



# ROTARY ROUND-UP



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Celebrate Rotary

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## STAKEHOLDER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROJECT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY



Sebio Arballo introduced our presenter, Raul Gordillo, the Stakeholder Education and Outreach Project Manager from Southern California Gas Company, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy. He told us about the new program where the company will soon be installing new electronic components on all the gas meters in Imperial County--the "Advanced Meters Project." With an advanced meter, your gas usage will be measured just as it is today by your current meter. And your bill will continue to be based on a monthly read of your usage. However, the gas company will no longer need to come to



your property each month to manually read your gas meter. Instead, the advanced meter communication device will turn on for a fraction of a second each day to



automatically read and transmit your encrypted gas usage information directly to one of the company's data collectors. The information is then sent wirelessly to Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) for billing and presented to you via My Account. No sensitive, personally identifiable customer information is transmitted. And by having more frequent and detailed information about your gas usage, you can make more informed choices to better manage and control your gas costs.

The advanced meter is powered by two special AA batteries, similar in technology to those used in pacemakers. Battery voltage is reported along with gas usage data, so the company can monitor the batteries and replace the device as necessary. Because the energy required to transmit the data is so low, these batteries are expected to keep a charge for at least 20 years. The benefits of these advanced meters are as follows: You will have access to more detailed information and analysis tools to help you better understand how you're using gas and where you could potentially save. □□ Security: Customers who previously provided SoCalGas with a key to their gates, left latches unlocked or confined their dogs to give us access the meter each month may now only need to provide entry for periodic maintenance. No personally-identifiable information will be transmitted, and gas usage information will be encrypted for added security. Advanced meters can also help improve billing accuracy. □□ Once fully installed, the advanced metering system will also enable SoCalGas to eliminate carbon-intensive business practices such as removing 1,000 service vehicles off the road every day and eliminating close to 7 million miles driven each year to read meters. Both through customer conservation efforts and reduced vehicles off the road, the company expects to reduce approximately 140,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions each year. □□ In the future, advanced meters can make it even easier for you to view and manage your gas use with energy alerts via phone, text or email. □□ The advanced meter project will enable operational and environmental savings over the life of the project estimated to be more than double the value of our investment. These savings are passed along to customers in overall rates. And, finally, any customer who doesn't want to participate in the program will be given the opportunity to opt out prior to installation.

# POT



The drawing was won by those wonderful Rotarians listing above who had the privilege of sitting at the so-called "Cason Table" -- a whopping \$58.00, but the white chip means the big pot of \$560 stays in the kitty to keep growing.

# PLEDGE, PRAYER AND SONG

President Ryan rang the bell promptly at 12:30 PM which brought the membership to their feet. The Prez called on one of our Past President's Kathy Kennerson to lead the pledge and another of our Past President's, Ed Snively was called on to offer the prayer and the song was led by Pastor Ron Griffen, not a Past President!



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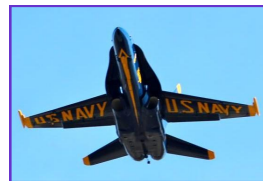
# ANNOUNCEMENTS



One last appeal was made by Don Thompson for the Snowbirds' Breakfast to be held this Saturday, January 12, 2013, please sign up and help cook breakfast. Don asked for assistance in helping to set up on Friday afternoon and also for a cleanup crew after the breakfast.

Lee Hindman announced the Business Showcase, January 10, 2013, at Preble Building, IV Expo. United Way is having its Inaugural Night at the Races at Barbara Worth Country Club, Saturday, January 19, 2013, gates open 5:45 p.m.

El Centro Chamber of Commerce's Blue Angels 7th Annual Air Show Gala Dinner will be Friday, February 8, 2013. IVEDC's 8th Annual Dinner will be at Cheval Farms on January 25, 2013.



# Visiting Rotarians And Rotarians With Guests

Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Visiting Rotarian, David Cason.

Visiting were: Richard Acosta, Holtville; Rod Smart, Brawley; Pat and David Cason, Imperial and our own long lost Julie Oliver, El Centro.

Sebio Arballo introduced guests Joe Montenegro, Raul Cordillo and Aaron Ortiz from Southern California Gas Company.



*The El Centro Rotary Club meets on Thursday noon at the PAL facility 1100 North 4th Street If you miss Rotary, you miss out!*



# WHINING AND FINING



Everyone sitting at David Cason (soon to be known as "The Leper") was fined \$10.00 each, including Jon Willis, Edgard Garcia, Bob Hahn and Bill Thomas (ouch!). Andy Horne was fined \$100 for living in a house that turned 100 years old and was featured in two local publications.

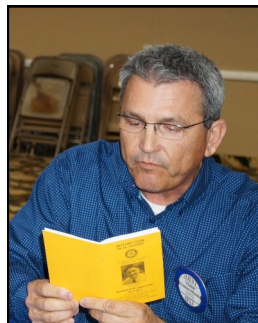


Bob Mapes was fined \$50 for placing two black balloons on the President's podium.



Bill Plourd was nicked \$100 for 10 days in Italy and bringing President Ryan a singing steer.

Emma Jones was hit for \$100 for her trip to Utah even though she brought back some root beer made in Jackson Hole (Buckin' Root-beer )for President Ryan.



Richard Acosta was given a message to deliver to the Holtville club's President: \$50 fine if you keep fining visiting Rotarians from the El Centro Club!

Frank Miranda was fined \$100 for a trip to Sedona, AZ, and providing President Ryan with some home-grown vegetables.

Veronica Henderson's cruise to Belize, Honduras, Rotarianan and Cozumel cost her \$100, even with the Rotarian tan Rotary Police T-Shirt she will someday bring to President Ryan.

Edgard Garcia was fined \$25 for not going on any trips. Rudy Rodriguez was dinged \$50 for getting Frank Miranda's email address wrong in the current "Membership Directory."

And Pastor Ron, David Wells, Trish Burich-McNeece and Dan Nuffer were fined \$25 each for having some connection with either Notre Dame or Alabama--the two college teams in the laughter



called the BCS National Championship game.