



Edgard Garcia President 2016-2017 Celebrate Rotary Number 10 for the Week of September 15, 2016

Pledge, Prayer and Song



President Edgard began the meeting with the pledge led by Gabe Contreras, the blessing/prayer by Todd Evangelist, and the patriotic song led by Aaron Popejoy.



Do You Know The Four Way Test?



Announcements



Todd Evangelist announced that the Higher Education Week begins next week with a number of workshops. He told us to check on Facebook to see what is going on.
Jennifer



Thomason said that Heart & Hand was having a Flu Shot Clinic this afternoon between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and you could also get vaccinations for shingles, pneumonia, etc. Jennifer also indicated that two (2) of the club's small libraries had been vandalized and she was able to enroll Frank Miranda and Derek Quan to build the club some new small libraries.

Cathy Kennerson announced that on September 19th 2016 the El Centro Regional Medical Center was having a meet and greet for their new CEO (Adolphe Edward, DHA) between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Contact Cathy if you need further information.

It was announced that the El Centro Chamber of Commerce was having its monthly mixer this evening between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Carrow's Restaurant located at 1002 N Imperial Avenue, El Centro.

Proposed Members

We have three visitors that are being proposed for membership: Belinda Mills, Veronica Henderson, and Dr. John Dalle (pictured from left to right)



Veronica Henderson has been involved in Rotary since the age of eleven, and has previously been a member of the El Centro Rotary Club from 2008-2014 and the Imperial Club 2014-2015. Her classification would be Family Law. She is currently a Superior Court Judge for the County of Imperial and serves as the Family Law Facilitator. Veronica is also involved in public and community service. Veronica is being proposed by Dr. Reverend Ron

Griffen.

Belinda Mills is the Publisher of the Imperial Valley Press and her member classification would be Newspaper Publication. Belinda is quickly showing that she is a key leader in our Community. She has a daughter attending Southwest High School and a son who is serving as an assistant Varsity coach for the Eagle Football Team. Belinda is being proposed for membership by Todd Evangelist.

Dr. John Dalle is the Founder and Coordinator of the Children's Foundation of Imperial Valley. His classification would be Non-Profit Coordinator. Dr. Dalle is being proposed by Kathy Kennerson.

Please take a few minutes and introduce yourself to these proposed members.

Whining and Fining



Kathy Ball indicated that she had taken a trip to Alaska that included the Alaskan Adventure Trips, it included navigating Alaska's Dalton highway, visiting the Arctic Circle and the Kennecott mine (an abandoned mining camp in Alaska that was the center of activity for several copper mines) that was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1986. Kathy indicated that she had had visited six (6) National Parks and helped celebrate the 100th Centennial Anniversary of the National Park Service. She brought back a Junior Park Ranger Badge for the President and was fined some unknown amount.



Frank Miranda travelled to Buenos Aires for eight (8) days and then visited Uruguay (officially the Oriental Republic of Uruguay). Buenos Aires is the capital and the largest city of Argentina. The city is located on the western shore of the estuary of the Rio de la Plata. The Rio de la Plata widens from about 2 kilometers at its source to about 220 kilometers at its mouth. It cost Frank \$50.00 for his transgressions.

Judge Derek Quan did something. I don't know what it was, but he sure looked guilty.

Emma Jones went to visit her sister and ended up spending two (2) days in the hospital. It cost her \$100.00 to the club and \$100.00 to her Paul Harris. Some of us thought the club should have covered her doctor bills. After all she is always working on Rotary business. If I were her, I would file a workman's compensation claim and contact the Labor Commissioner.

We were reminded that the Imperial Valley College Foundation was having a golf tournament at Rams Hill on Friday, November 11, 2016. At that event they are also having a seminars on "cyber security" and a talk by a financial advisor. Sounds like a "business" expense to me?



POT



Clifford Caldwell held the winning ticket for the weekly drawing (that earned him \$23.00). We still think there is something suspicious going on with his numerous “weekly” wins. The “good news” is he failed to select the winning chip for the “large” carry over pot.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS



Our visiting Rotarians consisted of our own Richard Acosta of the Holtville Club, Carter Taylor of the Brawley Club (he is also the Assistant District Governor), Jason Jackson of the Indio Sunrise Club (and the current Mayor



of El Centro), and Veronica Henderson of the Imperial Breakfast Club.



Todd Evangelist introduced his guest, Belinda Mills, the new publisher of the Imperial Valley Press.

Measure P & Q

The President introduced Jason Jackson (the Mayor of El Centro) who spoke to us about two tax initiatives that are on the ballot this November. One involves a ½ cent sales tax increase and the second adds 3% to the current 10% room tax in motels. Mayor Jackson spoke about the need for additional funding to deal with the new library, the new police department, the need for additional parks (multi-field sports complex and a dog park) and other facilities to enhance our community, etc.



The discussion then turned to the bonding of a percentage of the sales tax to be able to build the facilities immediately.

Mr. Jackson recommended that we attend the Chamber of Commerce’s Town Hall next Thursday where these items will be discussed. It should be a good meeting!