



Opening Remarks and Announcements

GUESTS:

Keith Didenger, La Mesa club is having a raffle, and he has tickets to sell: 4 nights Puerto Vallarta & \$250 cash. 480 total tickets at \$20 each.



Alex Robertson: Rancho Bernardo Club, and our assigned Assistant DG. his role is to help our club in any way possible. Not make us do things. He will be attending irregularly. He will be Assistant DG to: our club, La Mesa, Miramar,



Ramona: he has lived in 9 countries and 5 continents, meaning he was there enough to have to pay taxes for 8-12 years, he flew around the world every two weeks. Because of his development of DVR devices, and now medical and neurological devices. a man he is working with, doing a pilot with 4,000 patients where they are able to diagnose mental status in 4 minutes. With spectacularly promising treatment results. And,



Alex has served 2 terms as president of Torrey Pines club.

Clara Harris announced: Model UN activity, run by Kevin Cahill, needs people to help him. He is putting together a committee. Currently needs someone to help writing the "Resolutions". Please volunteer for this.



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Alix told us about: tomorrow's Tea is sold out. It is Tomorrow. Looking forward from that, Next month "Fun-draiser", is an upcoming Wine Tasting fundraiser by the El Cajon evening club. October 6th at the Space Bar on University Ave.

Daisy Meyers is doing presentations on being a survivor. Real Woman Real Stories. More info to come.

Lynn told us some about a project in Cambodia. Brought to Lynn's attention by a friend who had been to Cambodia and seen a school that is a state approved "supplementary" school as the government schools only teach basic items. This school teaches computer skills, music,... The school started with a tarp on the ground and a tarp overhead. Lynn's friend came to her and asked if she could help apply for a grant to create a computer lab. Lynn and Manuela applied for a Rotary district grant, and along with personal donations accomplished providing \$10,000 grant. 8 computers, desks chairs shelves books teachers desk power bars and electric fans. It took many trips to Phnom Penh on his scooter, which each trip takes all day. Multiple trips as he could only carry as much as one scooter load at a time. Elena mentioned that on the Alba world rotary tour, they did stop in Cambodia.



The Tea is SOLD OUT, to the point that Elena had to pull out her Grandmother's china which had been held in reserve. So many people have been helping. 3 honorees: Luke and Alex that do on-line tutoring with girls in Shri Lanka, who had spoken at our club. Oasis, the 50+ education classes that Aaron has kept us informed about, and Brittany at Sunlight retreats, who has spoken at a meeting.

Today, about 12 of us will show up at Noah's to set up.

Saturday: Christine will get to Noah's by 11. Food helpers please by 11:30, Servers by 12:30. Clean up volunteers needed at 4:00.

Paulo announced that right now in Brazil the school kitchen is being opened by the District governor.

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Bill announced that Interact at Helix with JoAnn Bergquist is starting great, lot of students, great new faculty advisor. The names are in order of the persons, from left to right, as we look at them:



Kristen Huy (Helix Faculty Advisor), Jo Ann Bergquist (LMS Rotary Liaison), Nathan Nguyen (VP), Alice Hua (President), Rachel Hua (Secty), Venous Ghazi (Treas.), Kelsey Kepke (Membership)



Speaker: our own Manuela

Her uncle Ted immigrated to US in 1930's, and had fought in WWII. He assisted in getting two of his sisters also to America. He next wanted to immigrate his sister Tomasa, who had 9 children. So he chose ONE of those 9. He chose Manuela. At age 18, her task was to come here, better herself, and help her family. Her mother sent her to the US with a moral compass. Mother was always listened to. Tomasa had 17 children, raised 9, due to a yellow fever epidemic, suffered many deaths. Mother's last whisper in Manuela's ear at the airport was "behave yourself".

She was so excited on her trip to US, that she wasn't afraid. She said that most immigrants come here to work. Not to commit crimes or live off the government. One of her uncles died fighting for this country. Manuela still remembers as a child when her uncle would send Oreo cookies to her family in Honduras. Once getting to America, she made a goal to learn English within 6 months. In the beginning, she would hide when she saw others in the supermarket. She took advantage of all the education opportunities that she could. She took accounting, without understanding English. She took all types of classes. She was hungry to



learn. Her uncle would help her a lot. She learned English by watching television. A favorite was Walter Cronkite, she loved his voice and vocabulary. and the TV show Password. When she came to the US, the only English she knew was one sentence. "My boyfriend is handsome". Which she had learned at a school in Honduras. Which that sentence never helped her out. In Honduras, there is not free schools, she didn't have opportunity to be educated.

As soon as she could, she started working weekends cleaning houses. She would mail money orders for 20 or 40 dollars back to family in Honduras, which was 6 months of income there, and really made her feel good. She was here on a student Visa, so she had to go to school, she worked at night in a factory. She met and married Ben Bump. They had 2 children: Christopher, now age 40, with his own daughter: Lilliana. And, Rosanna, age 34. Christopher and Rosanna don't consider themselves Honduran, they consider themselves American.

Manuela became a US citizen. At age 50, she became a real estate agent. Which has been very good for her, and has allowed her to help her clients invest in real estate. It also allowed her to participate in Rotary. She told how she got involved in Rotary by virtue of having stopped at our Garage sale at Jeff & Fern's house, which might our clubs greatest fundraising moment.

5 members of our club were born in a different country. 3 more had parents born in a different country.



More Guests:

Max: former Rotarian with Torrey Pines club, knows Ivan who also used to be in the Torrey Pines club, and Max had attended last week's El Torrito meeting along with his wife.

Ivy - looking at membership to our club – yes.

Alanna Sinclair, and her guest, Karl Bendshaw.



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