



Kris Becker, President 2017-2018

Celebrate Rotary

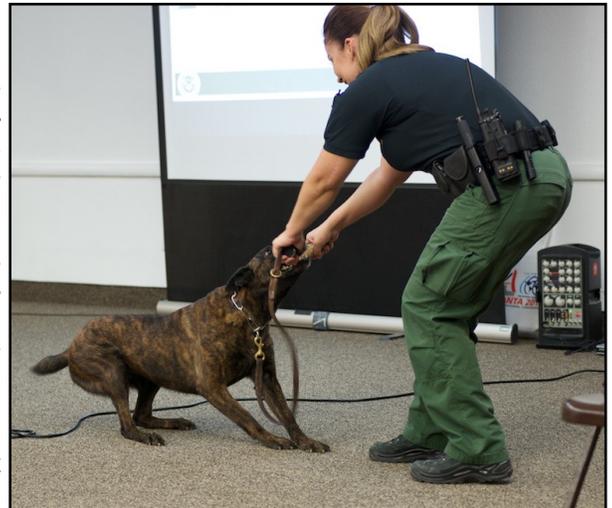
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Border Community Liaison Office



Karina Alvarez introduced the individuals speaking on behalf of the Border Community Liaison Office of the Border Patrol. The speakers were Border Patrol Agents Alessio Faccin, Gary Corzo, Edward Vasquez, Jose Fonseca and Naomi Martinez.

Mounted watchmen of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor patrolled the border beginning in 1904. There were never more than 75 agents for the whole southwest border. The Border Patrol was founded in 1924 by the Labor Appropriate Act of 1924 and today it currently has



over 18,000 Border Patrol agents operating within 20 Border Patrol Sectors. When the original agents applied in the early 1900's they had to have a horse and they had to have at least 14 teeth. Why 14 teeth? Someone determined that if you had 14 teeth, then you were clearly in reasonably good health.

In this sector we have the Calexico, El Centro and Indio Stations with approximately 962 agents. There are a number of threats that the Border Patrol faces as it has lost 130 agents that have died on the job since 1924. The addition of fencing after 2009 has simplified the vehicular problems involving cars illegally coming across the border at other than normal border crossings. There are other problems involving brick throwers, drug tunnels and ultra light planes used to traffic drugs, etc.

The Border Patrol has horse patrols, bicycle patrols, and search and rescue patrols.

The agents spoke about their canine unit which has 43 teams of canine handlers. The dogs are used to look for drugs and hiding people. They also have what is termed a "bite dog". The description speaks for itself. These working dogs involve all breeds of dogs.

It was an excellent and informative program giving rise to a number of good questions from those in attendance.

Thank you Karina for bringing us this excellent program!



Rotary Theme for 2017-2018



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

POT



Karina Alvarez won \$28.00 in the weekly drawing. However, she did not win the large pot which was carried over to next week.

Pledge, Prayer and Song

Acting President Bobby Brock (in place of President Kris) began the meeting with the pledge by Chris



Moore, followed by the blessing/prayer by Erik Freeman and a patriotic song led by Neal Hitch.

Good voices!



Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

The only visiting Rotarian was our own Richard Acosta.

Karina Alvarez introduced Border Patrol Agents Alessio Faccin, Gary Corzo, Edward Vasquez, Jose Fonseca and Naomi Martinez. Todd Evangelist introduced his daughter, Clarissa, who is about to go back to the University of Arizona at Tucson for her



New Member Proposed

James Garcia is being proposed for membership. James is being proposed in the category of Real Estate and is being proposed by Ed Snively. James works for Capital Real Estate as owner and broker. James is currently the President of the Imperial County Association of Realtors. James is a "get it done" kind of person and wants to give back to his community. To quote Ed, "He will be a strong Rotarian."



last year. George McFaddin introduced guests James Garcia and Gil Rebollar. Neal Hitch introduced a guest and staff member from the Desert Museum by the name of Edgar Brnal. Neal's purpose in bringing Mr.

Brnal to our meeting, was to educate him in the ways of Rotary.

Whining and Fining

Acting President Bobby Brock then introduced us to his fund raiser called "Name that Movie".

The movie questions went as follows: to Lanny Foote: "You can be my wingman anytime" came from what movie? Lanny correctly responded "Top Gun".

To Trish McNeece: Well here's another nice mess you've gotten me into". Trish correctly answered that the movie was "Another Fine Mess".

To Karina Alvarez: "My mother thanks you, my father thanks you, my sister thanks you, and I thank you". Karina correctly responded that the movie was "Yankee Doodle Dandy"

To Liz Villalobos: "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers". Liz correctly answered that the movie was "A Streetcar

Named Desire".

To Todd Evangelist: "A boys best friend is his Mother". Todd correctly answered that the movie was "Psycho"

To Clifford Caldwell: "Gentlemen, you can't fight in here! This is the war room". Cliff correctly answered that the movie was "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" (i.e. Dr. Strangelove)".

To Rosa Caro: "You're gonna need a bigger boat". Rosa correctly answered that the movie was "Jaws".

To Belinda Mills: "What we've got here is a failure to communicate". Belinda correctly answered that the movie was "Cool Hand Luke".

