



ROTARY ROUND-UP



Kathy Ball, President 2018-2019 Celebrate Rotary Number 38 for The Week of April 11, 2019

PROGRAM



Todd Evangelist introduced Nathan Ostermann, the 2016, 2017 and 2018 Imperial County Spelling Bee Champion. Nathan Ostermann goes to Wilson Junior High in El Centro. Two (2) of the top competitors from each valley school compete against each other in the Imperial County Competition. Nathan is



planning to go to Washington, D.C. for the National Spelling Bee to compete against about 500 other students. Nathan had a El Centro Rotary Club spelling bee competition against Robert Menvielle

and Kris Becker which was conducted by Todd Evangelist. Robert was asked to spell "impetuous" and "bromelaid"; Kris was asked to spell "ostentatious" and "glockenspiel" and Nathan, was asked to spell "symposium" and "precipice". It was a good competition.

Nathan told us that he is also involved in the Campus Club "Circle of Friends" where the club's students interact with "special needs" students. Nathan also indicated that he spends three (3) to four (4) hours a day studying for these spelling bees. WOW!

Remember that the National Spelling Bee can be viewed on ESPN.

Pledge, Prayer and Song

President Kathy began the meeting with the pledge by Dan Williams, followed by the blessing/ prayer by Ed Snively, and the patriotic song (God Bless America) by Emma Jones.



DOT

Cristina Abeja Roberts was the winner of this week's drawing taking home \$36.00. However, she did not win the large pot which will be carried over to next week.

Announcements



It was announced by the school board members that George McFaddin (as previously voted on by the school board) has named the new building of approximately 12, 000 square feet at Harding Elementary School named after him. The new building will be called "McFaddin Hall" after George who served over 17 year on the local elementary school Board. It was unclear to us whether John LeDoux (the Superintendent of Schools) paid a \$200.00 fine for the honor George received. In any event we are told that George McFaddin went to Harding Elementary School from 1940 to 1946 (kindergarten to sixth grade). We were later informed by Dan Nuffer that he

also attended Harding Elementary School with George. We are informed that the three (3) best years of Dan's life was 1st grade at Harding.

The Prez told us that District 5340 was having a Rotary Padres Baseball outing on Saturday April 16, 2019. It starts after 6:00 in the evening for those of you who are attending.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are being held in Idylwild on April 12, 2019. For those of you that don't know about the process RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary where youth develop their leadership skills. For decades it has consisted of a three (3) day Rotary educational gathering that has been held in Idylwild. For those of you who might remember Chuck LePere and Bill Sechrist used to be heavily involved with taking the kids to Idylwild and while there stayed with Bob Devoy at his family home.

Shanna Abatti who is heavily involved with the County's 4-H Program is also handling the Career Development Grant (an El Centro Spring Break Internship) from April 22 to April 25th. Great Work Shanna!

The El Centro Rotary "CODGERS" Barbecue lunch will be held on Thursday April 25, 2019. For those who past presidents who are considering participating be sure to get involved.

On April 27, 2019 Jennifer Thomason is having a "Rotarians At Work Day" at her residence on Lotus Ave., El Centro. The participants will begin to work at 9:00 a.m. renovating all the Little Libraries which are placed throughout the community. Be sure to sign up with Jennifer to work on this great project.

Whining and Fining



Shanna Abatti was again recognized, but this time for being on the cover of the "Valley Women" Magazine. It was pointed out in the magazine that Shanna is living her dream as a coordinator of Imperial County's 4-H programs and it described her satisfaction with the kids accom-

plishments at the California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta. Be sure to pick up a copy of the magazine. Again, our congratulations to Shanna for her service to the community and for being honored in the Valley Women magazine.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians

Our visiting Rotarian consisted of Richard Acosta. Our guests consisted of Audrey McFaddin (George McFaddin's better half) and a number of Trustees of the El Centro elementary School District, including, but not by way of limitation, Michael Minnix (President), Katalina Penland, Jon LeDoux (Superintendent), Eddie Hernandez, Charles Fisher and Ruben Castro (Associate Superintendent).

