Richard Makau
El Cajon Sunset Rotary Club
Compassion for African Villages: Books for Liberia

Liberia is significantly behind most other countries in the African region in nearly all education statistics according to USAID. During the 14 year civil conflict, which ended in 2003, 80% of schools were destroyed or damaged; many had roofs, furniture and supplies looted. Since government investment in basic education outside the capital city was low before the war, and despite a brief window of reconstructive effort between 1999-2000, further conflict and the operational cessation of the Ministry of Education left schooling in a parlous condition.

Please help by donating money and books for the students in Liberia. We will be filling an entire shipping container with the books and they will be distributed to the neediest schools.

http://www.compassionforafricanvillages.org/what-we-do.html

If you cannot perform your assigned duty, please arrange for a replacement.
Important Dates:

- Jan 10th: Board of Directors Meeting – 5:30pm – Steve’s office
- Jan 11th: Oaxaca Education Fund
- Jan 18th: Richard Makau – Compassion for African Villages
- Jan 25th: Rotary District Music Competition
- Feb 1st: Davis Family YMCA
- Feb 13th: Board of Directors Meeting – 5:30pm – Steve’s office
- Feb 22nd: 4-Way Speech Contest

New Member Application to La Mesa Rotary

Sue Richardson is applying to be a member of La Mesa Rotary

Jack Dragitz is her sponsor

Sue Richardson
City of La Mesa, Community Services Director

An alumna of SDSU, Sue began her career at Naval Air Station Miramar Morale, Welfare and Recreation and continued with Marine Corps Community Services as the Director of Leisure Services supervising programs, facilities and events for military members. She then served as the Recreation Services Manager at the City of Santee for 13 years before coming to the City of La Mesa as the Director of Community Services this past November. She has a graduate degree in Recreation and Tourism from California State University, East Bay and served as the California Park and Recreation Society District 12 President for 2013-14. She and her husband Dino reside in the College Area and have two sons: Jordan, a midshipman at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis; and Parker, a sophomore at Saint Augustine High. When not attending their son’s sport and theater programs, they enjoy Aztec basketball games. Sue is an involved Boy Scout Leader for Troop 51 in La Mesa and is a member of the St. Martin of Tours Church contemporary choir.
4-Way Speech Contest

I wanted to let everyone know that we are planning on holding our annual 4-Way Test Speech Contest on February 22. This is always one of the more interesting programs during the year and it is also one in which we can directly impact teenagers in the La Mesa area by helping them understand and live by the selfless principals outlined in our 4-Way Test. However, in order to have the most entertaining program possible, I need your help in finding and recruiting high school students to participate!

Below are a few items that summarizes the event and what would be expected from participants:

- Contest is open to all high school students.
- Topic of speeches are student’s choice. However, the speech must show clearly the practical application of all four points of the Rotary Four-Way Test.
- Contestants may use 3x5 note cards during speech
- Length of speech must be between 5 and 7 minutes
- Prizes at our club level: 1st-$100, 2nd-$75, 3rd-$50, 4th-$25

If you know of any potential contestants please pass along this information. I have also included a packet that contains details for the contest. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sam Bauchmann

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