



ROTARY ROUND-UP



Kathy Ball, President 2018-2019 Celebrate Rotary Number 22 for The Week of January 7, 2019

PROGRAM



Misty Lee - Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club of Imperial Valley. The Club's mission statement is to enable young people to be responsible, productive citizens. The Club is active in Brawley and Holtville. They serve about 400 children and teens total, with about 50 to 60 showing up daily. The children/teens are ages 5 through 18. The school year membership is \$25 and the summer program is \$25/child or \$50/family. The Club keeps costs low for families, but it costs about \$500/child/year to provide services. The Club's formula for impact is (1) find the young people who need them most + (2) provide an outcome-driven experience to (3) create priority outcomes. The 5 key elements are (1) safe/positive environment, (2) fun/sense of belonging, (3) supportive relationships (4) opportunities and expectations and (5) recognition. The Club has spelling bees and other educational programs. The also promote citizenship and community/public service, including food drives for the Imperial Valley Food Bank. They offer physical fitness programs and recruit local talent to volunteer for programs. For every one dollar invested into the Boys and Girls Clubs of Imperial Valley,



the return to the community is \$9.60. Ms. Lee concluded her very interesting and informative program by announcing a Save the Date for the Club's fundraising event on April 13, 2019.

Pledge, Prayer and Song



The pledge was led by Randy Miles, the Prayer was offered by Ron Griffen and the Patriotic Song, "God Bless America" was led by Ed McGrew and Cliff Caldwell.



Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians



Visiting Rotarians included: Richard Acosta - Holtville and Jeffrey Jones - Brawley Rotarians with Guests Included Bobby Brock who brought



Derek Hartley and Misty Lee - Boys and Girls Clubs of Imperial Valley



Whining and Fining

Fines: Jack Tyler was fined \$100 for celebrating his 24th wedding anniversary and for a wonderful family picture that was posted on Facebook.



POT



Ms. Lee won the small pot of \$15, but the big pot of \$371 lives on for another week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Imperial Valley Expo was January 10, 2019.
2. Holtville Rotary Club's Pulled Pork Cook-Off is March 30, 2019. The Club is looking for participants and sponsors.
3. El Centro Rotary Club's annual BBQ has a few issues: First, may/will require permits from the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District. Next, El Toro Export can not cook the meat anymore. The Club needs a replacement "deep pit" or other ideas. A golf tournament was suggested.
4. District Council dinner will be January 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Ricochet. The El Centro Rotary Club is co-sponsoring the dinner and will be saying the pledge of allegiance. Rotarians can bring their spouses, and you can register/pay online.
5. The Club is looking for volunteers to monitor the Little Libraries. Ed McGrew, Luis Plancarte and Chris Moore graciously volunteered to monitor many, if not most, of the Little Libraries.



6. December and January Birthdays included Rudy Rodriguez, George McFaddin, Wes Blakely, Lee Hindman, Ron Griffen, Don Brock, Cliff Caldwell and Jennifer Thomason.

7. Next week's program: Human Trafficking Awareness.

8. January 19 at PAL: Beer Tasting/Beer Fest. Presale tickets are \$30, and \$40 at the door. There will be food vendors. All proceeds go to benefit PAL. The event is from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.