

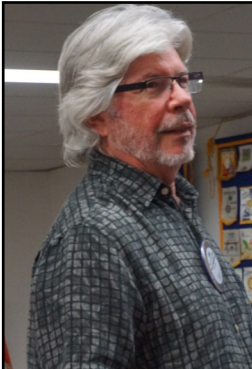


Edgard Garcia, President 2016-2017

Celebrate Rotary

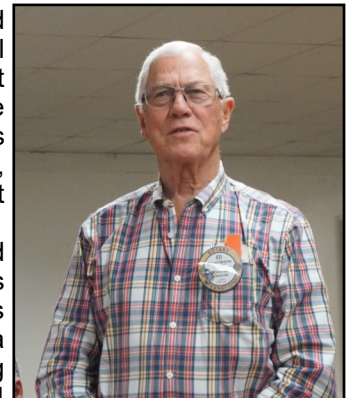
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## Whining and Fining



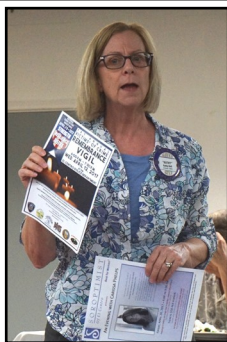
Karina Alvarez was asked what happened on April 16th 1896. It happens that it was the beginning of the Modern Olympic Games that were held in Athens, Greece. Her answer cost her \$50.00.

Jim Brock was asked about how many teams participated in the Athens Games in 1896. After a lengthy and fascinating

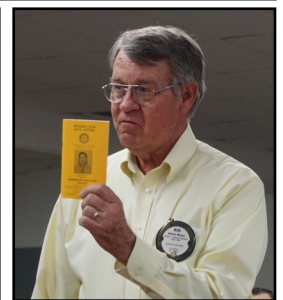


discourse about the Olympic games, he reminded us that Margaret Small Brock participated as a nurse for the Olympic athletes. She was a team nurse for the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland, the 1954 Pan American Games in Mexico City, the 1956 Squaw Valley Winter Olympic Games and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. After his presentation, Jim Brock was informed that 12 or 13 teams participated in the 1896 Olympic games.

## Announcements



Todd Evangelist reminded us of the Celebration of Education 2017 being sponsored by the Imperial County Office of Education on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the SHS Jimmie Cannon Theater.



Kathy Ball reminded us that the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Victims of Crime Remembrance Vigil will be held at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the El Centro Police Department. The purpose is to raise awareness of victims' rights, to honor crime victims, and to acknowledge the various advocates. The El Centro City Mayor, various survivors of crime and the partnering agencies will be represented.

Kathy Ball also reminded us that the Soroptimist of El Centro was sponsoring an "Evening with Carissa Phelps" on Friday April 28, 2017 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Stepling Art Gallery, San Diego State University- Imperial Valley Campus, 720 Heber Avenue, Calexico, California. The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes wine, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Call Kathy at (760) 455-0079.

Veronica Henderson reminded us that the Jon Willis celebration of life would be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Fry's Chapel in Brawley.

Bob Mapes pointed out that John Edmondson Memorial Tribute Concert would be held tonight from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wilson Junior High School Gymnasium in El Centro and features an alumni band made up of former Wilson students. Bob also pointed out that it is time to garner further information for the El Centro Rotary Club's Membership Directory for 2017-2018. As such, you need to inform him of any changes in partners, significant others, children, spouses, names, birthdays, dogs, cats, etc. That way Bob can keep the Membership Directory current.

Bobby Brock pointed out that Arturo Sandoval (10 time Grammy Award Winner) would be performing on Saturday, May 13, 2017 as part of an "Evening on the Green". Get your tickets from Bobby Brock. This event is put on by the Imperial Valley Community Foundation.

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

Our visiting Rotarians consisted of someone from the Brawley Rotary Club, and our regular Richard Acosta from Holtville.



The honorable Derek Quan introduced his guest Diana Lemon and the honorable Kris Becker introduced Sara Griffen the executive director



## Imperial Valley Foodbank

Kris Becker introduced Sara Griffen, Executive Director of the Imperial Valley Food Bank. Sara spoke to us about the status of the Imperial Valley Food Bank Building Fund Campaign. For those who have a "computer" look up the organization and you will find that the Board of Directors includes Kris Becker, Ed McGrew, William (Bill) Thomas, Robert (Bob) Barros, John Levada, Steve Nickus, etc.. I will let you figure out which of them is the current President. We also learned that the Food Bank's new building is going to be built in the I.V. Business Park off of Aten Road in Imperial.



Sara explained that the Food Bank's old facilities are currently located out next to the Sheriff's Offices (South of El Centro on Clark). The First Warehouse was built on land donated in 1997 when the organization's name used the term "Food Pantry". The organization's name was later changed to use the term "Food Bank".

Last year the Imperial Valley Food Bank distributed over 2,000 tons of food. For their new facilities, the organization will need safety audits, air tight facilities, cooling, etc.

The Imperial Valley Food Bank has achieved approximately 63% of their money goals for the new facilities. You are invited to participate in giving to the Food Bank (to complete their goals) as it is an excellent organization.



**"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*



## POT



John Levada held the winning ticket for this week's drawing, but they were unsuccessful in drawing the "red" chip.

## Pledge, Prayer and Song

President Edgard began the meeting with the pledge led by some unknown individual that did an excellent job, the blessing/ prayer by Pastor Ron Griffen, and the patriotic song led by Belinda Mills who surprised us with an excellent rendition of "My Country, Tis of Thee" also known as "America" whose lyrics were written by Samuel Francis Smith. The members of the Club did a good job of getting through the first verse. Lucky for us that we did not have to get through the original four (4) verses, or the additional nine (9) verses added by third parties.



**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