



District 5340

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Opening Remarks and Announcements



4 Way test: Laurel Nishida – Jeff shared that we had a copy of the 4 Way Test in Hawaiian. He challenged Laurel (who grew up in Hawaii) to read it, but no success. We'll give her a few weeks to practice. Bobbi led us in English.

Alix did a presentation on her many projects and how she is melding them together and working on a Global Grant. Responsible Jewelry Transformative, Aweik- a women miner's association, The Rotary Club of El Cajon Sunset, Ethical Metal Smiths, Compassion for African Villages. They are raising \$10,700 to complete the funding of grant 1522, which includes Safe Shelter, rain water reclamation/sanitation and microloan training and opportunities as a part of a larger grant, for this Taita area gemstone mining camp in Kenya. If you want more information or would like to support this project you can find further information at:



<https://www.matchinggrants.org/global/project1522.html>
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-women-miners-in-taita-kenya>

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- Pledge: Jim Clark
- 4-way test: Laurel Nishida
- Greeter: Ron Rice
- Raffle: Lisa Berlanga
- **Minutes: Fern Hall**



Two guests joined us today as well. Christina Vieja from Washington DC, visiting Alix Hart and Fran Roth, a bookclub acquaintance of Fern's.

Guests- Rotaractors: We had a crowd of 9 visiting today. Each one introduced themselves and their majors. The club is participating in "Tijuana Home Build" again this year. It is a campus wide initiative that was born within SDSU Rotaract and the non-profit, Casas de Luz. They go to Tijuana, meet the selected families (2 this year) and personally build them homes with the aid of a few skilled workers from US and Mexico.

Elly updated us the Navajo Water Project. We were unable to get District Designated Funds so Elly has set up a Go Fund me page and has asked individuals to help make up the \$4000 deficit.

Elly also attended the Peace Conference. There were multiple speakers and vendors. She shared that she purchased some solar lights and chargers from "Unite for Light". She is going to donate several to the "Helps International" vision project in May and encouraged club members to get one for themselves if they don't already have them, she has a few for sale.



Bobbi informed us that she is still collecting bottle caps- 1000 caps gets a child a Chemo treatment so keep collecting them.

Guests/Visitors

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SDSU Rotaractors





Ron shared that his wife Tori's non-profit play writing group is having a performance on Friday, Jan.31 so if anyone is available they are welcome to attend.

Several club members attended the Diego Hill's ribbon cutting for their new location at 4348 54th St. San Diego, 92115. If you are interested in visiting speak to our members Lisa Youngflesh, the Principal or Ivy Blumberg. Perhaps you'd be interested in

tutoring like Jeff Hall does.

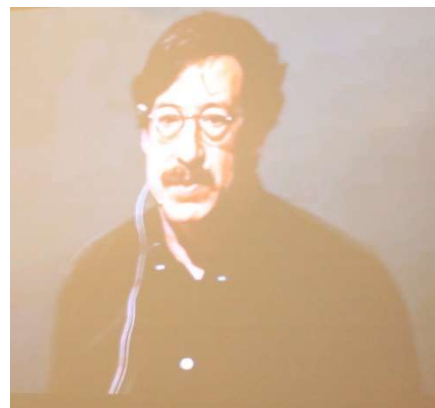


Mike updated us on the progress of the Model UN. Our club is sponsoring 2 teams from Nicaragua and 2 from Costa Rica due to our international connections.



Speaker Presentation on "The Story of a girl, Natasha", TedTalk by Rick Smolan, Time Magazine Photographer

Today in lieu of a speaker we watched a very moving Ted Talk by Rick Smolan called "Natasha's story". It's the unforgettable true story by photographer Rick Smolan. The video tells the story of a young Amerasian girl, a fateful photograph who was given a 3 day assignment by Time magazine to photograph some of the 40,000 Amerasian children around the world. He decided he would try to tell their story better than he felt Time magazine had and how he was instrumental in arranging an adoption with a twist for one of these children. Go to the following link to watch this moving talk <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpi6us7wQfE>



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