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THE SILVER SAGE

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Schedule: Future Meetings, Service Projects, and Special Events

Date: 2018	What's Happening
Tuesday, July 24	12:00 pm: Magdaleno Manzanarez - WNMU External Affairs
Tuesday, July 31	12:00 pm: Mark Hughes - Community Development
Tuesday, August 7	12:00 pm: Dick Jones - Membership

Meeting Notes

President Peter Herzberg rang the bell at 12:10 pm after we had socialized for a few minutes. **Kathy Eaton** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **Tom Bates** gave the Invocation, and **Mark Richard** led the Four-Way Test.

Guests

- **Nkechi Nwachuku** introduced her 2 daughters, Kelechi and Chidinma.



- Ashley Herndon (left), daughter of **Jack Herndon** (right)



- Guests of **Tom Bates**:

- Bob Cross
- Dale Giese
- Peter Fishburn
- Elliot Price, our speaker today



Peter Fishburn, Peter Falley (standing), Dale Giese, Bob Cross, Elliot Price, Tom Bates



- Brent Steinberg & Jennifer Olson, guests of **Jim Callender**



Peter Herzberg

Suzanne Kavanagh

Kathy Eaton

Brent Steinberg

Jennifer Olson

- Richard Zollinger from Freeport McMoRan, Inc., guest of **Sunny Kellerman**
- Lynne Smith & Martha Ward, guests and neighbors of **Max and Rosie Higgs**



Richard Zollinger

Max Higgs

Lynne Smith

Martha Ward

Rotary Announcements

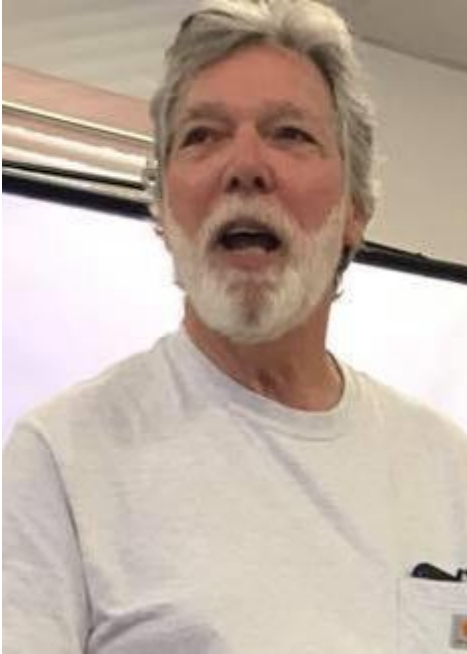
- A Rotary board meeting will take place after this meeting.
- The club needs a volunteer to handle Fairgate; it was suggested to ask Rotaract.
- Scott Terry sent a note to Rotary for the July 4th celebration.
- We also received a note from the Silver City Consolidated School District thanking us for the donation of \$500 to the National History Competition.
- Pat, **Peter Falley's** wife, passed away Saturday. He gave away 2 cans of lobster bisque and recommended donations to Grant County Community Concert Association in lieu of flowers.
- **Dave Thomas** sends his regards and says hello from Michigan.
- **Kathy Eaton** is ordering the bench and will have the Rotary symbol on the plaque. It will take 8-10 weeks for its arrival.

Braggs and/or Happy Dollars

Max Higgs is celebrating 40 years of marriage with **Rosie Higgs**.

Program

Tom Bates introduced our speaker Elliot Price, who talked about building his house off the grid.



He broke ground on his birthday in 2015 and is currently working on the master bathroom and shower. The cost of LED lighting cuts the lighting bill by 80%. LEDs used to cost \$25 to \$30 dollars, but now they are a 4-pack for \$5. Previously, lighting was 20% of the electricity charge.

He uses propane for items instead of gas. He started using 200 gallons in 2016 and still has 80 gallons left as of today. The efficiency of appliances today is amazing.

For water collection, the builder has several choices. If you dig a well, the water is full of iron, and when you use it for washing, the clothes end up a slight orange color. Also, there is no guarantee how deep the well will be and thus the total cost. In addition, the water heater will die due to minerals in the water. He purchased 4 2500-gallon tanks for about \$1000 each to catch rainwater.

He installed a 3600-watt solar system to take care of all electrical needs. His materials/equipment cost \$10,851.97. The shop is about 900 sq ft. The house is 1650 sq ft, and he spent roughly \$100/sq ft (plus his labor) for the house.

Raffle

Tom Bates won the raffle.

Attendance

We had 15 of 29 active members in attendance, or 52%.

Gallery



Mark Richard

Francis Reyes



Kate Watson

Helen Shoup