



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, welcomed us to 100% attendance day[1] and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dick Rhoades delivered our invocation and Peggy Lankford led our recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Tom Walker, Rotary Club of Albuquerque, Rotary District 5520 Foundation Chair, Classification: US Government/Navy-Submarine Warfare, Ret.

Rex Allender, Rotary Club of Albuquerque, Club Secretary, Classification: Retired, City Government



Tom Walker and Rex Allender

Sally Christman, Rotary Club of Anthony, Classification, Computer Software Instruction, Assistant District Governor



Sally and Dale Christman, with President Wayne Barnard

(Though we didn't get a photo, we were delighted that Honorary Member Lanny Olson joined us today!)

GUESTS

Dale Christman, Husband of Sally Christman, from Anthony

Becky Nell Young, Librarian and Educator, guest of Sunny Yates

Tracy Spikes, Executive Director, Silver City Museum, guest of Sunny Yates

Art Eaton, guest of Kathy Eaton

Kate Watson, Attorney, guest of Kathy Eaton

Jean Springler, WNMU Events Coordinator, guest of Julia Morales



Kathy and Art Eaton



Tracy Spikes, Sunny Yates and Becky Nell Young



Pam Archibald and Kate Watson



Julia Morales and Jean Springler

NO BRAGS

ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunny Yates announced that (a) a sign up sheet is being circulated for the Rotary Fireside Chat on Nov. 30, 5:30-7:30 PM, at her home, 3910 N. Blackhawk Rd., (b) The Silver City Sun-News published an op ed piece on Rotary's efforts to end polio in the Sunday paper (Nov. 13), and (c) all Rotary name badges are now in alphabetical order and numbered.

Judy Wheeler passed around a sign up sheet for the Rotary holiday party, to be held at the Bear Mountain Lodge at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 10. The Silver City Rotary Club will host all members and one guest each. Please bring a dessert for the dessert auction: Proceeds will be shared by the Food Pantry and Border Partners. RSVP to Judy!

Kathy Eaton distributed Rotary Auction donation forms and invited us to "make me work"! She also announced that the search for Auction beneficiaries has been extended until November 30.

Peter Falley reminded us to sign a consent form allowing him to post Rotary photos on our Silver City Rotary Club Facebook page. (Someone suggested a group photo!) If you need a copy of the consent form, contact Peter.

Mark Richard announced that guests from Chihuahua City, including the DG, Former DG and Mayor, were in town to receive donated items such as school supplies. We're sorry we didn't get to greet them at our meeting.

President Wayne announced that Tony Trujillo was awarded the Peace Makers Award by the New Mexico Coalition against Domestic Violence. The award was presented on October 28 in Santa Fe.

Kathy Eaton needs one more host for a visiting GSE Team Member (from April 28 to May 2). Please talk to Kathy if you can provide a place to stay.

Dick Markley announced that the 7th Annual "Time for Sharing Thanksgiving Dinner" (to be held on November 20) needs no more volunteers.

Volunteers ARE needed for our Rotary morning at the Food Pantry on December 3rd. The building is unheated - dress accordingly!

Dick also mentioned that the First Annual Silver City Tamale Fiesta will be held on December 10. Talk to Dick if you are interested in having a Rotary booth at this event.

Sunny Yates announced that we have FOUR team leaders to guide us - and to stimulate some friendly competition - as we collect items for our upcoming auction. Heartfelt THANK YOUS to Maria Dominguez, Dick Markley, Jim Callender and Peggy Lankford for taking on these important positions!

PROGRAM: TOM WALKER, DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR, "THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)"

Sunny Yates introduced Tom Walker, District 5520 Foundation Chair (2010-2013) and 2010 District 5520 Rotarian of the Year. Tom has served as an officer in a Polaris Ballistic Missile Submarine, Executive Officer in a Poseidon Ballistic Missile Submarine, Navigator, Operations Officer and Weapons officer in the *USS Los Angeles*, and Commander of the Blue Crew of the *USS Casimir Pulaski*. He's an Honor Graduate of the Naval War College and an Honor Graduate of the US Naval Academy. As District Foundation Chair, Tom oversees 10 District committees!

Tom talked to us about "Our Foundation," including what's happening in District 5520. His first order of business was to acknowledge Art and Kathy Eaton for becoming Major Donors to the Foundation. He also presented Kathy Eaton with her acknowledgement as a member of The Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society.



Christman, Sunny Yates, Art Eaton, Kathy Eaton and Tom Walker

Sally

The Rotary Foundation was established in 1917 by RI President Arch Klumpf. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is "to enable Rotarians to advance world

understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty." The motto of the Foundation is "Doing Good in the World."

Tom reviewed with us some of the Foundation's funded programs, including PolioPlus, the Peace Scholars Program, the Group Study Exchange and matching grants. He also shared a bit about the new TRF model, Future Vision, which is being piloted in 100 Rotary Districts and is scheduled to be launched as a new program on July 1, 2013. Under Future Vision, certain programs such as GSE and the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program will be funded at the district or international level as grants programs.

Right now, your \$1 donation to the Foundation produces \$3.5, as your funds are matched by the District and by Rotary International. Currently, \$900,000 in matching grants are open in our district, including projects to fund computers for schools in Chile, safe needle boxes for Mongolia, health projects in India, a bridge project in Bolivia, health, water and literacy projects in Mexico, a handicap project in El Paso, "Don't Meth With Us" in Las Cruces, and much more.

Half of all funds contributed to the Foundation come back to District 5520 as District Designated Funds which are used to fund the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, the GSE, matching grants and District Simplified Grants. District 5520 got back more than \$120K this year. In Silver City, past District Simplified Grants have helped fund our Dictionaries for Third Graders project (in 2008) and the building of a security wall at El Refugio (2005).

This was a presentation chock full of engaging and compelling information. The bottom line: The Foundation makes good use of our money and returns funds to the District to do good work here as well. We are urged to support "every Rotarian every year" sustaining membership donations to the Foundation. Remember that ALL donations count toward your next Paul Harris Fellow award!

NON ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Falley has tickets for the special performance of the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, performing in Silver City on Friday evening, December 2nd, under the auspices of the Grant County Community Concert Association.

Julia Morales announced that the WNMU Fall Commencement Ceremonies have been changed to 2:00 PM on December 9.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Merritt Helfferich, our beloved Visiting Rotarian from Fairbanks, Alaska, advised us that he was scheduled to have a triple bypass in Tucson on November 15. Please keep Merritt and his family in your thoughts and prayers!

ATTENDANCE: 74% (26 of 35 of us)

(Are YOU one of the people who can make a difference in this statistic? Do a make up on-line and report it to our Club Secretary, Linda Telaak, ASAP!)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- April 28- May 2 Visiting GSE Team

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

[1] We're not there yet! If you've not yet completed your make-up, please do so on-line before noon on November 29th! Questions? Call Sunny at 534-2121.