



Edgard Garcia, President 2016-2017

Celebrate Rotary

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## County Counsel



Kris Becker introduced our program Kathrine Turner, County Counsel, and Geoffrey Holbrook, Assistant County Counsel, from the Imperial County Counsel's Office. For those of us who know, Mike Rood retired as County Counsel office and the Honorable Kris Becker also worked in that office. I also think the Honorable Ruth Montenegro worked for the County Counsel's office, but what do I know.

The County Counsel's Office has 17 employees (including 11 attorneys). The office represents the County Board of Supervisors and the Counties twenty-five (25) departments.

The County Counsel deals with issues such as the races in the desert (insurance, permits, etc), environmental impact reports for windmills (representing the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, environmental lawsuits, etc.), code enforcement issues, planning issues, law enforcement, public health, department of social services, early voting, indigent defense, sheriff's offices, etc.

Also involved are issues dealing with marijuana, solar companies, slab city, cheese processors, the Salton Sea, state water resources, law enforcement (body cameras), and advising the grand jury.

Of great concern to some of the members was the local "Temptations Gentlemen's Club" located in the city of Winterhaven. Basically, the members wanted to know why they hadn't heard about this club before? Some of us think they were just showing "feigned" ignorance.

Thanks to Kris Becker for bringing us an excellent program and thanks to Ms. Turner and Mr. Holbrook for providing us with such great information.

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

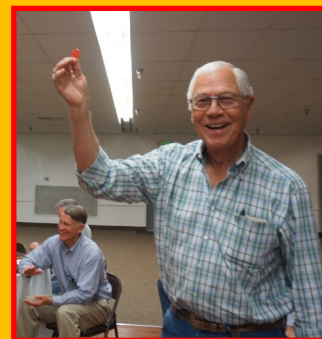


Our visiting Rotarians consisted of Geoffrey Holbrook of the Imperial Breakfast Rotary Club.

The Honorable Kris Becker introduced her guests Kathrine Turner and Geoffrey Holbrook which were also our program speakers today.

Welcome to our Visitors!

**POT**



Ed McGrew won the \$29.00 weekly drawing along with the big pot of \$571.00. Congratulations Ed!

### **Pledge, Prayer and Song**

Acting President Ron Griffen began the meeting with the pledge led by Trish McNeece, the blessing/ prayer by Ed Snively (who reminded us about "Service above Self), and the patriotic song led by Pastor Ron. Acting President Ron Griffen had a final thought to leave us with. I think it was "ring bells that you can ring". I don't know about the rest of you, but I have this constant hearing problem with "ringing" in my ears. I also think that acting President Ron did a great job with all of 15 minutes prior notice that he was covering for President Edgard



**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?



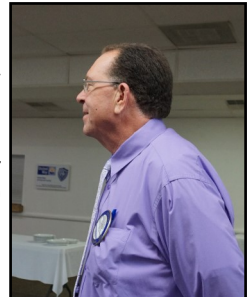
## **Whining and Fining**



Acting Prez Ron Griffen asked the Honorable Chris Plourd what was the best score shot by a player in the Masters history. As it turns out the record is held by Tiger Woods who shot 19 under par.

Acting Prez Ron Griffen asked the Honorable Matt Contreras when Tiger Woods shot the 19 under par score in the Masters. It turns out that Tiger shot the 19 under par score in 1997. It Cost Matt \$50.00 for selecting the wrong year.

Luis Plancarte was asked who won the Masters Tournament this year. It turns out that Sergio Garcia (the



perpetual bridesmaid) finally won a major tournament. It cost Luis \$25.00.

Kathy Ball was asked who has won four majors in one year on the professional golf tour. Tiger Woods won the four major tournaments over a two (2) year period, but the real winner was Bobby Jones who won all four majors in one year.

Frank Miranda was asked whether organic farming is better. He answered that from a nutritional standpoint, it is the same, from a cost standpoint that it costs more to grow organic crops, and that organic crops are not as sustainable in the long run. Good job Frank!

## **Announcements**



Frank Miranda reminded us that the Rotary Highway Clean-up would be held on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. He said that Interact would be there to help the older gentlemen clean up (was he referring to us?) and that you could keep whatever neat stuff you may find on the highway.

The acting Prez asked Ed Snively what advice he would give all the club members. Ed told everyone they should remember to get out and vote this June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bobby Brock wants us all to remember that the Evening on the Green will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Brock Asparagus, 1399 Forrester Rd., El Centro, Ca. The inaugural event will have performer Arturo Sandoval (10 time grammy award winner) and he will delight you with his music. This is being put on by the Imperial Valley Community Foundation.

Kathy Ball would also remind us that the Soroptimist Club of El Centro is 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. Call Kathy at (760) 455-0079.



### **"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*