

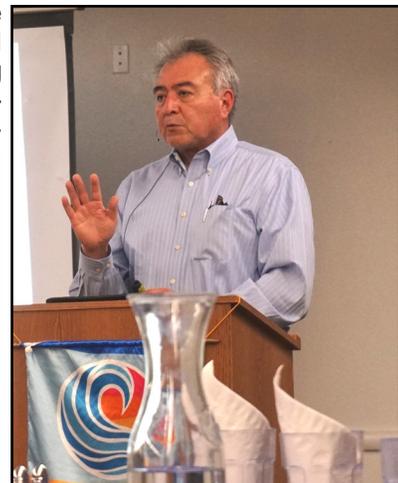


Kathy Ball, President 2018-2019      Celebrate Rotary      Number 9 for The Week of September 6, 2018

## **PROGRAM**

Our program, as introduced by Ed Snively, was Henry Martinez, the manager of the Imperial Irrigation District Energy Department. The introduction of Mr. Martinez read like a book of every type of job in the utility sector of the economy. After graduating from Cal State Fullerton and Pepperdine, Mr. Martinez has worked in every type of private and public utility. He especially likes the energy side of the business. He indicated that the IID has over 150,000 customers in Imperial County and it is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest utility in California. There are 450 employees in the IID Energy Department.

Mr. Martinez told us that the peak load for the Imperial Irrigation District exceeds 1,000 megawatts, reached its 2<sup>nd</sup> highest peak on July 24, 2018 of 1,052 megawatts. The IID exports loads to California and Arizona and most of its power is exported. He spoke of net metering involving the installation of solar panels by customers and the shifting of costs to non-solar panel customers. He also spoke of the challenges with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors which by ordinance is trying to control what the IID can do.



Mr. Martinez also spoke about the new law mandating that California be 100% renewable energy by 2045. The state is trying to do away with all carbon emissions and this has given rise to a new interest in geothermal energy.

Mr. Martinez also spoke about new problems involving large energy demands (from 100 to 200 megawatts of power) from individuals who want to grow “cannabis”. They would be growing 24 hours a day. They also need water, which might be limited by the Federal government which might limit the use of Federal water for their “cannabis” projects. The “cannabis” business also has “green” problems. Not “green energy,” but green money. They will be dealing in cash and it can't be dirty cash. So someone will literally have to clean the money for them. I think they call that “money laundering”.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

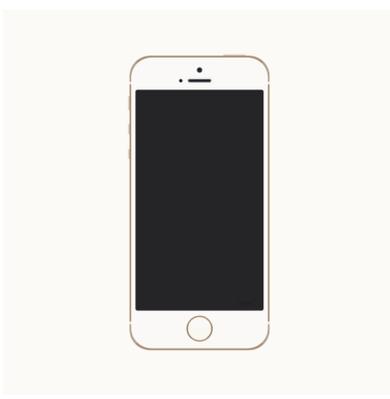
James Garcia had an announcement for next week involving the Imperial County Association of Realtor's Wine Tasting Event. But we will have to wait until next week to hear about it.

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

President Kathy began the meeting with the pledge by Rudy Rodriguez, followed by the blessing/ prayer by Ed Snively, and the patriotic song (God Bless America) begun by Bill Plourd while awaiting Emma Jones' phone playlist. Anyway, it was a good try Emma!

## ***Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians***

There were two visiting Rotarians, Richard Acosta and Tom Storey. Ed Snively had three guests, Alex Cardenas, Wally Leimgruber, and today's speaker, Henry Martinez. Rebecca Caabay from Rotaract introduced herself and indicated that she wanted to start a Rotaract Club in the Imperial Valley. As indicated, she wants to attract those in age from 18 to 30 years of age to join.



## WHINING AND FINING

The President was happy to introduce the new Federal Magistrate in Imperial Valley to our Club, and she is a member of the El Centro Rotary Club. Magistrate Ruth Montenegro told us she has been on



the job for a week and it is very exciting. The fine was \$100.00 for a tremendous new job. Congratulations to you Ruth and we hope you enjoy the new job.

Trish Burich-McNeece told us about attending a function in which they had 17 pinatas. She won a piñata (which she had to break) and as part of the process won \$500.00 of which \$100.00 was ultimately shared with our Rotary Club. Good job Trish. Trish also pointed out that her alma mater Arizona State (the Sun Devils) were playing San Diego State and she is going to the game for her birthday. Go Devils!

Dan Williams, an elder statesman of the brewing industry, attended the meeting only to pay \$100 for the new motor home in which he plans to travel. Apparently his bride, Sharon, doesn't like to travel in that fashion so he will be travelling alone.

**POT**



Cristina Roberts was the winner of this week's drawing taking home \$28.00. However, Cristina did not win the large pot (\$238.00) which will be carried over to next week.

**ROTARY**

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**

*of the things we think, say or do*

*first*  
**Is it the TRUTH?**

*second*  
**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

*third*  
**Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

*fourth*  
**Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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