



District 5340

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Opening Remarks and Announcements



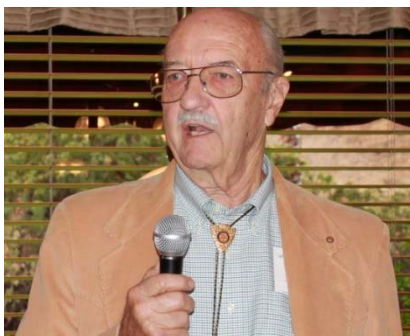
Ivan conducted the meeting this morning as well as ran the technology side of things. He's a man of many talents!

Announcements

Keith Dindinger invited us to his

club's January 16, 2019 meeting which is temporarily being held at the Elks Club in El Cajon due to construction going on at the La Mesa Community center where La Mesa Noon Club usually meets. **The meeting starts at**

noon. This is during the time when the new District Governors come for their training. Rotary International is paying for **Frank Develin**, former International Governor (Rotary) will come to talk with the new District Governors. Keith thinks that Frank D. is probably the second or third best Rotary Speaker ever, and his club has inveigled Frank to speak at



their meeting that day. So, he would like for us to come and hear him. It's probably the last time he'll be here because in 2 years' time the Governor's training will be moved to Florida. So, **SAVE THE DATE, January 16, 2019. Elks Lodge 1812, Address:** 1400 E Washington Ave, El Cajon, CA 92019



Bill Pogue shared a short slide show of the **Thanksgiving Feast at Diego Hills Charter High School**. This is a school set up to serve the about to drop out or

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already dropped out high school students up to the age of 22. There is a wide variety of reason for them to drop out, homelessness, disenchantment with school in general, having to help the family financially, or unable to get along in their family are among a few of the many reasons. He expected that they would be so reluctant to mingle and talk with strange adults, but, refreshingly, those of us who attended found that was certainly not the case. They were warm, welcoming, and ready to visit. Lynn and Betty volunteered to help set up since they were there early, so they got to be servers. Other club visitors were Bill, Fern & Jeff, Ivy who works there, Lisa, who works for the organization, & Elena.



Elena shared our club's **schedule for the month of December.**

December 7th, - no morning meeting, but Holiday Party at Hugo & Manuela's home 6235 Crystal Lake Dr. San Carlos (San Diego) 92119, 6 PM, bring a food that represents your heritage if you can. Otherwise just bring food, enough for 50 servings. Max Scriffens will be inducted at that time.



December 14, 2018 – meet 7:15 am at the East County Transitional Living Center in El Cajon. We're looking to see if there is a way we can be involved with helping them. Rotaract is also invited to meet with us there. Details will follow via email.



December 21, 2018 – Regular meeting at Marie Callender's

December 28, 2018 – DARK

Don't forget: Some of our members will be meeting at the Crosspoint Church between 6:00 – 9:00 PM, 8809 La Mesa Blvd. 91942. The subject is Sex Trafficking. December 3, 2018.



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Speaker: Dick Fisher 'Living on Alcatraz'



Dick Fisher had truncated his talk about living on Alcatraz as a child so fit our short schedule so we skipped a long introduction. He divided his time into three parts. Alcatraz history, Escape attempts, and personal experiences.

Alcatraz was not only a prison. He was there when it was a Federal Prison because his father was a correctional officer. They lived there in building 64, an apartment building for employees and their families. It was situated on a low part of the island facing San Francisco and just above the docks. It was about 13 stories below the prisoner housing. You had to hike a

steep zig-zag road up to the prison part. Because of the slope you could access the third story where he lived directly from the road, as well as the 2nd story and the first story. Dick remarked that you could say they were the first gated community ever.

Alcatraz History

1769 4 engineers traveled the west coast, hunting for the perfect place for a lighthouse. They chose Alcatraz but it wasn't built until much later
1776 It was seen as a perfect place to protect the entrance to San Francisco Bay. The gold rush had started and its military value superseded its value as a lighthouse. It helped protect the gold rush influx.
1854 The lighthouse was added.
1907 The military began to use it as a military prison. The parade ground was added.

1934 The place was turned into a Federal Prison.
1963 It was closed as a prison because it was 3 times more expensive to run than any other Federal Prison.
1969 The was the 19 month long Indian Occupation that ultimately prompted the US Government to forcibly remove them, but it established the right of the Indians to demand their civil rights.
1971 It was turned into a National Park.

Escapes/ Attempts: While a prison there were 14 escape attempts and they involved 36 inmates.

1936 Prisoner number 210 escaped. At first prisoners were never called by name, Only by number.
1937 Two prisoners tried to swim and drowned.
1938 Three attempted escape.
1939 Fourteen attempted escape
1943 Four more tried.
1945 John K. Giles attempted, passing himself off dressed as a man in the military. He'd worked in the laundry for over a year. While there he stole the makings of a full military uniform, piece by piece, assembled it, right down to a belt and shoes. He put it on under his prisoner

garb and since he was also someone was trusted to load stuff onto the boats, he shed his prison garb down under the dock and walked onto the boat and made it to Angel Island where there were authorities waiting to pick him up and return him to the prison.

1946 The **Battle of Alcatraz**, which lasted from May 2 to 4, 1946, was the result of an unsuccessful escape attempt **Alcatraz** Federal Penitentiary. Two corrections officers—William A. Miller and Harold Stites—were killed along with three of the inmates.
1958 Two inmates try.



from the water by someone who pulled him out and called authorities. After a few days in the hospital to recover from hypothermia, he was returned to prison. A movie was made of this called "Escape from Alcatraz."

Dick said they were living in the safest place in San Francisco, because all the bad guys were locked up. There was no one to rob you, beat you up, or murder you. They'd all been caught. So, there was no crime on the island.

Member Highlights



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Guests and Visitors



Ubaldo Martinez/Paige Doherty/Graham McKay/Michael Wiafe/Christian Holt/Tiana Loving/Dominic



Keith Dindinger/Sheri Shively

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