



Kathy Ball, President 2018-2019

Celebrate Rotary

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## ***PROGRAM***

Our program, as introduced by Ed Snively, was Brian Johnson, the new El Centro Chief of Police, who came on board this past April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Chief has 29 years of law enforcement experience of which 26 of those years was with the Los Angeles Police Department. He attended Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Dominguez Hills.

He asked if anyone knew Paul Robinson, an El Centro police officer who was killed on duty on August 30, 1926. The department is creating a Memorial Wall and are seeking a photograph of Paul Robinson.

The Chief spoke about 21st Century police policies and the need for openness and transparency. He also said that the members of the "public" are the real police in your community and that it takes trust between the community and the police.

The Chief spoke about what it takes for successful policing in the community. He pointed out the danger involved and that 107 officers have been killed during this current year.

He also pointed out that there were a number of open positions at the El Centro Police Department and they are looking for individuals to fill those job slots. To help the growth in the pool of local police officers they are encouraging the Explorers program and pointed out that we just had the first Police Academy Class in the Imperial Valley.

The Chief said that you should judge "productivity" in community policing by the "absence of crime".

As a citizen it is important to be part of the solution. Therefore, you should have burglar alarms, security cameras, a safe, and one or more dogs. By taking these actions, citizens help discourage random crimes in the area.

It was a very good and informative program. Thank you to Chief of Police Johnson for the excellent program and thanks to Ed Snively for bringing us this program!



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

The visiting Rotarian was our own Richard Acosta from the Holtville Club. Ed Snively had two guests, Cheryl Walker (the current Mayor of El Centro and a candidate for the El Centro City Counsel in the elections this November) and today's speaker, Brian Johnson (the new El Centro Police Chief).

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

President Kathy began the meeting with the pledge by Kris Becker, followed by the blessing/prayer by Ron Griffen, and the patriotic song (God Bless America) led by Emma Jones' who provided excellent music from her phone's playlist. Good job Emma!



### ***Whining and Fining***

A number of unnamed El Centro Rotarians were each fined for attending the Kiwanis Draw Down Dinner this past week. Those unknown individuals included Robert Menvielle (who won \$100), Ed Snively (who won \$100.00), Lee Hindman (who won by just being there), and Karina Alvarez (who must have been there because her name was mentioned). We believe that Lee Hindman was fined the ungodly amount of \$10.00 for his participation in that event. It is time to get tough!

Frank Miranda paid \$100.00 to the club for taking a trip to New Zealand. He said the country had a number of dogs and sheep, or was that sheep dogs. I don't remember.

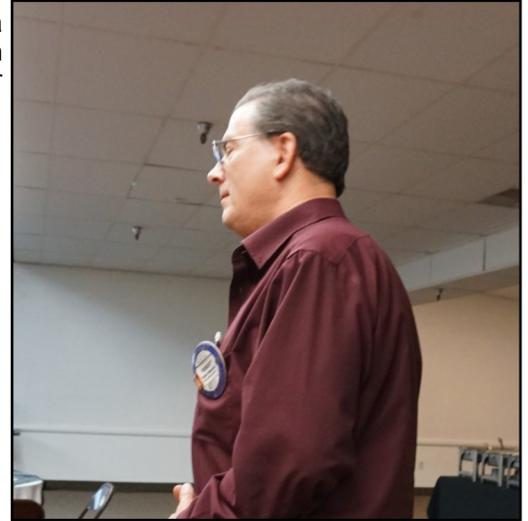
# ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Kathy announced that Shanna Abatti and Rosa Caro are now both Youth Certified, and that Shanna is our newly appointed Youth Protection Officer.



Kathy also an-



announced that the program for next week will be presented by Tom Henderson, representing the VFW Post 9305. He will be discussing their Veteran Memorial Wall project.

James Garcia announced that the Imperial County Association of Realtors was hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food & Wine Celebration on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Chavel Farms to benefit the Cancer Resource Center of the Desert (a great organization). The cost is \$25.00 a ticket. Put it on your calendar and buy some tickets.

Robert Menvielle announced that the Pioneers Museum was having its Annual Dinner Drawing on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Come and win \$10,000. Tickets are \$200.00. Contact Robert and buy some.

Our program for our meeting two (2) weeks from now will be Deborah Owen, Assistant District Attorney, who will be speaking to us about Domestic Violence.

There will also be a new members meeting for those club members that have joined the El Centro Rotary over the past few years. Bob Barros will be speaking at the event with his long history as an El Centro Rotarian.

**POT**



Veronica Henderson was the winner of this week's drawing taking home \$27.00. However, Veronica did not win the large pot 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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