



Frank Miranda, President 2014-2015

Celebrate Rotary

Number 21 for the Week of November 20, 2014

Imperial Valley Community Foundation



Jim Brock introduced the speaker. However, when he gave us some of the speaker's history, he seemed to falter and not remember any of the pertinent facts. However, he did remember that he worked for the Imperial Valley Community Foundation. After some thought it turned out that the speaker was his own son, Bobby Brock.

Mr. Bobby Brock spoke about the Imperial Valley Com-



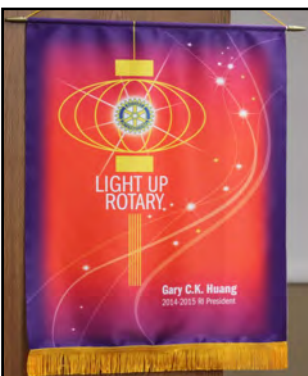
munity Foundation and a number of foundations (i.e. Lucile Packard Foundation, Emily Nares Foundation,

the California Wellness Foundation, U.S. Mexico Philanthropy, Ocotillo Wind Foundation, etc.) He pointed out that Emma Jones and Jack & Joan Tyler had been recognized this past week as part of the National Philanthropy Day meeting held at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse. He also told us to put March 21, 2015 on our calendars for next year's Imperial Valley Community Foundation Annual Golf Tournament.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians



Bob Mapes introduced Richard Acosta of the Holtville Club, our only visiting Rotarian. Also visiting was Lisa Parnow, also known by a number of us as Lisa Plourd. Lisa was here today as a guest of her daughter Stacie Todd. Lisa is from Alturas, CA.



The El Centro Rotary Club meets on Thursday noon at the PAL facility located at 1100 North 4th Street. Visitors are welcome! If you miss Rotary meeting, you miss out!

4-WAY TEST

Do You Know The 4-Way Test?

Pledge, Prayer and Song



President Frank Miranda began the Rotary meeting with the pledge led by Steve Birdsall and the blessing/prayer by Georgia Libsack. Mike Rood (accompanied by his guitar) led us in a rousing rendition of Yankee Doodle, the state anthem of Connecticut



POT



The winner of this weeks drawing was Don Thompson who won the weekly amount of \$54. Don chose a white chip and the pot continues to grow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Neal Hitch of the Imperial Valley Desert Museum (where he is proudly displayed next to the Yuha Man) reminded us about the organization's First Annual New Years Eve Party to be held at the Barcelona Event Center at 330 Wake Ave. in El Centro (we assume on December 31). The theme is "Swinging on a Star" so be sure to buy some tickets.



President Miranda pointed out to the club members that the Board had given out some of the club funds as follows: \$1,000.00 to Central Union High School, \$500.00 to the Hospital for their Mardi Gras. The Prez was also talking about "diabetic socks" or did he say "diabetic stocks", maybe it's some kind of investment he is touting.



Pastor Ron Griffen was in his James Joyce's free thought mode when he spoke about a club "Mystery Trip", the Community Forum regarding Immigrant Children, and the Rotary Christmas Party to be held on December 18th. Or maybe he was talking about a group of mysterious children he was going to have at the El Centro Rotary Christmas Party. In any event, I forgot to take my medications and was not hearing well over my internal voices and the ringing bells. In the words of James Joyce, "Christopher Columbus, as everyone knows, is honored by posterity because he was the last to discover America".



It was pointed out by the President that the Club would be "darker" than "dark" next Thursday because he would be celebrating Thanksgiving Day and no one was willing to meet with him on "Turkey Day". Since "Thanksgiving" (as a day for giving thanks for the "blessing of the harvest") is no longer politically correct, we will only be referring to it as "Turkey Day". Or maybe we could change that unnamed professional football team's name to the "Washington Turkeys".

Past President Eusebio Arballo announced the Chamber Mixer to be held to night at Direct Auto Plaza.

Harvest Time aka Whining and Fining

Phil Heald was fined for buying a "Grand Cherokee" Turbo Diesel Jeep for which he paid a fine of \$100.00. We all know that Phil was really fined for buying a car "inappropriately" named after a Native American people indigenous to the Southeastern United States.

The Honorable Matt Contreras was fined \$50.00 for taking a tour in Baja California to celebrate his daughter's passing her exam as a licensed speech pathologist. In addition, Matt put down an additional \$200.00 on his Paul Harris Sustaining Membership. At his current 50 cents a meeting rate being paid on his Paul Harris Fellowship, the Honorable Judge Contreras is now paid up for the next 200 meetings [for the next four (4) years]. I don't think I will live long enough to see him get his Paul Harris.



Diane Cason was fined \$100.00 for her trip to Italy (including Rome, Vienna, Florence, the Vatican, etc.) with fellow malcontent Rotarians, Nancy Thornburg and Richard Acosta. They brought the president an apron with a vivid depiction of Michelangelo's David. The President wore it for a couple of minutes and took it off after embarrassing, or causing "humiliation", to those of us who are more modest. Diane also paid \$100.00 for her Paul Harris Sustaining Membership.

Pastor Ron Griffen had a joke with an underlying religious implication about a carpenter with a son by the name of Pinocchio. I think Pastor Ron is vying for the annual "Norm Self Award". In any event, I thought the joke was very funny!

Randy Miles had his picture taken with his wife at a recent MANA leadership development meeting. He was bragging to people about the fact that the photograph had been signed by New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick. In any event, it cost him \$25.00 to the club. In the words of Knute Rockne "Show me a good and gracious loser and I'll show you a failure."



Membership Proposal

Victor Calderon is being proposed for membership. He is a resident of El Centro and is membership in the Financial Services - Insurance, Benefits & Planning category. Victory is being proposed by Bobby Brock.

Victor is a Boy Scout Leader (Troop~4076 in El Centro). He is a Licensed Professional with International Finance Practice. He is Bilingual, enjoys hiking, camping and hunting. Victor is married with three children. He is an Imperial Valley native. Graduate of Cal Poly Pomona and is interested in helping with the STAR program. Please take time to introduced yourself to Victor!

