



2017Kris Becker, President 2017-2018

Celebrate Rotary

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## Announcements



President Kris announced that her Rotary email list was hacked into by Ivan Smirnov the famous Russian hacker who screwed up the announcement of last week's Rotary meeting being dark. Several Rotarians showed up only to find an empty bottle of

Vodka. President Kris apologized and kicked in \$200 to EC Rotary Foundation.

There will be a Sandalwood Progressive Party/ Dinner on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't show up to Rotary that day, instead join the party hosted by Phil and Elise Heald, Ed and Patty McGrew, Veronica Henderson and Kris Becker. A fun time is bound to happen.

Emma Jones has made arrangements to plant 6 trees. Thanks Emma for following up on Past-President Ron Griffen's Rotary project. I know where you can get a good deal on fertilizer.

Randy Miles is scheduled to participate in the Thousand Smiles weekend in Ensenada on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone interested can find registration information on [thousandsmiles.org](http://thousandsmiles.org)

Sue Giller announced a the Business Showcase taking place today at the fairgrounds from 4-7PM

Lee Hindman announced Days of Borrego sponsored by Borrego Rotary Club to be held January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9PM. Food and wine will be enjoyed.

## Pledge, Prayer and Song

Steve Birdsall Lead Pledge of Allegiance. Ed Snively as always, gave a beautiful invocation. The one and only Neil Hitch lead us in song to a tune we all know, **God Bless America**.



**POT**



Ed Snively won the small pot of \$32 and left \$498 for next week



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

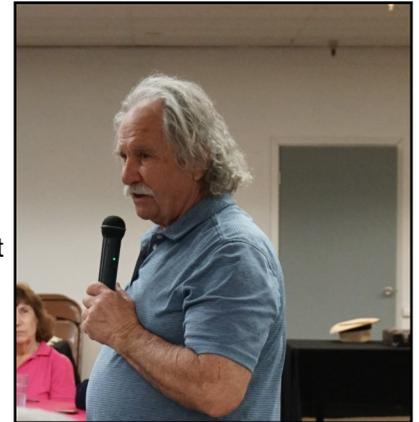
## WHINING AND FINING



Seems that Bill Plourd took the wife and kids on a vacation to Costa Rica where they enjoyed days in the sun at a fabulous resort. Bill brought a gift engraved with the common slogan of Costa Rica "Pura Vida" meaning many things depending on how much Cacique you've consumed. Bill kicked in \$200 to Paul Harris.



Not to be outdone, Ed McGrew confessed to a trip to Sun Valley, Idaho to visit daughter Cindy. The weather wasn't as pleasant as Costa Rica, never the less he kicked in \$100 to Rotary, Steve Birdsall went on a whirlwind tour by car from



September to just after New Year. Reno, Salt Lake, Yellow Stone, Illinois, Washington DC, Maine along with Maria and all the dogs on the way back the way back they were stranded in Tennessee. Not sure how many states but he contributed \$10/state visited. It seems that all those places did not have a barber shop.



Chris Moore stayed home and worked most of the time during the Holiday season. He did manage to buy a new Jeep Cherokee and paid a small contribution of \$50.

Jon Ledoux spent time in Minnesota where it was -34°F. he stayed with relatives where they spent most of the time indoor bar. \$34 went to Rotary.

Lee Hindman stayed with his in-laws in Pennsylvania where it was -2°F, and that was in the house. There was no fine associated with this wonderful trip.

Matt Contreras and wife Madeline celebrated 35 years of marriage. They enjoyed the Rose Bowl game and traveled to Winslow, AZ. Matt you are such a romantic guy. You make us all look bad.

## NO PROGRAM TODAY

## We Said So Long To Neil Hitch

### *Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians*

Neil Hitch announced that he will be relocating to Honolulu Hawaii. Neil will be in charge of the Hawaiian Mission Museum in Honolulu. He's been in Imperial Valley exactly 7 years. Neil will take with him memories of the lovely weather in Imperial Valley and suffer in Hawaii. Congratulations Neil and we will miss you.



Ruben Castro was introduced by Jon Ledoux

Jeff Holbrook was a guest of George McFaddin

Dr. David Briechner who is interim Director of IV Desert

Museum was introduced by Neil Hitch. Dr. Briechner will work as interim Director and perhaps become



the new executive director replacing Heil Hitch.

