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THE SILVER SAGE

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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

| Date: 2018 | What's Happening |
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| May 15, 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">12:00 pm: Alicia Edwards – Grant County Commission1:15 pm: Club Board Mtg. |
| May 22, 2018 | 12:00 pm: Dr. Gilbert Arizaga – Holistic Medicine |
| May 29, 2018 | 12:00 pm: Jeff Goin – Single Socks |
| June 23-26, 2018 | Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada |

Meeting Notes

President Joe Heidrick rang the bell at 12:10 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Anita Larson** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Paul Moore** gave the Invocation, and **Leslie Bush** led the Four-Way Test (with our backs to the banner).

Visiting Rotarians

Bill Harrison, Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Silver City

Guests

Ashley Herndon, **Jack Herndon's** daughter



Rotaract Representatives

WNMU Rotaract (current) **President Vladimir Gnizubov** joined us again.



Also present were **Clarissa Moreno** (right, below), current treasurer and incoming president of the **Rotaract Club**, and **Madison Jones** (left, below), current vice president and incoming treasurer of the **Club**.



Rotary Announcements

Joe Heidrick made the following announcements:

- He circulated the Volunteer Hours and Donation form once again.
- He's still looking for someone to find speakers for June. Just two speaker slots are open in June, the 12th and the 26th.
- He also read a Thank You letter from Big Brothers Big Sisters for the \$2,500 contribution generated by the Valentine's Dinner.
- Finally, he told us that Linda Cano of Sodexo would be leaving for the summer to take care of a relative. He thanked Linda for her consistently excellent work in organizing the food service for our lunches. Members agreed by giving her a standing ovation.

Peter Falley announced that the SCRF board meeting scheduled for today was cancelled.

Sunny Kellerman told us that

- The upcoming District Newsletter will have a listing of awards presented at the District Conference, including several that went to our club;
- Most of the trees for our tree planting project are spoken for, but two or three trees are still looking for new owners; and
- The deadline for submitting District Grant applications is fast approaching. If we want to apply, we have to settle on an appropriate project promptly. Kathy Eaton suggested that we apply for a grant to extend the Kindergarten Book Project into next year. However, questions were raised about how we could establish sustainability for that project, since sustainability is one of the criteria for the award of District Grants.

Non-Rotary Announcement

The Hi Lo Silvers would be performing at the First Presbyterian Church on Swan Street on Friday, May 11, at 7pm and on Sunday, May 13, at 3pm.

Program

Joe Heidrick introduced **Bill Harrison** as a long-time member of the Club, who is now an honorary Rotarian and who was also a prominent citizen of Silver City for many years.



Bill told us that he had taught at WNMU for 17 years while also occupied as City Manager and in various other capacities. He said that we all have stories to tell, and he wanted to tell us some of his.

The first of these stories dealt with the huge 1964 earthquake in Alaska, which almost destroyed the city of Seward. **Bill** was city manager at the time and had to coordinate the recovery effort in Seward. He was assisted by the US Army, which had in place a strong emergency management plan in case of attack from Russia.

The 9.2 magnitude quake had shaken the area for 2½ minutes and caused significant damage. Although it was announced by the news media that Seward had been destroyed, that turned out to be misinformation. Although heavily damaged, Seward survived and was rebuilt. There was quite a bit of looting in other parts of the region affected by the quake, but thanks to Seward's chief of police, there was no looting in Seward. When the towns people were assembled at City Hall, he came to address the crowd carrying a shotgun. He told them that if anyone was bent on looting in Seward, he would find them and blow their head off.

Bill concluded with 2 big stories to illustrate how easily our egos can be inflated or deflated.

When he returned from military service he was greeted like a returning hero at his church, but one of the ladies yelled out "**Bill**, I remember you from when I gave you titty." Apparently, when **Bill** was born, his mother was unable to breast feed and several women in town helped with that chore.

On another occasion, he was asked to deliver a package to a navy cruiser anchored in Resurrection Bay, Seward's harbor. He hitched a ride on the admiral's boat to the cruiser, and when he got there, all the sailors on board the cruiser were standing at attention. **Bill** couldn't understand why he

merited such recognition until someone pointed out to him that the crew of the boat in which he arrived at the cruiser had forgotten to take down the admiral's pennant, which is used to signal that the admiral is on board.

Raffle

The raffle was postponed for a week.

Attendance

We had 21 of 29 active members in attendance, or 72%.

Gallery



Rosie Higgs

Max Higgs

Francis Reyes



William Knuttinen



Jim Reynolds

Paul Moore

Anita Larson



Jim Tindall

Linda Telaak

Leslie Bush

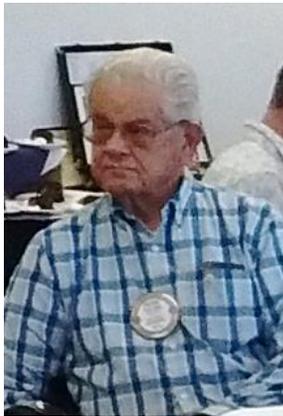


Peter Herzberg

Suzanne Kavanagh



Kathy Eaton



Peter Falley



Linda Cano (our Food Expert!) is going on vacation!



Sunny Kellerman