



ROTARY ROUND-UP



Kris Becker, President 2017-2018

Celebrate Rotary

Number 17 for The Week of November 2, 2017

Announcements



Gary Redfern, a reporter from the Desert Review weekly newspaper wants to interview members about what the club does for the community.

Robert Menvielle reminded members about the Christmas party that is scheduled for Thursday December 2, 2017, at the home of Jennifer Thomason. A sign-up sheet was passed around and members were encouraged to save the date on their calendars.

Dan Nuffer introduced the members in attendance who have birthdays in October and November. They were Ed McGrew (October 30), Emma Jones (October 24) and President Kris Becker (November 10).

Pledge, Prayer and Song

The pledge was led by Bill Plourd, Ed Snively offered the prayer and the song, God Bless America, was led by Neal Hitch and we were all on key.

Ed in his prayer let us know that former El Centro Rotarian and Past President, J.B. McNeece had passed away.



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

POT



Bill Plourd had the winning raffle ticket for the small pot which contained \$35 but he confessed that the ticket actually belonged to his brother Chris who had to exit the meeting early to return to the Superior Court. Bill drew the white chip for the big pot drawing, so that money will continue to grow until next week.

PROGRAM

Steve Sono, Director of the Boy Scouts of America – Sand Diego - Imperial Council gave a presentation on the state of scouting in Imperial County. Steve stated that the Boy Scouts of America makes a difference just like Rotary makes a difference. Scouting is a service type organization that develops leadership and character in young men and those young men grow up to become the future leaders in our communities. Imperial County scouting membership grew 24% over the past two years. There are 16,000 youth involved in scouting in the San Diego - Imperial region. Steve



has developed new Boy Scout “packs” in some of the underserved communities of Imperial County like Heber and Niland. He is looking to find other communities in the county where he can develop new packs and introduce boys and girls (yes, the Boy Scouts of America now offers programs for girls aged 14-21) to scouting.

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Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

Bobby Brock introduced his daughter Elisa Brock.

Where was our member-visiting Rotarian, Richard Acosta, oh, someone said he was on a trip to Europe.

Bobby also introduced Steve Sano, who would also be our program.



WHINING AND FINING

Ed McGrew received a modest fine of \$50 for being named director emirates to the Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association Board of Directors. Phil Heald was also fined \$50 but his fine was because he lives next door to President



Kris and she noticed a new Mini Cooper parked in Phil’s driveway. Phil stated that he purchased the Mini Cooper Tradesmen for his wife who refers to it as her Mini Cooper Tradeswomen. Emma Jones received a \$50 fine for being seen in CUHS class reunion photos that appeared on Facebook. Emma said that she attended the Central Class of 1967, 50 year reunion and that there was a special presentation made to her woman’s tennis team that won the Desert Valley League title that year but because that was the pre Title 9 period there was no recognition of the teams’ accomplishment. The photos that appeared on social media showed the members of the 1967 team and Coach Jones receiving belated recognition at the 50 year class reunion.



Finally, John Levada generously offered to pay a large fine (equal to his remaining balance on the books for 2017-2018) for a trip that he took to Napa County to attend meetings. He requested that his remaining fine balance be levied while he was still employed by Rabobank so that he could request reimbursement. John will be retiring this year after a long career in banking.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do



- I. Is it the **TRUTH**?
- II. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- III. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- IV. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?