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BE THE INSPIRATION

Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date: 2019	What's Happening
Friday, January 11	Deadline for Rotaract and Youth Exchange members to submit essays
Tuesday, January 15	1:15 pm: Foundation Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 22	1:15 pm: Board Meeting
Sunday, January 27	4-6 pm: Meet with Anita Larson at the Toad
Tuesday, January 29	1:15 pm: Membership Committee Meeting
Friday, February 1	Gala in El Paso
Tuesday, February 5	12:00 pm: Karen Love – Science and Math Workshops
Saturday, February 9	Valentine's Day Dinner at Bear Mountain Lodge

Meeting Notes

President Peter Herzberg rang the bell at 12:13 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes.

Suzanne Kavanagh led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Leslie Bush** gave the Invocation, and **Kathy Eaton** led the Four-Way Test.

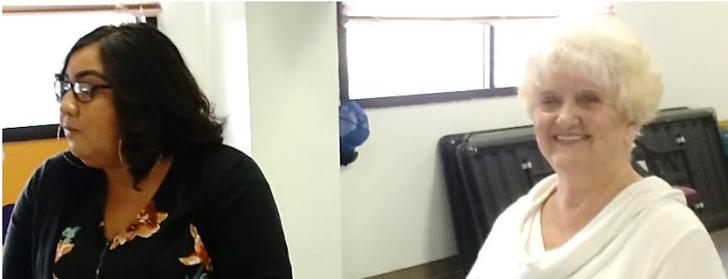
Guests

Gabby O'Keefe and her father, Dennis



CASA Members:

- Tanya Ortiz (left below), Volunteer Coordinator in Silver City
- Connie Chavez (right), CASA Volunteer



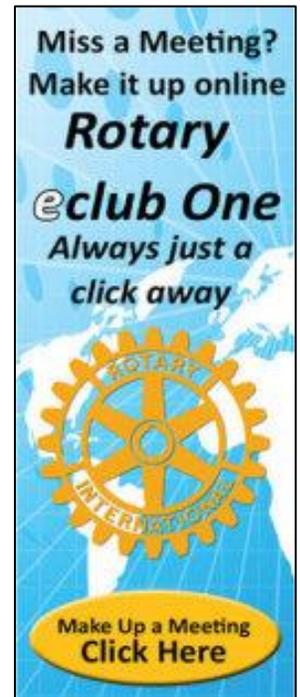
- Joanna Vasquez (left below), Volunteer Coordinator in Deming
- Vivian Silva (right), Director



Taffy Arias, from the hospital



Karen Love



Rotary Announcements

President Peter Herzberg made these announcements:

- The Gala is coming up. **Francis Reyes** is going; the table is full, but we can get another table going for those wanting to go.
- A card is going around for signatures for **Tom Bates'** wife Jane, who has had a stroke.
- The Rotary essay contest has been extended till February 11; Rotary is asking Rotaract and youth exchange members to participate.
- The Foundation board will huddle at the end of today's meeting.
- There will be a regular Board meeting on January 22.
- There will be a regular Foundation Board meeting next week.

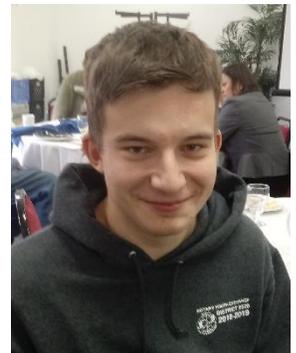
Sunny Kellerman announced

- We need to save the date of January 29: the Membership Committee will be meeting after the regular meeting at 1:15 pm.
- Killian's dad (Killian was a Rotary exchange student previously) sent a card that they are in Australia and sent us their regards.
- Anita Larson called her and will be in town Sunday, January 27. She will be at the Toad to get together with us from 4 to 6 pm.

Mark Richard announced that the Valentine's Day Dinner will be on Saturday, February 9. It will include a 4-course wine dinner at \$70 per person at Bear Mountain Lodge.

Special Presentations

- Over the Christmas holidays, Jan went with **Sunny Kellerman** and Harry Kellerman and her brother and sister-in-law to Albuquerque to ride the tram and see the "River of Lights," and they went to Santa Fe to see Meow Wolf and have lunch on the plaza. Then we played New Year's games and stayed up till midnight.
- He also finished the application for the exchange western trip for end of the school year. He will be back to school tomorrow. He is going to El Paso to stay with a future exchange student. He even walked the dogs for the first time, and with enough treats they are good.



Gabby O'Keefe, our Rotary scholarship winner, spent the fall semester at UNM. It was great, and she ended up with a 4.06 GPA. Wow! She also has a job in marketing and has another job offer in the Spring with student activities, doing all the filming for them (filming is her major).

Karen Love spoke to us on expanding our horizons in Science and Math hands-on workshops. The workshops have been going on for 25 years. She will be back on February 5 to talk about it and has a paper on it today that she will distribute.

Non-Rotary Announcements

Helen Shoup announced that PBS has a series "We'll Meet Again," and the episode this week is on the ERA, if you are interested.

Braggs and/or Happy Dollars

Peter Herzberg had fun in Guatemala.

Kathy Eaton had the most fabulous 6-week vacation: Chicago, Houston, and a 2-week cruise.

Taffy Arias managed to hire 2 nurse practitioners and a surgeon during the last week!

Cynthia Bettison submitted her candidacy for re-election as city councilman; today was the last day.

Suzanne Kavanagh has the speakers in place for January and February.

Jim Reynolds survived a 2000-mile trip with his son.

Jim Callender's volleyball team had an overall GPA of 3.4 for last term with 10 members on the President's List and 6 members on the Dean's List. He is very proud of them!

Program



CASA Connie Chavez, Volunteer; Tanya Ortiz, Volunteer Coordinator in Silver City; Vivian Silva, Director; and Joanna Vasquez, Volunteer Coordinator in Deming joined us today to talk about CASA.

Vivian Silva (right), the Director, spoke first. She told us that CASA has 38 kids in custody in Grant county and 12 in Luna county, ages 3 weeks to 17 years.

CASA assigns volunteers to the children from the beginning of the case to the end and these volunteers advocate for all the other help they need - counseling and other help, such as making sure the foster home is caring and good for all. CASA talks to everyone involved in the child's life from teachers to biological parents and CASA volunteers, etc. CASA is volunteer-based and has 5 volunteers in Silver City. They also need foster parents in Silver City or the children go out of the county.

Connie Chavez, a CASA volunteer, has seen her child moved 5 times in less than a year due to behavior problems and such. Connie is 71 and wanted to do something meaningful, so she got introduced to CASA and was excited from the start. Training was 30 hours of classes, and then the volunteer gets a case to be involved in. She has a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old. The 5-year-old got sent to Las Cruces, and Vivian (the Director) is taking care of that. Connie is involved with the foster mom and spends 17 hours a month with the child – she goes to the court, the home, and wants to be a constant in the child's life.

CASA's offices are at 301 W. College, and the next training class is in 3 weeks. CASA needs people to volunteer, so you can look at cases and take one. You can do a meeting once a month, but it takes longer to build trust, so you can visit more. The child is in foster care or in transition to their biological home. Connie's time in the program has been 2 years.

Albuquerque currently has 1600 kids, and Las Cruces has 200. There is a big need so get in touch with CASA if you can volunteer.

Raffle

The raffle was postponed until next week.

Attendance

We had 16 of 30 active members in attendance, or 53%.

