



## Opening Remarks and Announcements



Elena opened the meeting with the regular protocol, flag salute, Guests/visitors, announcements and speaker presentation.

Elly- Reported on the Board meeting.

SDSU Rotaractor Uzaldo Martinez requested funds to attend the Rotary International Convention. The

board approved \$200 in funds.

Rotarians at work project on April 27<sup>th</sup> will be in conjunction with "I love a clean SD". We will be cleaning up an area east of Grossmont Center Trolley Station and over to Fletcher Creek. More details to come.

Elly introduced a project and the board approved the proposal. No funds have been designated at this point. The group called Dig Deep raises funds for the to help Navajo nation get clean running water. She will be getting us further information.



RYLA- Joanne, Bill and Kim interviewed and selected 5 students from Helix to attend RYLA.



### La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership 2018-2019

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### Credits and Acknowledgements

- Pledge: Carrie Nakao
- 4-way test: Lily Alba
- Photos: Bill Pogue
- Drawing: Helix Interactor
- **Minutes: Fern Hall**



NOTICES: District Conference - March 1-3, Right here in San Diego!!!! Join us.



Jeff and Fern shared a bit about PETS. It wasn't quite Disneyland, it was "Rotaryland". The minute you walked into the lobby you felt the energy. Jeff felt it was very motivating.

2019/2020 theme is "Rotary Connects the World".

**Today's program was  
streamed live by Ivan**



Some of the areas of interest that Jeff shared were 1. Attracting YP (Young Professionals) 2. Expand our reach through Social Media 3. Work on partnering with some La Mesa businesses to become club members, sponsors or donors.

Elena reminded us of Rotary's 6 areas of focus:

1. Promoting Peace
2. Fighting Disease
3. Providing clean water/sanitation/hygiene
4. Saving mothers and children
5. Supporting education
6. Growing local economies



## Speaker: Joe Sigurdson on "Boys to Men"



Our speaker Joe Sigurdson- from "Boys to Men" was introduced to us early so that he could be honored by our club. On behalf of Pathways to Peace Clara shared that Joe is our nominee for his work with Boys to Men, mentoring young boys to follow their dreams.

On behalf of our club Christine presented Joe with a Paul Harris award for fellowship .



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Christine also presented Clara with a painting she purchased when she was in Australia, staying with some “Rotarians”. The painting by Tania Crossingham ( a Medieval Illustrator) was the perfect gift for Clara.



Introduced by Bill, our speaker Joe Sigurdson- is one of the co-founders of Boys to Men <http://boystomen.org>. He is a community leader for over 30yrs.& is proud of 30yrs of sobriety. Boys to Men Mentoring, started in 1996 as a nonprofit organization that is committed to creating communities of dedicated men who are able to guide and support at-risk, often fatherless, boys on their journey to manhood.

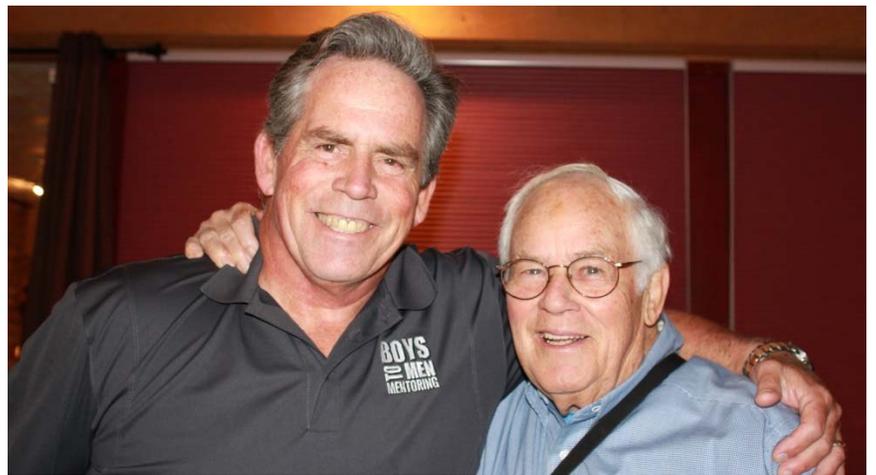


Every week, our mentors show up at middle schools, high schools, and community centers to give teenage boys a community of men who listen, encourage, and empower them. Over 75% of the boys currently in the program are growing up without a father.



The community based mentoring approach gives boys a variety of positive male role models who show up consistently, tell the truth about their struggles as men, ask the boys what kind of man they want to be, praise them for their gifts, support them when they mess up, and encourage them to become the man they want to be.

They are currently involved with 41 schools and there are hundreds on the waitlist. It’s not for everyone needs it, it’s for everyone that wants it. 92% of the boys going through the program are successful at straightening out.



They raise over \$600,000.00 a year with several fundraising events to run the program.

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Isabel & Lily had the day off school and shared it with us, which is special these days



Many Guests today: 2 VISITING Rotarians

Chuck Andrean- looking for a new club, has recently moved from Wash. DC

Kathleen Steele- Visiting from Bellevue Washington.

Ron Rice- today is his second visit as a guest of Max.

SDSU Rotaractors: Warsan Artan  
Matt Benjamin  
JR Lauron

Helix Interactors: Alice, Jamie, Rachel, Jada, Jenna, Sitta, Katlin visited today. They shared how they volunteered at ReStore/Habitat for Humanity. This is a venue where they accept used and new products for rebuilding houses, sinks, lamps, etc. and sell them. The money that is made goes to Habitat for Humanity to be able to build homes. The students profusely thanked Joann and Bill for all they do for their club.



### Visitor/Guest



### Guests (SDSU Rotaractors)



## Member Highlights



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