

**District 5340****07/13/2018****Established 1993**

## Opening Remarks and Announcements



President Elena Lujan Alba started by introducing our one nominee for President Elect 2019/2020- Jeff Hall. He was unanimously approved by the club. Jeff spoke briefly, stating that the three prominent things that stand out in his 35+ years as a Rotarian are #1- he is one of the two remaining charter members of LMSR #2- he started the Garage Sale fundraiser which is still one of our bests. #3 he brought Fern into the club.



Our President, Elena spoke a bit about what influenced her to join the club. In January 2012 she, Ivan and the girls joined the club on a trip to Costa Rica. Ivan was a member but Elena was not at this time. During the trip she got to know some of the members well and enjoyed the comradery and being involved in the projects we were doing while there. She was hooked and soon after Isabel and Lilly joined as Rotorkids and Elena is now our President.

Elena is influenced daily by something her father said to her while growing up "try to do something for somebody every day. You can go backwards but you can't go forward- so if you missed a day make it up."

It goes well with our Rotary theme this year "Be the inspiration".

### Announcements

Next we got down to business and Elena introduced the 10 voting board members:

### La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership 2017-2018

#### Officers

President: Elena Lujan-Alba  
Imd Past Pres: Betty Howland  
Pres Elect: Jeff Hall  
Secretary: Elly Dotseth  
Treasurer: John Strelau/  
Laurel Nishida

#### Directors

Int'l Service: Hugo Marillo  
Branding: Dave Lemox  
RI Foundation David Ballesteros  
Membership: Bobbie Warren  
Pub Relations Aaron Landau  
Youth Interact: JoAnn Bergquist  
Greeter: Muff Warren  
Peace Chair Clara Harris

### Credits and Acknowledgements

- Pledge: Jane Castanos
- 4-way test: Jeff Hall
- Photos: Floyd Morrow
- Drawing: JoAnn Bergquist

**Minutes: Fern Hall**



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#### 5 DIRECTORS:

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RI Grants/Foundation- David Ballesteros/Manuela Bump-Murillo  
Youth- JoAnn Berquist      International- Hugo Murillo

Elly continued with a synopsis of the July 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting:

- Elena and Betty are putting together a yearly calendar
- The Bi-laws are being updated to reflect our current functions and needs. It is a living document that needs to be tailored to our changing club. The Club will have opportunity to approve the updates.
- New Line item on club account to cover computer technology assistance, and items such as Constant Contact.
- Projects committee met: Hugo, Alix, Betty, Lynn, and Elly reviewed the requests for project funding. They selected the following and the board approved it for our DDF: Purchase of Water filters for Guatemala as it is an immediate need.
- The club is also interested in Paulo's proposal to help a school in Brazil to equip a kitchen so they can provide meals for the children in need. We are going to try to get another club to support with their DDF and possibly allocate some funds from one of our upcoming fundraisers. Members may make individual contributions to this cause if they like via the Foundation.
- It was also reported that the Board approved a \$500 Club grant for Sunrise Retreat to sponsor 2 women.
- Next board meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. in Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>

We celebrated a few birthdays in July- David Ballesteros, Ivan Alba and Hugo's newest Grandson.



Next Daisy shared her experience of when she went down to the Greyhound bus station last week. She encountered 3 mothers and their children who had recently been released by ICE. They had very little money, and were in great need of food, toiletries and clothing. ICE had left them with \$10 each and a bus ticket. Daisy called Manuela who sprang into action collecting food, diapers, clothing, toiletries and more. They distributed the items to these families who were so happy and grateful. Apparently this is happening on a daily basis. Our club is trying to figure out a way we can help these people.







**NEW MEMBER:** Today Bobbi finally inducted Paul Michlik as our newest member. Paul was proposed by Aaron Landau, they met at a La Mesa Chamber breakfast. We are eager to get to know Paul, who is a tall male which we are in need of and a financial planner.



## Guest Speaker: Sophie Wolfram, Policy Advocate and Education Coordinator from Climate Action Campaign.

It is a Non-profit, 501(c)(3) founded in 2015. **Climate Action Campaign has a simple mission: to stop climate change through action policy. Climate change demands a revolution to democratize all forms of power**—fossil fuels, solar, wind and most importantly, economic and political power. To stop climate change, we need experienced advocates and trained community members at the local, state, and national levels promoting relevant, achievable, and legally binding climate policies.

**We need to understand what the biggest sources of emissions and green house gases:**

1. **Cars** 55%
2. **Electricity production** 34%
3. **Natural gas** 11%

Changes need to start on the local level. Climate Action Campaign has created a **roadmap (Climate Action Plan) to help our politicians and businesses strive towards reducing emissions by 50% by 2020.** La Mesa has a “climate action plan” and is working towards these goals. What can we as individuals do? Evaluate having solar put on your house, encourage local politicians to support our climate action plan, use public transportation and read more about this at [www.climateactioncampaign.org/](http://www.climateactioncampaign.org/)





## Member Highlights



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La Mesa Sunrise Rotary \* Meetings each Friday 7:15 am \* Marie Callender's 6950 Alvarado Rd., SD, CA 92120s