

**District 5340****11/01/2019****Chartered 1986**

## Opening Remarks and Announcements



President Jeff opened the meeting by asking Carrie to lead the flag salute and Christine lead the recitation of the Four-Way Test plus our own 5<sup>th</sup>; "Is it fun?"

Guests: Rotaractors Linsey Busk (from Colorado), Cassidy Owen (psychology research) Charlotte Roberts, Merechi Nnachi, Lexy Strom (doing Cancer Research), Matt Benjamin (Information systems); and Speaker: Alejandro Aguilar (Topic 2020 Census)

One of the Rotaractors reminded us that this is the last week of the food drive "Aztec's Rock Hunger".

Some of our members had brought in food donations for them and one member donated \$40 (which equals 240 pounds of food) to their campaign. You can donate at



[SDSU.edu/AztecsRockHunger@AztecsRockHunger2019](https://SDSU.edu/AztecsRockHunger@AztecsRockHunger2019) . This campaign ends November 10, 2019, but you can always donate foodstuffs (unperishable) or money.

Ron Rice had his truck available today to pick up recyclables that members brought in this month. Jeff said his goal was to recycle \$100 per month of things most of us put into the blue recycle cans. That seems to be quite an ambitious goal! Remember to bring in cans and bottles with a CRV value at the first meeting of each month.

### La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership 2019-2020

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### Credits and Acknowledgements

- Pledge: Carrie Nakao
- 4-way test: Christine Evans
- Greeter: Clara Harris
- Raffle: Peggy Davis
- **Minutes: Lynn DeHaven**





Edda had returned from her trip to Peru. She was there to help her aging relatives who had reached the age that they were no longer able to take care of themselves in their apartments. She got them admitted into care facilities. They are unable to afford the facilities on their own so she is going back to work to help pay for their care. We are so lucky to have Social Security here.

Jeff told us there are still some rooms available to be booked for the International Rotary Convention in Honolulu. So, if you think you want to go you should be booking a room soon. See the District website.

He also showed us a picture of the International Polio Immunization Day in India. So far only Ivan in our club has participated in this activity. He has the symbol of a child receiving the Polio drops tattooed on the back of his shoulder. Jeff hopes to one day participate. He participates in a Vision Project each year in Guatemala, however. Someone complemented Jimmy on the job he is doing with taking our pictures and his inspirational sayings that he posts with our Gazette which he produces each week. We all echoed the praise with applause.



Elly re-spoke about tomorrow's Foundation Seminar. About four members of the club are planning to attend. Elena and Lynn had each volunteered to send 2 Rotaractors to go, if they wanted. So far, none of them have taken them up on it.

She also spoke about a "Mystery Social". This is NOT a fund-raiser. It is for FUN. It costs \$20 which includes dinner. It takes place on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 5:30 in the afternoon and you are to meet at the SW corner of the parking lot at the corner of Spring St. and University Ave. From there you will be transported to the site of the event and there the Mystery begins.

**Rotary**

**Mystery Social**

**Good Food • Good Fun • Good Fellowship!!!**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019** ★ **5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** ★ **Cost: \$20**

***Caravans will be organized to a "Secret Location" for a fun-filled night*** (carpo)

We will meet in the Parking Lot located at the SW corner of Spring Street & University Ave

Rotary Clubs of El Cajon, El Cajon Sunset, La Mesa Sunrise, La Mesa Noon, Ramona, Santee Lakeside v

**RSVP and Payment to your Club President by November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks available for purchase ★ ★ ★ ★

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## **“Who Am I?” by Max Scrivens**



Last week Ron nominated Max to be our lucky ‘Who Am I’ person. Max, forgetting about it, delivered a nice extemporaneous recap of his life. He emphasized that he and his wife of 29 years are grateful to be “where they are today” (a comfortable life style with 2 healthy grown children) but, it was a struggle at times getting there. He spent his growing up years as the youngest of 8 children living in a trailer park. He's a vet and has worked since his service years at a variety of jobs, including General Dynamics, where a friend advised him to find something more permanent, not long before they went out of business. He applied for and got a job as a handyman at a mortuary, and the owner suggested he become a mortician. He went to “mortuary science school” and has worked as a “post-mortem surgeon” (sounds better than a mortician) for 28 years. He loves Rotary because it has allowed him to give back to the community. He likes the freedom to choose the causes that interest him. He admires the fact that Rotary is world-wide, but that it is local too, is more important to him. He sees Bill Pogue as his mentor and ideal to work to become more like. He started out as a member of the Torrey Pines club and met Ivan there, but he loves this club because of the friendly atmosphere that has made him feel so welcome.

Max wanted to get back at Ron who nominated him for this gig (speaking to us), but he couldn't tag him because he'd already spoken, so he tagged John Stremlau for speaking next week.

## **Speaker Presentation on “Upcoming 2020 Census”, by Alejandro Aguilar, Partnership Specialist for US Census Bureau**



Jeff introduced our speaker, Alejandro Aguilar, here to talk about the upcoming 2020 Census. Alejandro is a Partnership Specialist for the US Census Bureau with the Department of Commerce. He previously worked for the National Labor board as a language Specialist where he helped the bilingual community. He is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and is a veteran of the US Armed forces where he served as a paratrooper. He has a passion for flying helicopters and has a private pilot license from Quantum Helicopters.

Alejandro told us how very important the results of the Census are. Article 1, section 2 of our United States Constitution demands a Census of the populations every ten years. It is from the results of the census that determines how money is apportioned to the states right down to cities within the states. The 2010 census was not all that accurate, and many localities didn't get the money that should rightfully have been theirs. He used La Mesa as an example. It is estimated that the population of La Mesa was under-counted by 1000 people. That translated into a 2 million dollar loss of funds each year for ten years. The populations most likely to be under-



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counted are those of color, children under 5, LGBTQ, undocumented immigrants (yes, they need to respond and no they don't have to identify themselves as here illegally), non-English speakers, homeless, tribal groups, rural residents & disabled.

To help mitigate this under-counting they are using more methods of reporting and offering more education on the process. You will now be able to report online, by phone, mail, and face to face response, and kiosks.

What's at stake? There will be \$675 Billion to be distributed. \$70 Billion will go to the state and that translates to about \$2000 per year per person; distributed to schools, Medicare, Medi-Cal, Medicaid and so on. Under-counting could also result in a loss of a seat in the House of Representatives, where a lot of decisions are made or approved.

They are presently recruiting 3000 people to help with the count, locally. Only employees can do the counting. If you are interested here is the recruiting hotline number 1 888 658-5564 or visit the Websites for more information [www.census.gov/fieldjobs](http://www.census.gov/fieldjobs), [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs), [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)!





## Member's Highlights



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## Guests/Visitors

### SDSU-Rotaractors



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