



Opening Remarks and Announcements



Mark announced that **Daniel Ellsberg**, the famed leaker of the **Pentagon Papers** in the early 1970s, is set to speak at San Diego State University, Oct.3 and Mark will be the host. Tickets are free but are going quickly.

Our new member Paul Michlik removed his red badge today after completing all the requirements.



Alix announce the Next “fun”draising event Wine tasting- Oct. 6 at Spacebar put on by the El Cajon Sunset club. Tickets are \$30 in advance.

Ivan and Elena are hosting pre-bowling social event. Theme “Big Lebowski” Sept.29th pool party at the Alba’s. Screening at night at the Alba’s in prep for our May bowling.

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Garage sale Oct. 27th - donations are welcome starting now.

District events:

- Pre-pets this Sat. Jeff will be attending.
- Interact- Isabel has joined Patrick Henry. On Sept. 22, 8:30am-3:30pm the 5th Annual interact symposium will be held at Liberty station.
- Sept.29 Rotary foundation seminar 8am at Grossmont college FREE FLU SHOTS administered by our District Governor
- LEAD conference- Oct.13/14. We are sending 2 students from Tubman
- The 2nd District council dinner Oct. 16 at Sea 180 in Imperial Beach. 5:30pm



Tea report- Christine and Fern thanked the club and all the participants. OPM- Raised over \$11000, \$3000 of which is going to our honorees (\$1000 each) to use for their projects. After expenses our club has netted \$4722. An outstanding job was done by the committee and almost all members of the club participated in some way. We thank you all for the enthusiasm and hard work.

The SDSU Rotaract meetings are starting again- Elena urged us to attend one of their meetings and continue to work together. They also helped at the tea again this year.



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Speaker: Nancy Lujan, “Spirituality and Art”

Elena introduced our speaker, her mother Nancy Lujan. Nancy is a docent at “The San Diego Museum of Art”. She attended Grinnell College then was awarded a scholarship to Yale University where she earned her master’s degree in medieval history.

After raising her family and teaching History Social Science and Spanish for over 20 years, she retired and started her second career as a volunteer docent at the San Diego Museum of Art. Before giving her first official tour, she participated in 2 years of intensive training. She has traveled extensively to Mexico City, France, Chicago, and even Crystal Bridges in Bentonville Arkansas to study art.



Nancy’s presentation is on Spirituality and art. Art is made by human kind to express themselves and much of it represents our spiritual beliefs or quest. Some art expresses the inner turmoil of the artist.

Even as far back as 30 thousand yrs. ago art was symbolic and spiritual- we wonder what was the impulse that inspired people to depict life.

One example Nancy showed us was the Venus of Willendorf- it is assumed this represented fertility which has been prevalent in art for thousands of years and in every culture.

Another example was Jade bi- tomb relic. A lot of art we’ve found are objects that were buried with a person. We assume these were meant for entertainment in the afterlife.

Art is a major part of religious belief- of course many depictions of God, Christ and Buddha are prevalent to inspire.

Christianty is very prevalent. One piece we have in our museum is a wooden sculpture of San Diego de Alcatraz- a Franciscan brother whom our city was named after.

Another piece she shared was a part of an altar piece from Florence by Giotto, depicting god the father- it is thought this was vandalized, this being removed from a larger piece and we now the part of the altar piece that depicts the brilliance of god.

A painting by Murillo depicting Mary Magdalene is another example of spiritual art. It focuses on penitence. Her attribute is her flowing hair and a jar of oil , floating off the ground, with a skull nearby that represents death.



Many artists were given the task of teaching religious history through their art. We wonder who had the money to commission these works? The church could afford to promote their ideas. Penitence of Saint Peter by El Greco is an example of this.



Still lives also told a lesson about life by portrays beauty and decay in the same painting, it tells us life is short.

Even nature was an inspiration from the world around us like in Monets Haystacks.

Docents are free, so take advantage of their knowledge. SD Museum of art- everyone under age of 18 is free- new policy. And free school buses are provided for classes.



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