



District 5340

7/12/2019

Established 1993

**Opening Remarks and Announcements**

Jeff called meeting to order, his first as President, Aaron led the pledge and Elly led the four-way test.



Jeff started by introducing his board


**La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership  
2019-2020**
**Officers**

President: Jeff Hall  
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Last night Jeff, Fern and Lisa Young flesh attended the Grossmont School District Board meeting. Lisa stated "Miracles do happen, Diego Valley East and Diego Hills are still open". They got a stay from the judge and they are allowed to stay open while the appeal is in motion.

They were given 20 minutes to defend their position. Many community members, students, parents and the area superintendent all spoke. It was a good showing of support. Charter Schools are really under attack in Sacramento. Aaron and Lisa have been talking about the bills that are trying to close down the schools because they are considered competition. Helix is okay because it is covered by the Grossmont School district.

**Credits and Acknowledgements**

- Pledge: Aaron Landau
- 4-way test: Elly Dotseth
- Photos: Bill Pogue
- Raffle: Elena Alba
- **Minutes: Fern Hall**





Aaron shared with us that he is on the board of Harriet Tubman Charter School as a community member. He predicted 2 yrs. ago that the teachers CTA (California teachers association), the most powerful lobby in State of Ca. and they proposed to put a moratorium on the number of students in Charter Schools.

Jeff continued by introducing our guest. Samson Hill - originally from Chicago, recently retired from the navy, now a realtor. He was door knocking in Jeff and Fern's neighborhood a few days before and noticed Fern's Rotary car stickers.

They stopped in a house he was showing and Fern mentioned Rotary- he said "I think I was knocking on your door the other day. I was wondering what Rotary was." So Fern and Jeff invited him to breakfast. It pays to advertise!!!



Peggy has some information on our upcoming Community Service Project. Wed. July 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:45pm "Safe Parking Program for the Homeless Meal"

We will prepare and serve dinner to approximately 60 individuals and families experiencing homeless and living in their vehicles at the Jewish Family Services Safe Parking Program. We will be serving our famous "Stone Soup Chili", salad and cornbread. We were blessed to have an opportunity to serve these members of our community again. Please bring in whatever you have in your pantry (except gummy bears) to our meeting next Friday and we'll throw it into the pot.

We will have a "Fireside chat" for new members on Aug.25. It's a tug of war between the Alba's and Christine and Christine won. More details to follow.

- Jeff went on to present Bill Pogue with a Major donor pin and crystal plaque. He said he was pleased to have the opportunity to support such a wonderful organization.



Jeff announced Aug 10, 2019 an upcoming Rotary District Membership Seminar at the University of San Diego, Joan Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Sign up on the District website if you are interested in attending. All red badgers be aware this is a "District event" that will fulfill your requirements.



Jeff and Fern gave an overview of their trip to Hamburg for the Rotary International Convention. Hamburg is a beautiful city, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest port in Europe. The city has many canals and greenery. Jeff got to use a little of his high school German.

One thing about Germany and Rotarians- the Convention center had a large beer garden! There was even a “Beer Fellowship”. If you don’t know what fellowships are, they are groups of Rotarians worldwide who share an interest, i.e. quilting, motorcycles, travel, etc. and connect with each other.



There was a lot of technology on display at the Convention in the Friendship Hall. Jeff was especially interested in a system to distill salt water and make drinking water. There was a lot of green technology. Fern shared what she liked best was learning about new projects and meeting people around the world. She encouraged people to try to go to Honolulu next year for inspiration. We met up with Ubaldo- the SDSU Rotaract President and even found Christine’s sister Jackie!



Fern ended with a quote from our founder Paul Harris: “This is a changing world. We must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.” We are seeing that now- when Jeff first joined only men were allowed as members.....

Jeff shared a bit about their other travels to visit his family in Germany, Paris, Morocco and London.

Fern passed her “President” pin onto Jeff.

## **Speaker Presentation: Family Health Centers of San Diego by AJ Galka (Asso Director of Homeless Services) and Jesenia Sanches (Supervisor of Program Services and Health Care for Homeless)**



Family Health centers started out in the 1970’s providing caring, affordable, high quality healthcare and supportive services to everyone, with a special commitment to uninsured, low income and medically underserved persons.

FHCS is one of the largest non-profit organizations in Southern California. Currently they have 23 mobile clinics throughout San Diego, 3 Mobile Medical Units, 1 Mobile Mental Health Unit and Street base medical service modalities.



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They are spread throughout the entire city, open to shifting and changing to give the best services.

FHCSD Services:

- Adult services
- Prenatal Care
- Pediatric services/Child development services
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment
- Audiology Evaluations
- Dental
- Vision
- Insurance Enrollment Assistance
- Urgent Care
- Health Education
- Podiatry
- Cardiology
- Rehabilitation
- Chiropractic

Downtown Navigation Center is being built at 14<sup>th</sup> & Imperial and to serve the homeless, bringing the services to them. They will have 21 partnerships. They already serve over 30,000 homeless people now. Looking for ways to help?

- Hygiene kits
- New Socks, flip flops and underwear
- Move-in kits

For those of you that don't know we have had a long relationship with Family Health Centers of SD. They were the recipients of our fundraising profits for our first Vision Program many years ago.



Elena won the drawing and donated it to the fund to feed the homeless.



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