

**District 5340****07/20/2018****Established 1993**

Opening Remarks and Announcements



Elena announced that this is her 4th meeting as president. She is trying to connect with other clubs this summer as once school starts, she will be too busy. Elena visited EC noon, Santee noon, La Mesa noon clubs, and WE have the best club, enthusiastic, great attendance. Elena and Jeff went to Santee Club, and remind us of their fundraiser 7/28, Santee's concert event "At the Lakes". Santee Lakes concert - same issues as what we with our tea fundraiser, ticket sales slow, more

early sales needed etc. Disco band, costume prizes, fun, \$65 for concert + dinner, \$45 for lawn seats. Elena is hoping to have more social events with all East County clubs. If you need a new or replacement Rotarians at Work T-shirt, let them know so one can be ordered for you.

Elena also found out from one of those meetings that our member Bill Pogue apparently has learned improve, and has promised a later event for us.

On Fern's recent trip to Boston, she got the shirt she was wearing: Fern was up front with her wearing her new "TEA shirt", picture of a tea pot, and the words: Tea Shirt, and used it to remind us that our fundraiser tea is coming up Sept 8th. Noah homes.



AUGUST 3rd, district governor, Mel Gallegos, will be here, WE should all wear hats to greet him.

La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership 2017-2018

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Credits and Acknowledgements

- Pledge: Elena's Mom
- 4-way test: Fern Hall
- Photos: Floyd Morrow
- Drawing: Jeff Hall (donated to Brazil's kitchen project)
- **Minutes: John Stremlau**



HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$5 from Elena (Isabel is in year round school, school and is being promoted today).
- \$10 from Mark Wheeler (happy to be back after having spent Friday mornings at a committee meeting).
- \$50 from Paulo (his brother who sent that \$50 toward the Brazil Kitchen project).
- \$5 from Peggy, just rec'd a text that her dog, being shown in Texas, won, not sure if won a ribbon, or one of those metal straws).
- \$1 Ivan - new large tattoo across his back which includes the Rotary Wheel, and Polio indoctrination, and many other scenes from their round the world trip. We saw a photo on screen which was followed with calls for live modelling, off came the shirt, and with many cheers, we applauded Ivan's new tattoo.
- \$5 from Betty (for the thought of the day: the Weight of a Snowflake).



Thought of the Day: WEIGHT OF A SNOWFLAKE

"Tell me the weight of a snowflake," a sparrow asked a wild dove.

"Nothing more than nothing," was the answer.

"In that case I must tell a marvelous story," the sparrow said. "I sat on a branch of a fir tree, close to its trunk, when it began to snow, not heavily, not a giant blizzard, no, just like in a dream, without any violence. Since I didn't have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and needles of my branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the next snowflake dropped onto the branch - nothing more than nothing, as you say - the branch broke off."

Having said that, the sparrow flew away. The dove thought about the story for a while and finally said to herself:

"Perhaps there is only one voice lacking for peace to come in our world."

Those who could logged into: www.Kahoot.it on your cell phone, we played a game on Canada facts learned from Intl convention. Ana Hubbell won our game and received a metal re-usable straw.

Paulo passed around a book about his home city in Brazil, since we are hoping to do a project to fund Kitchen equipment for the newly built building done by Paulo's old club. Paulo and Ellie have gone to Fallbrook, and it is looking like their club and DDF to go along with 1k from us, to become 7k toward the kitchen.



Next Garage Sale - will be October 20th, BUT, don't drop off items until end of August when Fern & Jeff are back. Clara asked if anyone could provide a truck to transport a recliner, which Llsa volunteered to assist with.

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Special Presentation- Peacemaker of the Year: Mark Wheeler and Alix Hart,



Betty & Clara came up to recognize and present our Peacemaker of the Year presentation awarded to Mark Wheeler & Alix Hart, for their various work including Compassion for African Villages, (CAV) which is a Non-Profit doing: community health services, education services, delivery of education books, and more.

Mark thanked us. His grandfather had been a Rotarian so he had been introduced before. When they were asked to take over CAV, they accepted and thought to join Rotary to help make it work.



Mark talked about Alix: Alix has been recognized for her artistic sculptural jewelry, one of probably the top 5 sculptural jewelry artists in America. Even her early work was on the cover of a Jewelry magazine. Alix works only with recycled fine metals, working so that the pieces are constructed ethically, with many magazine articles and such about her. Alix doesn't want to be a college professor in a system, but does teach many different youth and other metalsmiths. Mark included some of the projects with African artisans and African "PACT", an international nonprofit to impact mining processes. Alix is currently the president of "Ethical Metalsmiths". As an activist, she participated in Women's March, out on the street. And, her other interest, helping animals. She is shown

on a horse, and with her large dog. Mark said she may love animals more than humans.



Alix then talked about Mark. His entire being, study, and career is Philosophy - the love of truth and justice. "Is it the truth", really then fits him. He doesn't take pictures of himself, and doesn't collect pictures of himself, so Alix didn't have as many photos to put into a slideshow for us.

As early as participating in a protest march in NYC when in high school to protest nuclear armament. Teaches at SDSU. As faculty at SDSU, Mark is on Executive committee and Senate, shared governance, redefine quantitative reasoning. Legislative advocacy for public education. Many trips to Sacramento to lobby for the CA colleges and schools, especially when Schwarzenegger was governor. Mark is



involved in the SDSU student grievance process, which is a rare system among colleges to try and get students to have some level of equivalency when there is a grievance. He was voted most influential man on campus after his being in charge of the one year of Darwin celebration. He is also involved in: October 2018, bringing to campus Daniel Ellsberg, activist, former US Military, released the Pentagon Papers in 1971, had previously brought to campus for interview: Chelsea Manning, Activist, former US army soldier, whistleblower. Mark was interviewed on TV when Dali Lama came to San Diego, Amnesty international, led educational tours all over the world, fighting human trafficking. Kung Fu & Tia Chi instructor, started with martial arts in 1985, and of course, donating a kidney.

CAV has been their joint effort and thanks Rotary for assisting in their projects. 2nd shipment of books has been delivered to Africa and is being distributed.



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Guests

Elena's mom and Dawn Borr



Maddie and Isabel (recent trip to Boston)



Ethna and Richard (SDSU Rotoract)

