



ROTARY ROUND-UP



Kathy Ball, President 2018-2019 Celebrate Rotary Number 13 for The Week of September 27, 2018

PROGRAM

Our program, as introduced by Lee Hindman, was Tom Henderson of the Vietnam Veterans Post 9305 who spoke to us about the Traveling Wall which is a 3/5 scale copy of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. The Vietnam Memorial is located in Washington D. C. and honors those who fought in Vietnam, those who died in Vietnam and Southeast Asia, and those service members who were missing in action.



Tom reflected that the Vietnam Memorial Wall was last here in 1992 and that Vietnam Veterans Post 9305 is the last such post in the Imperial Valley. The wall is over 300 feet in length and each of the names, as engraved on the traveling wall, is in the same location as on the original wall located in Washington D.C.



Tom pointed out that the veterans typically come to visit the wall in the evenings when they can have a moment of quiet. He also pointed out

that you can do rubbings of the wall. In order to have the wall brought out to the Imperial Valley they have to plan at least two (2) years in advance and as Tom said, he and Rick can only hope they are here when the wall makes its appearance here in Imperial Valley. The cost of bringing the wall here is about \$12,000.00 and they are asking the local Rotary Clubs to support their efforts. President Kathy presented Tom Henderson a check for \$500.00 to help bring the wall to Imperial Valley. As the wall has to be set up in a central location with appropriate security, it is projected to be located at either Bucklin Park (on 8th Street in El Centro) or at the Imperial Valley College. The Memorial Wall will be here from March 26 to March 30, 2020 (if everything goes as planned). We hope to see the Vietnam Memorial Wall when it gets here.

Pledge, Prayer and Song

President Kathy began the meeting with the pledge by Cathy Kennerson, followed by the blessing/ prayer by Ed Snively, and the patriotic song (God Bless America) led by Emma Jones who provided the music.

God Bless America, land that I love.
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night with a light from above.
 From the mountains, to the prairies,
 To the oceans white with foam.
 God Bless America, my home sweet home.
 God Bless America, my home sweet home.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

Our visiting Rotarians consisted of the Honorable Jeffrey Jones, Judge of the Superior Court. Emma Jones introduced three (3) guests from the American Red Cross, Sylvia Preciado-Platero, Manager for the Imperial Valley Service Center,



Veronica Braun, Regional Philanthropy Officer and Taylor Kalman, Regional Philanthropy Officer. As you all know, the American Red Cross offices are an integral part of the Imperial Valley. Lee Hindman had two guests, our program speaker, Tom Henderson, and his associate, Rick Ruane, both members of the local Vietnam Veterans Post 9305.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cristina Roberts presented President Kathy with a Rotary Club Banner from the Jalisco Rotary Club. Thank you Cristina.

James Garcia reminded us that the Imperial County Association of Realtors was hosting its 2nd

Annual Food & Wine Celebration tomorrow on Friday, September 28th, 2018 at Chavel Farms to benefit the Cancer Resource Center of the Desert. Tickets are still available.

Lee Hindman, in his usual amicable manner, pointed out that nine (9) months from today, the El Centro Rotary Club would be hosting its kick-out of President Kathy.

"Exciting moment of the day. As the meeting began, Judge Jeffrey Jones was the center of attention as the table he was sitting at collapsed upon him drenching him with everything from cold ice tea/water to green salad/pineapple, spaghetti and of course, there was also dessert (cake). In all the table emptied over on the floor with at least four (4) plates full of food, excepting one piece of cake a Rotarian was able to save."



Whining and Fining

Chris Yeager, Superior Court Judge, Retired, pointed out a picture of his son Nick (a rather handsome lad). He related that Nick had bought a house, acquired a dog and now had a fiancée. Chris said that Nick was getting married the week after next and that his fiancée is a high school history teacher. Chris contributed \$100.00 to the Club and \$100.00 to Nick's Paul Harris.



President Kathy told us that Clifford Caldwell had just celebrated the thirty third (33rd) anniversary of his marriage to his bride Concha. It cost Cliff a \$100.00 to the Club.

Karina Alvarez announced to the Rotary Club that her daughter had been nominated for Home Coming Queen for the Eagles Southwest Football Game against Blythe this Friday, September 28, 2018. Since Karina was attending the football game (which she knew the Eagles were going to win), she was unable to travel to the baseball game between the San Diego Padres and the Arizona Diamondbacks at Petco Park. Karina put her baseball tickets up for bid, with the Rotary Club garnering an additional \$100.00. Thank you Karina.



Gil Rebolgar, of Small Town News with Gil Rebolgar (who is running for the Brawley Elementary School District Board of Trustees), discussed the fact that his daughter (a 1st grader), her friends, and classmates will be impacted by decisions of the Brawley Board of Trustees and that he wants to be involved in those board decisions. That discussion cost Gil \$50.00 to our Rotary Club.

The program for next week's Rotary Club meeting will be Deborah Owen, Assistant District Attorney, who will be speaking to us about Domestic Violence.

Krysta; Alvarez with her Dad sitting in a 1965 Shelby Cobra, she didn't win the crown but the Eagles won the game. Proud Dad.



POT



Clifford Caldwell was the winner of this week's drawing taking home \$15.00. However, he did not win the large pot which will be carried over to next week.