



### District 5340

## 6/14/2019

### **Established 1993**

#### **Opening Remarks and Announcements**

Elena started our meeting with announcements:

Mike and Marlowe McAnear are planning on to attend a District event, which will be the upcoming night at Padres Baseball - who all wants to go?



Ron Rice has completed his red badge requirements, and is now a "full member". Congratulations. Max was his mentor and pulled off the imaginary red sticker.

There is also a District Council dinner late this month. Elena can't make it, so it would be great if other club members attend.

Board Meeting was held this week: - Guatemala water filter project is funded. - reminder, this fall we will nominate a presidentelect, to Follow Jeff Hall 19-20, and then Elly Dotseth 20-21.



July 24th we will be serving dinner for the homeless at Jewish Family Services on Balboa, need to decide on a dinner to prepare. Megan is due in 3 weeks. We will see if she makes it to that dinner. She thinks she will make it.

#### La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership 2018-2019

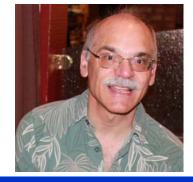
#### Officers

President: Elena Lujan-Alba Imd Past Pres: Betty Howland Pres Elect: Jeff Hall Secretary: Elly Dotseth Treasurer: John Stremlau/ Laurel Nishida **RI Foundation: Christine Evans** Directors Int'l Service: Hugo Murillo Membership: Bobbie Warren

Pub Relations Megan O'Dowd Youth Interact: JoAnn Bergquist Peace Chair: Clara Harris

#### **Credits and Acknowledgements**

- Pledge: Lisa Berlanga
- 4-way test: Elena
- **Photos: Bill Pogue**
- Raffle: Max
- Minutes: John Stremlau







Graduations are happening, but that lead to this announcement by Lisa Berlanga reporting on Diego Hills. Last Friday a judge ordered their school <u>closed</u> because of a lawsuit with Grossmont Union school district and board, along with SD Unified. They don't have

geographical boundaries, and their charter is through some smaller districts. Still trying to figure out an answer. They are appealing, but nothing for sure. Letters from us might help.

Max told us about a 21 y/o that he knows who JUST graduated

because of Diego Hills, and he admires people like her who, like him, don't "fit" in the "normal" system.





Two years ago, Alix put out an

announcement about packing up books for Liberia. Luke and Alex Cheng, who skype tutor kids in Sri Lanka at 5am. We honored Luke and Alex at our tea. They also contacted us with "Walk for Water", where we participated and sponsored some walkers. At that, we learned more about Project Concern International. There are a lot of similarities and overlaps with Rotary.

Been doing the walk 11 years. Next year, walk will be April 19th. At the walk, they simulate what many African women have to do each day to carry water.

## Speaker Presentation: Project Concern International by Amber Lingle, Senior Community Engagement Officer

PCI, been in SD since 1961. Largest international health and care in southern California. Started with a doctor here who was driving to Tijuana each day, and him saving a life with antibiotics. Now have spread to where the greatest needs are in developing countries. In 15 different countries.

Missions include Enhancing Health, Hunger, overcoming Hardship. Advancing women and girls, US Border Programs. including anti-human trafficking.



PCI has over 80 programs. She has worked at PCI for two years.

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Today she wanted to focus on Guatemala. PCI has been there since 1974. 53% of the population is living well below the poverty line. work on maternal health. "Casa Materna", house for mothers, located beside the hospital, has had great success. The whole clinic costs about 150,000 for the year to operate, saving hundreds of lives. They also work with the local Rotary in Guatemala.

PCI has 800 staff total around the world. about 60 in San Diego. Normally they hire local people. 400

volunteers throughout the world. Plus donors. They do partner with local Nonprofits often.





Funded: US aid and grant programs, and private donations. the government grants are very restricted, and the private donations really allow them to do more/broader.

PCI works closely with USD and its social justice program. They do a lot of speaking at colleges. A lot of wonderful interns from colleges.

Three of the 6 Rotary goals, are identical matches to some of the PCI goals. Surprising overlaps in goals and activities, and while PCI seems more of a financial.

We will have a Friday morning meeting June 28<sup>th</sup>. June 29 is the In & Out Dinner at Manuela's. Pot Luck. Watch for a sign-up list. Dark July 5th.



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