



April 5, 2019

Manuela led 4 way test and Elena led the pledge. Elena reminded us we are live streaming so please come to the front and use the microphone if you are making an announcement. Elena and Clara talked about having inspirational quotes again. Elena invited anyone to do so and today she shared a poem titled "Peace is not just about the absence of conflict".

"DIG DEEP" New Project?



Elly has been interested in doing a project involving Native Americans. She shared it with the board and today she is introducing this project to the club.

She started with a brief introduction, especially for the people who don't know the history of the US in relationship to settlement. First all of South, Central and North Americans lived on this land for many thousands of years, long before Europeans came. The Europeans came and fought over the land- killing many of the natives and spreading diseases.

American's who declared independence from England fought with the Europeans and displaced the Native American's into places called "reservations" not their native lands and the poorest land. The reservations are owned by the government. The people became wards of the government and welfare recipients. Some Native American's have left the reservations and thrived but those who have stayed on live in very third world conditions. Visiting these areas inspired Elly to see what we could do to help.

She shared a video that was shown on PBS. You can find it on YouTube. It's called "Off the Grid". It tells the story of the lack of water in the 4 corners area- Navajo Nation. The water has to be trucked in because 40% of residents live with a lack of adequate water. Many live without electricity and running water. Due to the long waiting list getting a water line could take up to 15 years and cost \$12,000.00.

The group Dig Deep started working on water projects in Africa but have focused now on trying to supply water to the 2 million people in the Navajo Nation living without. Dig deep is also looking to drill wells but Uranium drilling has polluted many of the older wells and they must look for clean water sources. Dig deep is providing an off grid system to bring large tanks and pumps, still involving trucking water in but providing enough for showers, cooking and cleaning and a small solar panel to run a pump and lights.

Some Rotary clubs have already joined in with Dig Deep on projects. For 1 family it costs \$4500 to bring hot and cold running water to a home on the Navajo Nation. We are hoping we can do the same along with a Global Grant. We never imagined that we'd be doing this in our own back yard. This project also provides job skills for the local residents in working on these projects.



NEXT MEETING
April 12, 2019
CONCERT

Announcements

- **APRIL 5** we are having a “pot luck” at Manuela and Hugo’s to get to know our guests from Costa Rica.
- **APRIL 6** - Manuela reminded us of the Model UN fellowship dinner at her and Hugo’s at 6pm. Also she reported on the success of our \$2500 donation to the Cartago, Costa Rica Rotary Club for their Health Fair which helped to pay for 42 mammograms and eyeglasses for school children.
- **APRIL 7, Sunday, 6pm** there will be a screening of the “Big Lebowski” at Fern & Jeff’s home. Pizza and white Russians served. Come to get into the mood for the bowling tournament on May 10! Don’t forget to reserve your lanes!
- **APRIL 13 & April 27 EL CAJON CLUB** Alison Cumminings from El Cajon club noon. She shared with us 2 upcoming fundraisers. One on April 13 “El Cajon Rotary Rock & Roll Fundraiser”. For more information go to www.elcajonrotary.org and St. Madeleine Sophie’s Center on April 27 see www.MorningGloryBrunch.org Let’s support our fellow Rotarians.



May 10 BOWLING
Theme:
Big Lebowski



- **APRIL 27** Janet reminded us that “Rotarians at work day” is coming up. - 9am-12pm we’ll meet at Fletcher Pkwy and Alvarado Ave. (just past AAA). Park along the street. There is a creek called Alvarado Creek. We’ll be cleaning the walkway and creek. Bring canvas/leather gloves, a trash picker your own water bottle.

- 2 students from Costa Rica who will be competing in the model UN. Brandon Segovia and Julissa Henriquez Carbollo. Brandon is staying with Carrie & Kendal Nakao and Julissa is staying with Manuela and Hugo. Mike McAnear is here again and is submitting his application.
- **MAY 22:** Megan has arranged for us to go to Jewish Family Services parking lot on Balboa Ave. to serve dinner. See details on our calendar.

Christine shared a photo from Tecate of a mural wall painted as a homage to Rotary.

She also presented a check to Ivy \$500 from an anonymous donation to purchase gift cards to target and Vons for the students.

Christine also gave us a grand total on the amount of money parlayed from all the bits: check for the gold “donations”, the garage sale and Ebay to just \$8.84 short of \$3,000.00 but now with Janet’s donation to the garage sale of \$20 we’re over \$3000!!!!

We passed around ballots for the executive board, Elly has agreed to be secretary until the end of 2019/2020 Rotary year so we are looking for someone to take over then. Laurel has agreed to stay on as Treasurer for another year! Thank you to all our Executives you devote their time to keep our club running. Think about taking on one of the positions in the future!

We want the club to be invested and understand our projects so today you have a chance to learn about it. It will be presented to the Board next week. If you have questions or opinions please present to the board.

Elena explained how we get the money for the Global Grant starts with our District Designated Funds of \$4000, then we have to raise \$4000 to match that, then to roll it into a Global Grant we need to have an International partner (perhaps Costa Rica).

Brothers Alex and Luke Tchang shared their experience of working with Grace Girls Home in Sri Lanka, an orphanage for girls who have lost their parents during the Civil War and the 2017 Tsunami. There are between 25-30 girls and the boys have helped to set up a computer learning center for the girls. They realize that education and computer skills are the way out of the cycle of poverty and want to help prepare them for future job opportunities. The boys are trying to

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raise \$5,000-6,000 to set up a computer lab. One way they have been able to continue their work with the orphanage is through Skype weekend tutoring. For more information visit <https://gracegirlshome.org/>

Elena announced Alex and Luke Chang - two of our honorees from last year's tea, have gotten into their Universities of choice-Brown & Stanford (early admission). The Chang boys are promoting a fundraiser April 28th, 9am. "The Walk for Water" to raises awareness for water shortages- 5k walk, Mission Bay, Tecolotes Shores. \$20 entry To show us what many people in the world go through just to have water. We will have a table at the event so if you don't want to walk you can still participate- let Elly know. Manuela shared her experience of carrying the water on her head as a child and accredited it to her good posture.



Manuela introduced the 2 students from Costa Rica. They were selected by Alberta Ayon, member of Cartago club, our sister club. Brendan Segovia- who attends Technological institute, got selected because he attended RYLA- and met Alberta Ayon (he is watching our live feed) at which was an amazing event. One of his disciplines is fencing ranked 1 in Costa Rica. He is looking forward to be an engineer and economist.

Julissa Henriquez Carbollo started at age 17 as a student at University of Costa Rica. She is involved in a leadership program in her University. Her project is to lead seminars about leadership in high schools and to help students to develop leadership abilities. She feels it can make a difference in the world.

The country they are representing is Saudi Arabia and the resolutions, the outbreak of tuberculosis in Philipines and second resolution to stop the military leadership in Syria and Myanmar from denying human rights to its citizens.

Model UN is a program sponsored by Rotary and the Costa Rican's come the furthest to participate due to our strong connection to Cartago club.



Yay, Charter member Jeff Hall won this morning! He donated his winnings to our foundation.

The Four-Way Test

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and better **FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Our **LMSR # 5**
Is it **FUN**?



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