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Celebrate Rotary

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Whining and Fining

Acting President Aaron put on his religious vestments (i.e. liturgical garments) on and took his position in the confessional, asking for the confessions of various members.

Emma Jones confessed that she had taken a trip over Christmas and that it involved a bunch of snow. In addition, her grand-nephew was selected as the new women's volleyball coach at Stanford University. I heard a couple of Stanford alumnus whispering that maybe now they had a "contact" for getting tickets to various sporting events. Emma graciously agreed to pay the club \$100.00. Bob Mapes confessed to vacationing in Oregon and to taking his recreational vehicle along the Pacific Coast. As he described it he was jumping from "spot to spot". For approximately three (3) months of travel Bob tithed \$100.00 to the club (as had Emma).



Sue Barniske Giller one of the publishers of the "Imperial Valley Alive" Magazine pointed out the magazine's latest edition which was resting on the meeting tables. This was the Winter 2017 addition of the magazine covering certain history of the Imperial Valley. For those who have read the current edition, it reflected interesting articles about water, the Pioneers Museum and the Desert Museum, including an article referencing the Yuha man. Sue also tithed \$100.00 to the club.



The next confession came from Bill Plourd who indicated that he was planning a quick father-son trip (with his son Matt) to the "Superbowl". He had reviewed the "Stubhub" site and commented that the cheapest seats for the Super Bowl were about \$2,500.00 per ticket. We hope his trip is successful and that his choice of wagers on a winning team will enable him to garner sufficient moneys to pay for their trip. In any event, the Club got its winnings up front in the way of a \$100.00 contribution.

City of Imperial Planning and Development Director

Chris Moore introduced the speaker George (Jorge) Galvan. Mr. Galvan is Planning and Development Director for the City of Imperial.

He spoke about "UP", "DOWN" and "ALL AROUND" in the City of Imperial.

The City of Imperial consists of an area of six and one-half square miles (in the city limits), has a population as of February 1, 2017 of approximately 18,000 souls, is projected to grow at a clip of 9.5% in the near future and has an average family income of \$57,152.

Mr. Galvan spoke about "Worthington Square" (a mixed-use property) with residential abodes above and commercial business below. The city hosted the Worthington Square grand opening last November 18, 2016.

The city population expends about \$14,000,000 a year for food. The city currently is home to Alford Distributing, Claypool Distributing, Pentagonal Brewing Company and plans to have the Humble Farmer Brewing Company.

Their most famous Motel (which still needs some infrastructure that is 3 months out to bid and 9 months out to construction) is currently planned to be a Ramada Inn. Only 12 years in the planning and construction stage, we hope that the project is completed soon. In addition, Mr. Galvan spoke about Imperial's Regional Park & Equestrian Center, the Library, Transit Park, Sculpture Garden, etc.

We are very pleased to see the planning and growth in Imperial and need to get Mr. Galvan back to talk to us again. Thank you Chris for a very good program!



Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

Our visiting Rotarians consisted of



Rod Smart of the Imperial Breakfast Club, and Richard Acosta of the Holtville Club.



Pledge, Prayer and Song

Acting President Aaron Popejoy began the meeting with the pledge led by Bill Thomas, the



blessing/prayer by Bob Mapes, and the patriotic song led by Derek Quan



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Don Thompson held the winning ticket for this week's drawing. Don received \$17.00, but was not successful in drawing the "red" chip. But, in any event, "Congratulations" Mr. Thompson.

Announcement



Acting President Aaron pointed out that the El Centro Rotary Board had met the past week and determined that the Annual Rotary Barbecue would be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Bill Plourd stated that El Toro would be glad to handle the cooking of the deep pit barbecue for our Rotary Club. Don Thompson was heard asking about when the Rotary Barbecue Committee would be meeting. I believe he was met with the sound of his own voice.

It was pointed out that our Rotary Club had a table for the El Centro Chamber of Commerce "Annual Air Show Gala" supporting the men and women of the Naval Air Facility El Centro. It is a black tie event and if you are interested be sure to talk to Aaron. The event is to be held at the Naval Air Facility on February 11, 2017.



"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

**The Four Way Test
of the things we think, say or do guides Rotarians.**

The test is as follows:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Does it promote GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

The Rotary Board, at their last meeting, approved the following clarifications to the Membership Proposal Process. The reasons for the changes are listed at the bottom of the page.

(REVISED) MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL PROCESS

1. Prospective Members may only be proposed for Membership after attending, as a guest, at least three regular meetings. After which, if Prospective Member is interested in joining, Sponsoring Rotarian proposes them for membership by submitting a completed Membership Proposal Form to the Club Secretary. The proposal is kept confidential during the preliminary phase.
2. Upon receipt of a Membership Proposal Form, the Classification Committee shall determine the eligibility as to classification; and the Membership Proposal Review Committee shall investigate the character, business, and general eligibility of the Prospective Member. Once eligibility is determined, the appropriate recommendation is made to the Board.
3. Based on the recommendation, the Board shall vote to either approve or disapprove the Prospective Member within 30 days of being proposed for membership.
4. With a favorable decision by the Board, the Rotary Information/Education Committee shall, with assistance from the Sponsoring Rotarian, inform the Prospective Member of the purposes, privileges, and responsibilities of membership, including attendance requirements and financial obligations. The Prospective Member and Sponsoring Rotarian shall each sign the Statement of Intent Form. And the Prospective Member signs the Membership Proposal Form giving permission to the club to publish his/her name and proposed classification. And, upon receipt, the Club Secretary publishes the Prospective Member's name for two consecutive weeks in the Club Bulletin.
5. If no member files a written objection within seven days after the second publication, the Prospective Member is considered to be elected to membership. The Club Secretary notifies the Sponsoring Rotarian of membership approval. The sponsoring Rotarian then notifies the new member.
6. If an objection is filed by a member of the club, the Board will meet and consider the Prospective Member. The board shall vote on this matter at its next meeting. If approved by a two-thirds vote despite the objection, the Proposed Member, upon payment of the admission fee (if not honorary membership), shall be considered to be elected to membership.

REASONS FOR REVISION:

- For clarification
 - References to specific membership forms
 - Membership Proposal Form
 - Statement of Intent
- Add 30 Day Time Limit for compliance with Rotary International standard procedures.