



District 5340

5/10/2019

Established 1993

## Opening Remarks and Announcements



Club president Elena started our meeting by donning a Headdress of a phoenix fan of bowling pins made by her daughter. It was impressive, if tippy.

Our only guest was Elana Levens-Craig, president of Santee/Lakeside, and today's speaker.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS ETC:



Jimmy Hwang is back from his trip to Taiwan. In Taiwan there are three things that Taiwanese talk about, hiking to the top of the 100 peaks over 3,000m high, swimming across the lake that is 2000m high, and bicycling around the country.

Jimmy did the bicycling on his trip. He rode 800 miles in 9 days. It rained every day. One day was over 40 degree Celsius, one of hottest days in Taiwan (104 degree Fahrenheit for us Americans). Jimmy has previously hiked 5 of the 100 peaks, so he isn't done yet.

Diane Wilson is back from her mother's passing. Mom would have been 98 next month.

Fern told us about the prizes and status of tonight's bowling tournament (see photos below).



### La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership 2018-2019

#### Officers

President: Elena Lujan-Alba  
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### Credits and Acknowledgements

- Pledge: Elena Lujan-Alba
- 4-way test: Elena Lujan-Alba
- Membership Chair: Bobbie Warren
- Photos: Bill Pogue
- **Minutes: John Stremlau**



Board meeting was held last Wednesday. Ron, Mike, and Marlow all attended to check off their Red Badge list of immersion items. Ron - missed last week happy dollar, came up to say: happy he was inducted into a great Rotary club. just found out that this November he will be a grandfather.



The TEA is delayed for now due to Christine and Fern both being waylaid by surgeries. We are looking for alternative fundraiser projects, so provide ideas to club directors.

May 22nd, we will be working with Jewish Family Services serves providing dinner for people living in cars. JFS does have a large parking lot, plus indoor eating space at their location. Megan is arranging. Located at: 8804 Balboa Ave (just east of 163). Plan for 60 people to eat, some of which will be provided as "take out". Be there 5:30 - 8:00.



Fern will be out from tomorrow, until June 23, so John and Lynn will handle club meeting notes without her. She and Jeff are heading to Guatemala with a team of 66 people going on mission, for eyesight, glasses, etc. Betty will be at the clubhouse taking care of Chico.



Janet - is on the board of La Mesa Conversations. They have a panel discussion coming up May 21st, Tuesday Eve, 6-8pm at the Masonic lodge on Date Street. 4731 Date Ave. There will be discussion on "Police oversight". Looking for citizens input. There is not currently a public oversight committee. La Mesa, and most police departments, investigate any complaints themselves without community participation, and this is just a discussion of the idea of public oversight.

Bobbi brought one of the Robert Saah Foundation T-Shirts from his Liberia Book Drive project, it is a size Medium and is available for anyone who participated.



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## Guest Speaker and Presentation: “A Rotary Service Trip to India”, by Elana Levens-Craig, President of Santee/Lakeside Club

Elana started by telling us about their one big fundraiser coming up: “Concert at the Lakes”, they will have 3 bands: Tom Petty, Journey, tribute bands, and a country rock band.



Elana went to India. (When the Alba's were in India, they participated in NID = National Immunization Day.)



Elana had gone up to Pasadena to work on the Rotary New Year's Day Parade Float. While there she met a past district governor where they talked about National Immunization Day, and that a PDG from Maine, Elias Thomas would be leading a trip to India to participate, that PDG provided Elana contact info for Elias.

This would be Elias' 20th time to India. In an early trip to India he “found his soul” there. Past district governor from Maine. Elias, a realtor in Maine, has been going India and participating in building dams there. Each dam is a 40k project. The dam doubles the productivity of the nearby farms.

It ended up that the polio vaccine that they were going to use to participate in NID was not good, and so they didn't actually participate in NID, but they did physically work on the hand-built dam, for days, they worked with local women (yes, the men did no work. would only watch.) Carried stones on their heads using a “doughnut shaped cloth to help pad and position the stone.

While in India they ALSO visited:



- Jaipur Foot Clinic. people can show up with no appointment, and no money, and walk out with a new appendage that day. they MAKE the leg there that day, and it costs them 10 each to make. she figured those legs would cost \$10,000 to make in America.
- KOSHISH, the school founded by Rotary Club of Delhi Megapolis. serves 350 students that have no permanent address. The government schools require a permanent address to attend school. 6 days a week, one meal a day, uniforms.
- Rode elephants up to Amber Fort.
- Samode Palace, which is now a hotel.
- India Gate, engraved with the names of 81,000

- Jantar Mantar, largest sundial in the world.

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- Agra Fort. where the man who had built the Taj in memory of his wife, was banished by his son, still able to see the Taj.
- Taj Mahal yes, it is amazing.
- traffic, ALWAYS honking.
- Sikh temple. the temple served
- old Delhi, one street of spices. tea, and chaos.

Dehli, 17 million people. Two districts just in the city of Dehli.

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The dam they worked on is finished. all built without machinery. she is eagerly waiting to go back.

Elana is Romania, Equador, Croatia, East Coast US.  
Friendship exchange.



## Big Lebowski Bowling Tournament



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