



District 5340

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## Opening Remarks and Announcements



Max led us in the 4-way test and Lynn led us in the flag salute.

We had several Rotaractors with us—Christian Holt, Dustin Atkins, Jayla McConnell.

Jeff reminded everyone to get their flu shot, shingles shot and pneumonia shots!! Next week

bring your separated recycling to donate!

Bobbi, Peggy and Clara shared about the service for Floyd Morrow and shared about what a special man he was and what an encouraging memorial service he had.



Peggy shared about the dinner we served at the Jewish Family Services parking lot. The location was right off of Aero Dr. and there were about 40 homeless people staying there in their cars that enjoyed a delicious dinner!

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## Credits and Acknowledgements

- Pledge: Max Scrivens
- 4-way test: Lynn DeHaven
- Greeter: JoAnn Bergquist
- Raffle: Peggy Davis
- **Minutes: Ivy Blumberg**





Dustin Atkins, a rotaractor from SDSU, is the chair of Aztec Rock Hunger and he spoke about his campaign to raise food for students and adults who are in need of help to fight hunger. Last year they collected 590,000 lbs of food donations. This year's goal is 619,000 lbs. There is an online virtual food bank where donations can be made. They also have bins all around campus to donate actual food. The money donated goes to Jacobs & Cushman food bank. See [SDSU.edu/aztecsrockhunger](http://SDSU.edu/aztecsrockhunger) for more information.



Ellie reminded us of the Rotary Foundation Seminar at 8 am at UCSD on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Free flu shots and breakfast! The \$30 fee will be covered by the club. It discusses what our contributions go to all over the world.

Lisa found a recyclable alternative to toothpaste and dental floss called Bite and Wild Minimalist.



Bill, Lynn, John, Kendall & Diane went to 2 of the Learn4Life campuses for Halloween pumpkin carving yesterday. It was a fun time for all!!



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## **Speaker Presentation on “Victim Defender Dialogue”, by Ian Ragsdale, Restorative Justice**

Our speaker was Ian Ragsdale from the Restorative Justice, who runs a program called Victim Defender Dialogue, a legal systems nonprofit. Ian began as a real estate mediator and then began volunteering with the restorative justice program and now works for them full time. The program facilitates a meeting the victim & offender to meet and talk about how the crime has affected. If people meet and get help through a restorative justice program before the charges are filed are 70% less likely to re-offend. Youth that are incarcerated before 18 are 90% more likely to be incarcerated again. The idea behind restorative justice is that “hurt people, hurt people” and they want to mediate between the person harmed and the person committing the crime. If a mediation settlement can be agreed upon and approved, it can save the court system \$100,000 a year by preventing the offender from being incarcerated. He shared about a real case about a young man who broke into a wealthy man’s home & stole a large amount of items. When they met for mediation, the thief shared about his need for food & clothing and the wealthy man saw that the thief’s unfortunate situation was very similar to his own when he was young. He ended up hiring the thief in his business and helping him earn an income until he was old enough to join the military. All the facilitators are volunteers from the community—lawyers, judges, and a variety of peacemakers. They handle 40 cases each year.

Restorative Justice Reentry Prep is another program they provide to help criminals before they are released to understand what their crimes have done to harm others. This is a 10-week class that is provided for prison inmates. Volunteers serve about 10 hours each month and work on 3 cases each year.



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## Member's Highlights



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## Guests/Visitors



## SDSU-Rotaractors



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