sara Ct.) Be sure to lock your car if you park it outside in that area.

## Braggs and/or Happy Dollars

- **Paul Moore** was very happy to tell us that he had completed a draft of his doctoral dissertation.
- **Cynthia Bettison** told us that her mother had celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- **Peter Falley** told us that **Linda Telaak** had had a birthday last week.
- **Tom Bates** told us that he had attended a very interesting workshop in Socorro on human trafficking. It's a \$4 billion "industry" that enslaves about 23 million people at any one time.



## Program



**Anita Larson** introduced the 4 Silver High students who had come to tell us about their trip to Washington, DC, and Maryland to participate in the National History Day Contest. The Contest involves students from all 50 states, who are

chosen through state-wide contests. Students compete in 5 different categories: Documentary, Exhibit, Paper, Performance, or Website.

Gabbie O'Keefe's project was a documentary on the Weather Underground, a radical left-wing organization that worked to overthrow the US government from 1969 to 1977. Serina Castillo and Shelby Laney presented an exhibit on Wilma Rudolph, the world-record-holding track champion who participated in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics. Their project placed second in the Exhibit category. Regan Berrigan and 4 other students did a performance about the 1992 L.A. Riots.

The students explained that each of their projects had to be accompanied by an extensive bibliography and that they had to talk and answer questions about the project at the Contest. They told us that the Contest was an experience of a lifetime. They spent 6 days in the DC area, staying overnight in a University of Maryland dorm. There was a lot to do and see, and they usually got to bed at around midnight and got up at 5 am. They had a great tour of Washington, DC, visiting numerous museums and monuments.

There were 14 students in the Silver High delegation. They expressed their thanks for the Club's helping to make this trip possible through its financial contribution.

## **Additional Presentation**

There being some extra time at the end of the students' presentation, **Joe Heidrick** asked Vladimir Gnizozubov to tell us a little about himself and how he got to be involved with the Rotaract Club. He is from Kazakhstan and felt a bit lost when he first came to Silver City to attend WNMU at age 16. However, once his English improved, he was able to handle his course work, and he became active in a number of clubs and organizations on campus. One of those has turned out to be the Rotaract Club. Vladimir hopes to be able to stay in the US after graduation. He will be looking for a job, which will allow him stay for a year after graduation. Thereafter, he hopes to go to graduate school.



## **Raffle**

**Tom Bates** won the lottery.

## **Attendance**

We had 24 of 29 active members in attendance, or 83%.

## **Gallery**



Bill Harrison

Linda Telaak



Peter Herzberg  
Peter Falley                      Suzanne Kavanagh



Rosie Higgs                      Kathy Eaton                      Max Higgs



Peter Falley                      Shelby Laney                      Gabbie O'Keefe