

**District 5340****06/08/2018****Established 1993**

Opening Remarks and Announcements



Betty started the morning with the pledge (Elena) and the 4-way test (David). Paul is here, but Betty said that he is now a part of us and wouldn't be introduced as a "guest". Meanwhile, we did have a guest: Ivy Blumberg, works with Lisa Berlanga at Diego Hills School.

Betty shared a story of her going to a Bunko meeting last week, and along with some friends, walked into the house where bunko was to be held, only to discover that they had walked into some unknown person's house who was quite surprised to see them. They did quickly exit, and found thier bunko game next door.

Ellie was muffin'd to celebrate her birthday, with singing of the traditional song, and possibly the first time the song sounded like we were good at singing. Congratulations Ellie.

David Ballesteros brought up Diane Wilson and John Stremlau. Diane and John were each presented with Paul Harris +3 pins. We were all reminded that the year will be ending June 30th, 2018, and we are



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- 4-way test: David Lemox
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hoping for 100% of our club members to have donated to the Paul Harris Foundation this year.



Last Monday night was the Governor's dinner, and 12 of our members attended so we had great representation.



Lynn read the flyer from El Cajon Rotary to encourage members to attend their fundraising event. EC Rotary is very supportive to our club and having a fundraiser Saturday the 8th, tomorrow, at the El Cajon Elks lodge 5-9pm. Authentic Texas BBQ dinner. \$60.

Betty wants us to put together "Ferns bags" one more time before Betty's reign is over. We will need more small soaps, etc. Let's do it June 22nd.

Friday, June 22nd, Nate Howard's fundraiser, at the top of the new downtown library "Movement B" poetry slam, dinner.

Guest Speakers: Lisa Berlanga and Ivy Blumberg



Lisa Berlanga presented for us, about Learn 4 Life, which has separate charters for separate schools. Learn for life acts like a school district. They have 80 school charters in California. Most of the charters have multiple learning centers, like the school our club has assisted at College and El Cajon Blvd. Lisa was just promoted to be principle to 4 locations, for which we all congratulated her. The students are all independent study. The school wants students under age 18 to come to the school twice a week. For students over age 18, they want then to come in one time a week. Students can work with Diego Hills until age 24. Most are age 17-22 years old. DH early on tries to determine what path they should be on: community college, miliatary, career.

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They do a lot of college counseling, visiting campuses, enrollment visits by Grossmont CC admissions, etc. Military recruiters visit the campus, and DH does career technology classes. DH is a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Partnership participant. DH does actually issue high school diplomas, not just GED's. DH has a number of "camps" where students go to see, do things. DH does have choir and band. They do have some sports teams. Last year, they did graduate 100 students, 100 people that most likely would not have gotten high school diplomas without this system. Fern and Jeff have come many times to test eyes, and over 30 of the students were provided needed glasses. DH does provide the textbooks. Many of their students are First in their family to graduate high school; about 20% of the kids who come to DH get caught up in their academics, and go back to their normal high school. About 40% of the people who come to DH do graduate through DH. About 12-15% are on "IEP" special ed system, which is about normal percent, but it is also the case that ALL DH students have individual studies. Our club foundation has donated \$2,000 toward scholarships for 4 graduating students going on to further education.

DH is in the process of remodeling a building at 54th and El Cajon, which are twice as many rooms as they currently have at College & El Cajon Blvd. They are excited about more space for more of the various things that they provide to the students. They are a non-profit organization. They are state funded, funded per student, not paid per attendance, but per student work product since their whole system is not based on attendance. The school is WOSC accredited, which does allow their students to enter directly into a 4 year university.

Ivy stood and said that after many years in education, this job has been her best job ever. That these kids really benefit from the Diego Hills system.



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