



District 5340

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## Opening Remarks and Announcements



Jeff Hall, our President, opened the meeting with the flag salute and recitation of the Four-Way Test plus one. The Rotaractors from SDSU introduced themselves, their year and majors. Guests Dick Wheeler and Mike Watson were welcomed.

Joann needs drivers for Sunday 2/23/2020 to take and return 4 Interactors to UCSD from 11-3. 18 Interactors are going to participate in making the WAPI s for The Wapi Project. For more information about the project



<http://wapiproject.weebly.com/whats-a-wapi.html>.

**NEED MET.** Thanks to Jimmy and Betty for volunteering to take the students to and from UCSD on Sunday.



Fern announced that our Bowling Fundraiser will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> this year. The theme will be Superheroes. Everyone is encouraged to ask their friends outside of our Club to participate in the event.

## La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Leadership 2019-2020

### Officers

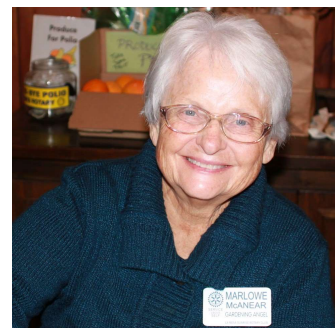
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## Credits and Acknowledgements

- Pledge: Bobbi Warren
- 4-way test: Bill Pogue
- Greeter: Elly Dotseth/Lynn DeHaven
- Raffle: Diane Wilson
- **Notes: Marlowe McAnear**



Jeff welcomed Rotaractors: Josh Barfuss, Matt Benjamin, Austin Barber, Darren Wilson, Kapri Walker, Jannick Stein and Justus Kritch; and reminded everyone to please check their emails for more announcements, since we had two speakers, announcement time was limited.



## Guests/SDSU Rotaractors



Alix is asking for scrap gold for the Rotary Global Grant to support female miners in Kenya. Elena shared that one earring and two old chains from her own jewelry box weighed 5 grams and was worth over \$100. Alix and Elly will be going to other Rotary Clubs asking for their help. Alix, of course, will be able to tell what's real gold, so just bring what you have.



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## Speaker Presentation on “Guatemala HighSchool Entrepreneurship Program ECOMODIDAD”, By Maureen Duncan, Rotary e-Club



Our first speaker, Maureen Duncan, gave an update on her project in Guatemala. High School Students are making cloth reusable menstrual pads to help keep girls in school. This is a one -year District project which was started last summer and LMSR was instrumental in providing the funding to start the project. The project seems very successful: two sewing machines have been purchased and local women are doing the sewing. For additional funds the students are making soap with Volcanic Ash that they collect from the local Volcano. The students take pride in creating Eco-friendly items. The plan is to sell the soap and other handcrafted items to tourists in Antigua. Maureen talked about how this project encourages students to finish high school and go on to college, as they come from poor families with no more than a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade education. Maureen presented Jeff, Christine, John and Manuela a gift of the soap to thank them for their generous support.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/sustainable-education-for-guatemalan-girls>

### Our next speaker on “**Quench and Connect Project**”: **by Dr. Katherine Ely, Founder of the “Quench and Connect”**

This San Diego based organization operates in Uganda to provide clean drinking water to High School students by drilling borehole water wells on the school site. Before the Quench and Connect program started 10 years ago, students were getting their drinking water from polluted sources and therefore were always fighting illnesses. Once the students have improved health from drinking clean water, the organization helps by providing textbooks, hands-on Science materials, and University Scholarships.

The wells cost \$8000 each and so far, the organization has installed wells at 30 schools. However, there are 70 more schools on the waiting list.

Rotary Clubs in both the United States and Uganda have contributed to this project. Dr. Ely is hoping that LMSR will help with their next project. <https://quenchandconnect.org/>



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