



Edgard Garcia, President 2016-2017

Celebrate Rotary

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Salton Sea Authority

Program Chairman Bobby Brock introduced Bruce Wilcox, Director of the Salton Sea Authority. Bruce spoke about his past and present involvement with the Salton Sea, specifically the \$80.5 million budget for projects designed to stabilize the habitat at the Salton Sea through three large projects known as the Red Hill Bay Project, the Septon Project, and the Torres-Martinez Project.



These three main projects are all designed with the following benefits in mind: wildlife habitat mitigation, protect and preserve fish hatcheries, protect and preserve bird wetlands, reduce evaporation, and increase shoreline property values.

Bruce's presentation covered many aspects of the Salton Sea. The sea is a terminal lake, meaning it has no outlet. Bruce states the water quality "isn't bad", but the selenium level is high. The Salton Sea's salinity is high, being twice as salty as the ocean. With evaporation, the sea is left with high levels of sediment, minerals, and chemicals.

Two thirds of the Salton Sea is located in Imperial County, and one third in Riverside County. Funding for the sea has been challenging, since Riverside County's political agenda doesn't often match Imperial County's with respect to Salton Sea matters.

Bruce talked about the geothermal development and mineral recovery at the Salton Sea. There are now 3 firms pursuing technologies to recover lithium and other valuable minerals for industrial use.

POT



Jim Brock won the \$24 small pot, but missed the \$312 big pot.



Pledge, Prayer and Song

Kris Becker led the pledge of allegiance, the prayer was offered by Ed Snively and our very own President, Edgard Garcia led us in singing God Bless America.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

President Edgard Garcia introduced the visiting Rotarian Richard Acosta from the Holtville club.

Bobby Brock introduced his guest and today's speaker, Bruce Wilcox.

Whining and Fining

The President suspended fining today to allot more time for the program



Announcements

Bob Mapes reminded the club that the Chuck Wagon Breakfast takes place THIS Saturday, Nov 12 and 4 volunteers are needed from 7am to 10am. The Chuck Wagon Breakfast is part of Brawley's Cattle Call festivities, and is held in Plaza Park in Brawley.



President Edgard Garcia congratulated fellow Rotarians Luis Plancarte and Ryan Childers for their recent wins in the local election. Luis was elected to the County Board of Supervisors, and Ryan was re-elected to the board of Central Union High School.

Due to some last-minute drop-outs, the El Centro Rotary golf team needs 3 players to join Pastor Ron Griffen on FRIDAY to play in the IVC Foundation Golf Tournament at Rams Hill Golf Course. If anyone is interested, immediately contact Pastor Ron.

Our annual Rotary Christmas Party will take place at the home of Mike & Nancy Rood on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Naturally, that means we will be DARK that day during our normal meeting time.

Anyone interested in attending the annual Naval Gala at NAF on Saturday, February 11, 2017 needs to contact President Edgard Garcia for tickets.

The dedication of the Veterans Memorial at Bucklin Park will be held at 9:30am on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2016.



"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

