



District 5340

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Opening Remarks and Announcements



Elena opened the meeting with the usual protocol, Janet leading the flag salute and Jo Ann the Four-way test, plus our favorite extra one: "Is it fun?" She welcomed our guests who were few: Our speaker Barry Jantz, Megan O'Dowd who comes because her club meets only every other week and she likes weekly meetings. Also, our new prospective member Ron Rice was in attendance. We had one Rotaractor from SDSU, Nick Zalkow, a senior studying Real Estate and finance. Jim Clark was in attendance, but he is almost a

member. He told some of us that he will be leaving in about 10 days. He really is an annual member, coming down for the winter from Montana each year and returning to the Big Sky Country for their lovely spring, fall, and summer months. On the way home he stops to visit friends and family along the way. His mother is 101 and she will be one relative he will be sure to visit.

Marlene Morrow announced that Floyd's progression into Alzheimer's Disease has advanced so far now that it makes it too difficult to get him to meetings anymore, which is why we have not seen them for the past couple of weeks. We will miss seeing them. But Ivan pointed out that now that we are streaming our meetings on Facebook, they will be able to see us online. So, even though Fern, Ellie, Edda and Daisy are absent, they can be making up their absence by watching the meeting and commenting on it (just once is all that is necessary) and they will be counted as having made up the meeting. Ellie, Edda, and Fern were doing that and had commented. Daisy needs to be informed that she can do that too. We all can do that! Go to the club's Facebook page and simply make a comment.



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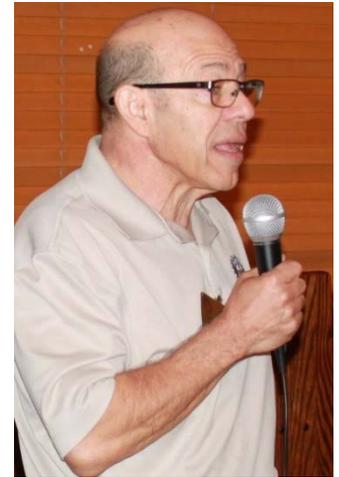
- Pledge: Janet Castanos
- 4-way test: Jo Ann Bergquist
- Photos: Bill Pogue
- Drawing: Jo Ann
- **Minutes: Lynn DeHaven**





Paulo, announced he is finally employed. He will be spending about 70% of his time in Houston. He will be working in foreign trade somehow for the company that hired him. For now, his family is staying here in San Diego while his daughter is finishing her final year of High School. Then the family will relocate to Texas. He is happy that he finally is firmly resettled in the United States (from Brazil). He will miss us, but always will stay in touch. He has many friends here now.

Jeff announced that we are light on stuff to sell at the garage sell. Please ask your friends for donations. Drop the donations off in front of their garage. The garage sale is March 16th. Set -up day is March 17th. This is the 30th year of garage sales. Jeff has held them at his house for most of those years. In the beginning they took the stuff to Koby's Swap Meet, but that got to be a transportation problem.



On March 29th, in lieu of a meeting that day we will have a social gathering at Hoolies in Grossmont Center from 5:30 – 7:30 in the evening. The club will buy hors d'oeuvres and you are on your own for drinks. It will count as our meeting and you are invited to bring a significant other or a friend to come meet us and learn about Rotary.

Special Presentation

Alix presented Nick Zalkow with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts through his own 501c3 called "Every Kid Plays." This charity, which he founded, raised funds to present new soccer balls to several schools in Africa so the children there could play soccer. Nick shared the story that got him into founding "Every Kid Plays." When he was 11, he played in the Pop Warner Football League. At that age the love of playing sports was his main interest in life. Each week was filled with practice and anticipation for the Saturday game. When it was about time to start the game one week, his dad came to the team and told them the game had been cancelled. He was heartbroken! His dad explained that the team they were about to play had to be cancelled because they had not paid their dues to the League. He didn't think it was fair that they were denied the right to play because they couldn't pay their dues. So, when he was a bit older, he started the "Every Kid Plays" and does fund-raising to make sure kids who are poor CAN Play ball. His efforts were helped by



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“Compassion for African Villages” where both Alix and Richard Macau helped. Richard is a member of the “Rotary Club of El Cajon Sunset.” They delivered soccer balls to several schools in Africa; one in Machakos, Kenya and several others in Liberia, so those children could play soccer. Those two charities honored Nick’s efforts with their Certificate of Recognition today. In another example of helping someone play ball Nick told of a boy in Minnesota whose mother recently had died and his father had about six more months to live. He was a pretty good High School football player. He qualified to play in the Blue/Gray Game in Houston. His charity was able to raise \$2000 to pay for the boy and his father to get there and the boy’s fees. So, his father got to see him play before he died.



Happy Dollars

This is a fun way to get dollars for our foundation.

- Elena paid \$15 to tell us Isabel had just turned 15 and she has figured out High School. The first report card was a bit less than stellar, but the semester grade has her as a 4.0 (or something close to that). She has figured out that High School requires a bit more diligence and her mom is proud of her and so are we!
- Christine is done with the long-time effort of “cleaning out”. That means the closets, garage and so on at her house. She is very happy about having that effort in the past. She paid something to share that information.
- Laurel mom is turning 90 soon and Grant will soon be turning 59. We thought that since 90+59 is 149 we should get \$149. She thought that wasn’t THAT interesting so she paid \$20.
- Jim, our wandering member, in anticipation of leaving us soon for Montana, has been out enjoying activities in Southern California. He went ocean fishing recently, and out to the dessert at Agua Caliente (a county park) recently.
- Sheri shared that her son recently was honored to play at Carnegie Hall recently.
- Betty shared that her sister is turning 90 this month.
- Barry, our speaker, shared that his daughter is a finalist in the competition for a full-ride scholarship to college next year. He’s excited and very hopeful!!!!

Speaker- Barry Jantz on Grossmont Healthcare



Aaron introduced Barry Jantz, our speaker. Barry has a long list of qualifications for almost any job. Here is a truncated version. Presently, Barry is CEO of the Grossmont Healthcare District and a former member of La Mesa City Council. He serves on the boards of the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce and San Diego County Taxpayers Education Foundation as well as past chairman of the East County Economic Development Council. Aaron personally described him (after knowing him for around 30 years) as a Mensch, a Jewish term for an all-around good guy, a mentor, having integrity, affable, good friend, respected leader, and so on..... you know... a mensch!

Barry explained that you really can’t stop with saying he’s a CEO of the Grossmont Healthcare District because that makes him sound like he’s the director of the hospital

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which he's not. He explained that when an area that is not in a city needs infrastructure services like a fire district, or a water district, then a district is formed by residents who then set up a tax base to fund the district, its employees, equipment and so on. A fire district will have a captain, and engines and hoses, and firefighters. The tax will pay for those things. So, a Healthcare District is similar to that. Most of the hospitals in San Diego County back in the 40's and 50's and 60's were in or near downtown San Diego. In the 1950's there was a need for a hospital near east county and that is when the Grossmont Healthcare District was formed and a tax was passed to fund it. There are now 78 Healthcare Districts in California. Since that time, it's emergency department has become one of the busiest emergency departments in the nation serving all of east county.

In 1980, not without a lot of dissention, it joined with the public Sharp Hospital group in a lease arrangement to become a joint public entity with a private entity and it is a good match. Sharp serves as the hospital operator and has invested a lot of money into the Hospital for enlarging it and providing it with up-to-date equipment. When and if this merger ends, all they've invested stays with the hospital. That won't happen in the foreseeable future because it unburdens the tax-payers from paying for everything. To keep the hospital equipped with new equipment required to make it a viable hospital where up-to-date medicine can be practiced would be a great tax burden. Still, the employees there, like nurses are on a private pension plan which keeps over-all costs down. It has been Barry's job to oversee all the growth. He says they have one more project to complete with the last infusion of funds from a \$247 million-dollar bond-fund passed in 2006. The district also supports many nonprofit, health-oriented organizations by means of grants and sponsorships in support of various community programs and services. It is still the only hospital for the east county. Kaiser has been thinking of putting a hospital out in east county, but that has not come to pass yet.

This was an interesting and informative talk about the Grossmont Health care District. There were a number of questions for Barry to answer afterwards.



Vistors/Guests

Megan O'Dowd (Uptown Sunrise) and Jim Clark (Montana)



Ron Rice (Prospective Member) and Nick Zalkow (SDSU-Rotaract)



Member Highlights



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