

**District 5340****1/17/2020****Chartered 1986****Opening Remarks and Announcements**

Manuella ran our meeting because President Jeff is on an airplane to Hawaii. Max let the pledge and our, guest snowbird Rotarian, Jim Clark, led us in the 4-way test.

Guest: Megan Miller, Rotoractor and 3rd-year kinesiology student, graduating next May.

Ellie is at the Rotary Peace Conference. Clara is taking a leave of absence due to an eye condition that requires rest.

We will be feeding those experiencing homelessness, this coming Monday January 20th, off Aero Drive and I-15. Can meet at Ivan & Elana's house 5pm, Gate opens at 5:30.



RYLA - Max has been pushing, for students to sign up. The weekend event will be April 17-19, 2020 District wide-event. Interviews of student applicants scheduled for Feb 13th? Need help to recruit qualified students to attend.

Our club meeting Feb 14th, early arrival is recommended, will be the annual 4-way test speech contest. Model UN - we have a team from Costa Rica, and a team from Nicaragua, and 2 teams locally. Janet announced some La Mesa City news, that the city just passed a new non-smoking ordinance.

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Credits and Acknowledgements

- Pledge: Max Scrivens
- 4-way test: Jim Clark
- Greeter: Ron Rice
- Raffle: Lisa Berlanga
- **Minutes: John Stremlau**





Diego Hills new school facility is OPEN, 2/28/20 11:00am will be the ribbon cutting ceremony. The new place is twice as large, so they will be trying to get MORE students to attend. Lisa is the new Principal of this new facility.

Amazon Smile, is an easy way for additional fundraising, one half one percent. Please do all your Amazon shopping using "Amazon Smile", and denote La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club Foundation as your preferred charity.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

- Manuela: is going to New York to help her daughter move back to San Diego, will get to regularly see the new 8-month old granddaughter.
- Lisa: for new school site.
- Peggy: happy to see John Stremlau here since he will be missing so many of the Feb/Mar/April meetings.
- Jim Clark: that he is here, and that tomorrow his younger son is being married (again).
- Edda: her favorite aunt turned 100 years old. Had a party, was dancing and happy.
- Bobby: is still collecting plastic bottle cap lids to fund child cancer treatments in Tijuana.

COFFEE we may do the coffee order again if there are grounds for it. There was good feedback on the flavor of that coffee, and it seemed to be an easy way to do a small fundraiser.

TONIGHT (January 17), New Rotary Club First meeting tonight on Friday, Troy's Greek Restaurant 7pm. 10450 Friars road.



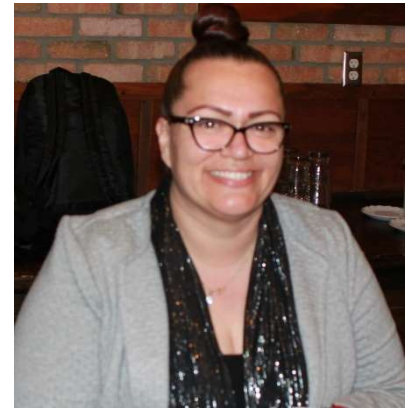
Speaker Presentation on “Youth Assistance Coalition”, By Melody Vazquez, Outreach Director

Melody is born & raised San Diego. SDSU degree, and working on a masters with LSU online, joined YAC two years ago. Melody lives downtown, so was seeing homeless youth regularly.



Organization formed 2017. Founder was at a different organization, but felt there was a gap in services provided and needed. Started by working out of the back of their cars, and now have over 40 volunteers, and an actual location.

YAC is a 501 (c)(3) tax deductible organization. They now go out Tues, Wed, Thurs, showing consistency and reliability, which are things these kids have had missing in their lives.



YAC does "Outreach and Engagement." From January through June 2019: over 2,000 contacts, handed out over 3,000 snack bags. 972 youth found and counted as homeless in last San Diego count, and she felt that probably that was only half of the actual homeless youth.

In 2019 opened a "Drop in center" that youth can come to. a safe place. currently about 20 youth come by on any evening that the center is open. It is a safe place for them. They hand out donated Snacks, Water, Clothing, new Shoes. Hygiene, Blankets. big pink building at 19th & Market.

Youth don't like to LOOK like they are homeless, appearance is important in many ways.

- focuses on community, and trying to break the pattern.
- have connections with over 100 other existing organizations that they refer kids to nationally 1.6M homeless at any one time.
- 145 ID's and birth certificates.
- they have provided 11 bus or airline tickets Home.
- over 75 Youth have been placed in Housing (emergency, transitional, & permanent)

YAC does Educational and Vocational Support. We watched a short video on YouTube about YAC. (website: www.YACsd.org). To coordinate Produce, and other donations: contact Melody, melody@YACsd.org. Every Monday, they also do provide meals at a carpark

Ana introduced herself and mentioned that she and Lisa each have High Schools that serve homeless youth, and that Melody can work with them. YAC also does work with Urban Street Angels. Often using their bridge shelters, and into their housing program.



Member's Highlights



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