



Edgard Garcia, President 2016-2017

Celebrate Rotary

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Assistant District Attorney-Debra Owen

The President introduced Deborah Owen (the Assistant District Attorney for Imperial County) who spoke to us about Proposition 57 currently reflected on the November 8th Ballot as the "Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act". Deborah told us that Proposition 57 jeopardizes our safety by letting "bureaucrats" override the California Courts where "sentencing" is handed out by a Judge.

It turns out that Proposition 57 allows violent dangerous and adult career criminals to be released from prison early, included those convicted of "drive-by shootings", "taking of hostages", "arson causing great bodily harm", "assault with a deadly weapon" and other crimes.

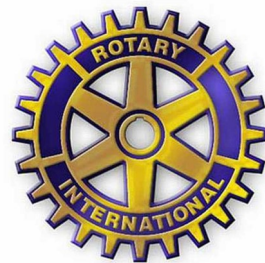
We appreciate the speaker's very educational presentation. Thank you Deborah Owen for a very good program! Remember to vote this November 8th !



POT



Dan Nuffer held the winning ticket for this week's drawing. Dan was so excited about winning that we didn't pay attention to how much he won. But, in any event "Congratulations" Mr. Nuffer for holding the winning ticket.



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"Rotary Serving Humanity"

President-elect John Germ announces his 2016-2017 theme.

"I believe everyone recognizes the opportunity to serve Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a great one; an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary's service to humanity." -- RIPE John Germ

Pledge, Prayer and Song



President Edgard began the meeting with the pledge led by Belinda Mills, the blessing/prayer by Randy Miles, and the patriotic song led by Veronica Henderson.

Everyone was in good voice today, I believe I heard a little Harmonizing.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

Our visiting Rotarians consisted of our prior member, Frank Popejoy, and Deborah Owen of the Imperial Breakfast Club (the Assistant District Attorney for Imperial County).



President Edgard introduced his guest and his wife, Arezoo, who we can say is his better half.

Whining and Fining



Jack Tyler was the first recipient of the President's trivia questions about the origins of "Halloween". It turns out that according to the Prez Halloween is a tradition that originated in Ireland. It had to do with the observance of "All Hallows' Eve" or an observance of the "day of the dead" or of "summers end".

Jack thought Halloween originated in "Germany. We all thought it was a good guess since in both of these countries the excesses of alcohol

have been known to give rise to very "scary" images. In any event, it cost Jack \$50.00, but he was rewarded a "chocolate bar" for his wrong answer.

David Wells was asked about an image from the Charlie Brown comic strip. He was

asked who Charlie Brown waits for each Halloween. It turns out that he waits for the "Great Pumpkin". It cost David \$50.00, however he did receive a "chocolate bar".

Kris Becker (our new Family Support Commissioner) recently went to Las Vegas for her Mother's 75th birthday. Wait a second, if Kris is 25 years old (like she has been telling us), then her mother was 50 years old when Kris was born. Something doesn't compute. In any event, Kris was asked about the first historical individual referenced as a "vampire". It was "Vlad the Impaler" the second son of Vlad Dracul the ruler of Wallachia in 1436. Kris gave the Club \$100.00 with an additional \$100.00 going toward her Paul Harris.

Jim Brock was asked about the first actor to play the character of the "Wolf Man". The Prez said that it was the famous actor "Lon Chaney". We thought it was "Wolf Man Jack" the disc jockey that was on the radio station out of Ciudad Acuna in Mexico in the 1960's. Being from across the border the radio station could use extremely strong "border blaster" radio signals that could be followed from New York to Los Angeles without ever losing the radio signal. It cost Jim \$50.00 for not knowing about "Lon Chaney", but it should have cost him more for not remembering "Wolf Man Jack".

Belinda Mills was asked about the novelist who wrote "Frankenstein". She instantly knew it was Mary Shelley. Mary Shelley first began writing the novel when she was 18 years old. "Frankenstein" was first published in London in 1818 when Mary Shelley was 20 years old. Her name was first reflected as the "author" when the second edition of "Frankenstein" was published in France in 1823. It cost Belinda \$25.00 for the right answer and we are not even sure that she was rewarded with a "chocolate bar".

Jon Ledoux was asked "which region of the world did the pumpkin originate". The Prez told us that it originated in "Central America". Wikipedia says that the "pumpkin" which comes from the squash plant is thought to be native to North America. The oldest evidence of the "pumpkin" was found in Mexico and originates between 7000 BC and 5500 BC. I don't know what it cost Jon for his answer, but I would ask for a "Redoux".

