



Opening Remarks and Announcements



ATTENTION, 8/31/18 meeting is NOT here at Marie Callendar's, it will be an evening gathering at El Torrito on Baltimore & El Cajon, from 5 to 7. club will cover Appetizers, buy your own drinks.

We have a Tea fundraiser on Sept 8th. At Noah's Home, 1 to 4. Tea set

up will be done Friday the 7th right after the morning meeting.



Alix donated a piece of jewelry to the Tea. We each should/need/must get at least one donated item for fundraising.



Manuella is celebrating 50 years of arriving in United States on Aug 18th. We have hopes of her giving a presentation about this in a few weeks.

Manuella did corral Castor Foundation money. \$3,000 for our District Grant matching, and \$4,250 to match 3 other District grants that she saw were needing funding.

La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership 2017-2018

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Ivan - presented a Ted Talk video, about poor people making poor decisions. living in poverty causes a loss of 14 IQ points. The video discussed basic living stipend, tests done in community, spending 1% of GDP you could lift ALL Americans above the poverty line. Universal Basic Income. We discussed, our society has a tendency to do "victim blaming". Hugo mentioned the 1920's parallels and the imbalance of income distribution, or, why not healthcare and education free.

Speaker: Jeff Hall and Fern Hall on Vision Project

Jeff and Fern, went last year to Guatemala, and didn't get a presentation done due to a full schedule for Rotary club meetings. They go to a remote location, this year went to Huehuetenango. The Eye clinics were set up on a military base. The team from San Diego was about 20 people. Project was done under the umbrella of Helps International, a winner of our Tea Recognition last year. Cindy Carpenter met up with them from Minnesota. 6 hours of travel in Guatemala. They had a military escort everywhere they went, so they felt safe. Hugo and Manuela met up with them. Hugo's brother, Miguel, ended up coming along, he can fix anything, so he was the "MacGyver" for the group. Jeff commented that in Guatemala, things break.



Helped 900 patients. 141 cataracts surgeries. could have done 500, but only did the very worst. worst then what we ever see in America, since here they are done at a much lower level. 43 Strabismus, crossed eyes, mostly children. total of 229 surgeries. 571 pair of glasses provided. Patients waited for days to see the Doctors. Many of the Maya people don't read. Fern had to learn to describe "reading glasses" as something else, like glasses that would let them see to sew. Jeff would measure the length of the eye, and the curvature of the eye, data needed by the cataract surgeon. The equipment is much more old school then what Jeff is used to here. Fern had stories of people that had never been able to see clearly before and broke into tears. Many stories of astounding improvements. And 12 to 14 hour days. Hugo wrapped up by saying it was a fine moment in his life..



Member Highlights



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Guests

VP and President (SDSU Rotaract)



Victor and Cat Ji (SDSU Rotaract)



Ivy (Diego Hills High) and Celia Ramirez

