



Edgard Garcia, President 2016-2017

Celebrate Rotary

Number 27 for The Week of February 16, 2017

Whining and Fining



President Edgard fined Rudy Rodriguez for not knowing that King Tut's Tomb was opened on February 16, 1923. It cost Rudy \$50.00 for not being at the opening with archeologist Howard Carter. For some reason Cathy Kennerson and the Honorable Derek Quan were each fined \$25.00. I do not know why, but I suspect it had to do with giving away the answer to the President's question.

Somehow Emma Jones and Todd Evangelist paid fines related to the youngest Daytona 500 Winner which was Jeff Gordon who claimed his first victory in that event on February 16, 1997.



Bob Barros was asked about the original Presidents' Day holiday. It turns out that it was created by Congress to celebrate George Washington's Birthday (actual birthdate for him is February 23rd). Presidents' Day is celebrated on the 3rd Monday in February. Bob passed up a \$25.00 fine and instead paid a \$100.00 fine and an additional \$100.00 toward his Paul Harris. Good man!

Lee Hindman paid \$50.00 for not knowing that George Washington's first title was Commander in Chief of the Continental Army.



Soroptimist and CASA Mentor Program



Kathy Ball introduced the speaker Kelly Smith an Immigration Attorney and President of the Imperial Valley Breakfast Rotary Club. Ms. Smith spoke about the Soroptimist / Casa Foster Girl Mentoring Program.

Ms. Smith related that the program pairs each Foster Girl with a Soroptimist Mentor who works with CASA to provide guidance and help in achieving the Foster Girl's personal and educational goals.

She stated that she deals with Alex Cardenas at Casa and the Honorable Christopher Plourd Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

Currently that there are eight (8) girls currently in the program and they intend to have five (5) more for a total of thirteen (13) girls in the mentoring program. They are looking for sponsors to



help fund the program (with Sponsorship levels from \$250.00 to \$1,500.00). Your help is appreciated!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

Our visiting Rotarians consisted of our own Richard Acosta of the Holtville Club.



visitors consisted of Captain Brent Alfonzo Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility El Centro.



Pledge, Prayer and Song

President Edgard began the meeting with the pledge led by Aaron Popejoy, the blessing/ prayer by Todd Evangelist, and the patriotic song led by Kathy Ball, Kris Becker, Richard Acosta and John Levada.



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Randy Miles held the winning ticket for this week's drawing, but was not successful in drawing the "red" chip.

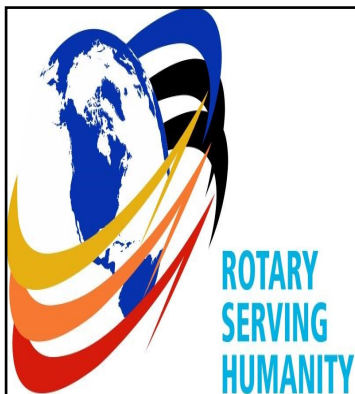
Announcements

It was pointed out that the Curt Swain Annual El Centro Rotary Club Deep Pit Barbecue would be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017. We usually provide about 1,500 meals and El Toro (thanks to Bill Plourd) will handle the cooking of the deep pit barbecue for our Rotary Club. Emma Jones will be bringing individuals to help from the local XXXXXX. Each club member needs to get out and sell their Deep-Pit Barbecue tickets!

Randy Miles pointed out that the Calexico Rotary Club's Annual Crab Crack Dinner would be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2017 at the Community Center in Calexico.

President Edgard reminded us about the State of the County Address this evening with Chairman Michael Kelley of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors and as affirmed by Supervisor Luis A. Plancarte.

Jennifer Thomason reminded us that the Chamber of Commerce's Monthly Mixer as sponsored by Heart and Hand Assisted Living and In-Home Care was being held at the Chamber of Commerce Building between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. this evening.



"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?