Thomas Negron Jr., president of the Rotaract Club of San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus, speaks about the newly created club during the induction ceremony at the campus Thursday in Calexico.

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CALExico – Members of the newly-created Rotaract Club of San Diego State University-Imperial Valley enthusiastically applauded as they were inducted Thursday afternoon.

Rotaract Clubs are a Rotary-sponsored service club for people ages 18 to 30 and Rotary International District Governor Lawrence J. Sundam said it’s the first Rotaract Club chapter for the Imperial Valley.

He outlined the ways that the more than 8,400 Rotaract clubs worldwide have helped their surrounding communities as the SDSU-IV chapter was welcomed Thursday.

“Rotaract is limited only by your imagination in terms of what you want to do,” Sundram said.

Elsa Soto is the vice president of the Mexicali Rotaract chapter and said she helped create the Imperial Valley chapter after noticing there wasn’t one here.

Thomas Negron Jr. will be the president of the Rotaract Club of SDSU-IV and said he is excited about the club’s first project Saturday where members will help clean up graffiti around Calexico.

The group will meet at 5:30 a.m. at the Calexico Starbucks and invites anyone interested in helping or interested in the club to join them.

“Rotaract is really one of the best examples of a student organization which can help make a difference both in our community and more particularly on this campus,” SDSU-IV Dean David Pearson said. “The types of people that gravitate to this type of organization are, in my view, the future leaders of the Imperial Valley.”

“By helping the community, students have the potential to improve their own lives at the same time,” Negron Jr. said.
Valle and the future leaders of this area of California and future leaders of Baja California.”

Visit the “SDSU IV Rotaract Club” page on Facebook or send an e-mail to sdsuivrotaract@gmail.com for more information.

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