



THE SILVER SAGE

BULLETIN OF THE SILVER CITY ROTARY CLUB

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Service Above Self!

Dear Fellow Rotarians: Here's your link to a site at which you can complete a Rotary meeting on-line make-up: www.rotaryclubone.org. Don't forget to inform our Secretary, Linda Telaak, when you complete a meeting make-up! Y.H.E.

President Wayne rang the bell and welcomed us. Bob Ihlefeld led us in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Rhoades prayed and Judy Wheeler led our recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test.

VISITING ROTARIAN

Merritt Helfferich, Rotary Club of Fairbanks, Alaska, Classification: Senior Active



GUESTS

Thelma Sordyl, Co-President and Board Member, Literacy Link-Leamos, and Mike Jimenez, Grant County Administrator, Detention Center, Program Guests of Christy Miller (see photos, below, under Program)

John Sudak and Bryson McNeill, guests of David Gershenson



ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

Chris Farren read the Rotary Foundation Minute, on the subject of "Every Rotarian, Every Year."

SPECIAL PRESENTATION



President Wayne presented Bob Ihlefeld with a plaque commemorating his new status as an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Silver City.

Honorary Rotary Member Bob Ihlefeld, with President Wayne Barnard

INDUCTION

Sunny Yates, with assistance from Kathy Eaton, inducted John Sudak as our newest member of the Rotary Club of Silver City, in the classification Satellite Retail Sales.



Kathy Eaton, Sunny Yates and John Sudak

NO BRAGS

ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Eaton announced that there will be a meeting of the Rotary Auction Beneficiary Committee next week after the regular club meeting. (We have four applications so far, with more expected.)

Judy Wheeler made a preliminary announcement about holding our Rotary holiday party at the Bear Mountain Lodge on 12/10 or 12/3 and shared some of the proposed menu items. Final arrangements will be approved by the Board. Stay tuned!

Mark Richard asked for support in finding a place to store 100 school desks and other stuff, pending donation. Judy Wheeler will help.

Sunny Yates circulated the sign up sheet for Rotary Auction teams. We are going for having all teams filled - and everyone with an assignment - by November 8th.

Sunny also reminded everyone that November 15 is Club 100% Attendance Day! Please plan to attend the meeting if you possibly can (we have a surprise in store for you) . . . and plan to do a make up either at our Board meeting, at another club, or on-line, if you are unable to join us in person for that meeting.

If you have not yet completed your Rotary Foundation survey, please do so within the next couple of weeks. Return completed surveys to Sunny.

Dick Markley announced that the tentative date for our next Rotary Volunteer Day at the Food Pantry is December 3rd. More information will follow.

PROGRAM: EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT THE DETENTION CENTER

Christy Miller introduced Mike Jimenez, Administrator of the Grant County Detention Center, and Thelma Sordyl, co-president of Literacy Link-Leamos, who is helping to provide education programs for Detention Center.



Mike Jimenez and Thelma Sordyl

Mike took over as Administrator in November of 2010. He talked about the salutary effects of the new volunteer education program, which is helping inmates learn life skills and earn their GED's. Since the program began, assaults by inmates on staff have dropped from 16 in a year to three, and assaults by inmates on other inmates have been reduced by 80%. All of this has been accomplished through a program that is offered at no cost to the county. Nationwide, Mike said, 85% of prisoners read at the 4th grade level. Mike acknowledged Christy for her remarkable support, expressed profound appreciation for the volunteers whose efforts have made the educational programs possible, and said that his next goal is to partner with the University to make higher education opportunities available to inmates.

Thelma thanked Rotary for our past support of Literacy Link-Leamos. She described the programs Literacy Link-Leamos is offering at the Detention Center. Most of the men (ages 25-44) are not high school graduates, and all have families. In helping inmates prepare to get jobs, the programs help "stop the cycle of people getting into trouble and being unable to improve their lives." Thelma, too, acknowledged the people who are making the educational programs in the Detention Center possible. They are truly making a difference.

NON ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENT

David Gershenson asked everyone to complete the Gila Economic Development Alliance Airline Service Questionnaire. Your answers will be used in determining whether to offer a different or additional hub for airline service from Silver City. Completed questionnaires may be turned in to David, the public library, AmBank, Western Bank or the Chino Federal Credit Union.

POEM (From Sunny)

Where shall we meet? I will look for you in a place sunlit with kindness.
Where cynicism has dried up and blown away with the last brown leaf in the corner
of the vineyard.
Look for me in a place where peace finds its champions, where service finds its
heroes, and honor is at home.
I will meet you in a place where everyone knows who you are. Find me by a blue
banner that stands for honor and friendship.
Where shall we meet? I will see YOU . . . at ROTARY! (Source Unknown)

ATTENDANCE: 60% (21 of 35 of us)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/1 Nikki Zeuner, Nonprofit Capacity Building
- 11/8 Club Assembly
- 11/15 **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 100% ATTENDANCE DAY!**
- 11/15 PDG Jackie Morgan Tomko, District 5520,
The Rotary Foundation
- 11/22 Dark
- 11/29 Kathy Eaton and Sunny Yates, Rotary Trivia Contest
- 11/30 Fireside Chat, at the home of Sunny Yates, 5:30-7:30 PM
- 12/6 Lori Ford, Executive Director, CATS
- 12/13 Club Assembly
- 12/20- 1/3 Dark

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

Dick Rhoades - 7

David Gershenson - 23

Sunny Yates - 29

Partners' Birthdays:

Al Sircy - 23

Rick Miller - 29

Bruce Ashburn - 23

Pat Falley - 28

Wedding Anniversary

Brian and Deborah Cunningham - 9

Club Anniversaries:

Maria Dominguez - 11/17/09

Mike Trujillo - 11/30/09

ONE MORE PHOTO



Thelma Sordyl and Christy Miller