



Edgard Garcia, President 2016-2017

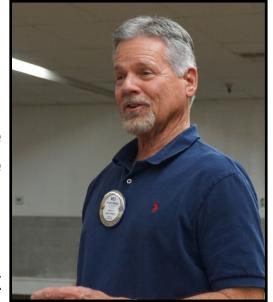
Celebrate Rotary

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## Whining and Fining



Randy Miles was fined for wandering around Guatemala looking for some "bird" in the Cloud Forest. I have heard some stories from Randy, but this one took the cake. He brought the Prez's wife some weird small container filled with a powdered substance that he claimed was a condiment of some sort. It was very



suspicious. It cost him a \$75.00 fine, but no jail time.

Kathy Ball was asked what year it was that all four #1 seeded NCAA Tournament teams made the final four. The answer was 2008 when Kansas, Memphis, North Carolina and UCLA participated in the final four.

Wes Blakely was asked when no #1 seeded team made it to the NCAA Tournament final four. In 1980, 2006, and 2011 no #1 seeds made it to the final four.

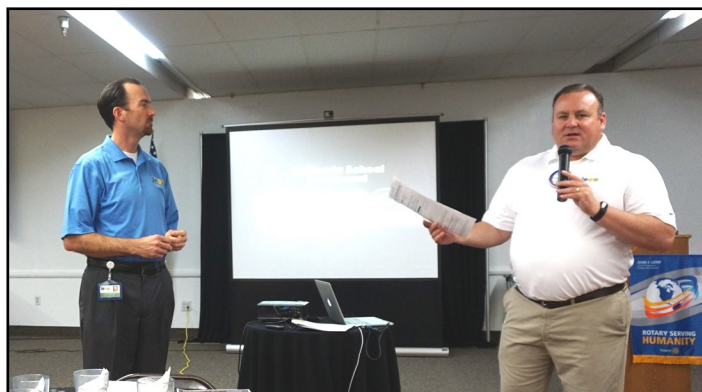
Rosa Caro was asked how many teams participated in the first NCAA Tournament in 1939. It turns out that there were only 8 teams.



Gunther Chin, Ron Griffen, Phil Heald and Veronica Henderson were all asked further questions about the NCAA Tournament, but by then no one knew or cared about the answers.

The real question to ask was "What team holds the record for winning the most NCAA Tournaments". The answer is UCLA with 11. Some of us were there in 1975 for the 10<sup>th</sup> win at the Sports Arena in San Diego.

## Variety of Programs Provided By ICOE



Todd Evangelist was the first portion of the program and he spoke about the different programs that are available in the community, including the Migrant Program, the Academic Decathlon, Mock Trials, the National History Day Fair, the Spelling B for K through 8<sup>th</sup>, and the California Educational Job Fair. He spoke about the California Department of Education's ground breaking accountability system known as "The California School Dashboard". He pointed out that the new system (i.e. the dashboard) goes beyond those systems previously available. It is a new website that uses multiple indicators to give a more complete picture as to how the various schools are serving our community. He indicated what it will help support local decision-making and will prove to be much more effective in improving our schools and helping

our students find success. The Academic Performance Index previously relied on test scores to produce a number that offered a limited view of school performance. The new indicators looks at English learner progress (K-12), graduation rates (9-12), suspension rates (K-12), college career readiness (9-12), etc. The local indicators include parent engagement, school climate, and coordination of services for expelled and/or foster youth, etc.

Todd introduced Todd Finnel, who spoke about the changes in the use of funding (i.e. restricted monies, pool funding and local control). He spoke about the local reform plan and increased accountability. There were a number of issues he discussed including the use of "vouchers" and the issue of Public versus Charter Schools. Thank you Todd and Todd for a very good program!



## Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians



Our visiting Rotarians consisted of Todd Finnell, Past President of the Imperial Rotary Breakfast Club, and our own Richard Acosta of the Holtville Club.

Our visitor consisted of Arezoo (President Edgard's "much" better half).

Welcome to all of our guests!

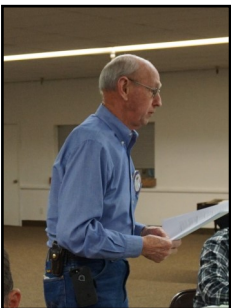


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Trish McNeece held the winning ticket for this week's drawing that garnered her \$25.00, but she was not successful in drawing the "red" chip.

## Announcements



We were again reminded that the Curt Swain Annual El Centro Rotary Club Deep Pit Barbecue would be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017. Robert Menvielle passed out the sign up sheet and reminded the club membership to be sure all working and cleanup positions are covered. We need to be there early.

Cristina Roberts needs help filling the small "salsa" containers, Emma Jones will be supervising students, and people are needed for the cleaning crew. If you haven't sold your Deep-Pit Barbecue tickets, prepare to pay



## Pledge, Prayer and Song



President Edgard began the meeting with the pledge led by Todd Evangelist, the blessing/ prayer by Pastor Ron Griffen, and the patriotic song led by Lee Hindman, Bob Barros, Chris Moore and Rudy Rodriguez (also known as the PAL barbershop quartet).



**"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?