



“Service
above
Self”

EL CENTRO ROTARY NEWS



What Do Nurses Do?

Welcome to the latest edition of the El Centro Rotary News. The program on October 17th was all nursing, and the educational programs now available in the Imperial Valley.

President Robert Menvielle called the meeting to order and asked George McFaddin to lead the pledge to or flag, followed by the invocation given by Pastor Ron Griffen. Mike Rood led the members in a rousing rendition of

**The glue that holds
the patient journey
to health together.**

America the Beautiful. Newly installed Rotary President of the Holtville Club, Richard Acosta, was visiting today. Luis Plancarte introduced his guests, Helina Hoyt, our program speaker, Vanessa Orena, and Patricia Robles, members of the nursing program and part of the presentation. Luis also introduced his wife Martha, but it took some prodding by Jennifer Thomason for him to do that! Jennifer also introduced her guest, Susie, this year's foreign exchange student. Emma Jones introduced Ward Anders, Central Union HS District Superintendent.

Danny Nuffer also called up Rotarians who had birthdays this month: Edgard Aguilar, Karina Alvarez, Gunther Chin, Julie Hamilton, Chris Plourd, Ed McGrew, Sue Geller and Emma Jones, the last three the only ones attending today. They got gifts. The others were fined.

Announcements

Past President Kathy Ball spoke about the upcoming Centennial Anniversary of our Rotary Club.

Randy Miles invited us to volunteer for the next 1000 Smiles program in Ensenada, November 1-2, 2019.

Jean Brock's memorial service was announced (October 26). She is the mother of Don and Jim Brock and grandmother of Bobby Brock.

October 24th is National Polio Day

October 31st is Halloween. It's also the District Governor's visit to our club. Wear a costume.

Whining and, Well, You know...

John Lavada celebrated the marriage of his daughter by donating \$100 each to the club and Paul Harris Foundation.

Kris Becker, note taker for October 10th was fined \$25 for not turning the notes in to the editor!

Did You Know?



Wine is now served with our lunch.



Clara Barton was the first president of the American Red Cross in 1881.



This is the first decade in which the Yankees did not play in a World Series.

In Other News

Bob Barros announced he had 4 ticket to the IV Food Bank Harvest Bowl, which were purchased by Luis Plancarte (I hope he takes his wife) and Rudy Rodriguez.



Today's Program

Luis introduced Dr. Helina Hoyt, Nursing Program Coordinator at SDSU, Calexico campus.

She began by asking us what a nurse does. There were many answers, and that led to a discussion about the new programs, and directions of nursing in the valley. The emphasis in nursing is wellness, quality not quantity are and a cultural/community based focus of care.

She pointed out the shortage of health care professionals, especially nurses here in the valley. The good news is there are new educational programs becoming available here that will hopefully fill that need. She introduced Martha Plancarte, Vanessa Orena and Patricia Robles, all nurses, who are now in Masters programs at SDSU. They talked about the experience and the hopefulness they have for the future of medical care in the valley.

Lastly

Cliff Caldwell won the drawing. \$12. The pot is now at \$37.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. 26 were in attendance.