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EL CENTRO ROTARY NEWS



Cattle Call! Welcome Cattle Call Queens

Welcome to the latest edition of the El Centro Rotary News.

President Robert Menvielle called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. The Cattle Call Queens led both the flag salute and song (It's a Grand Old Flag). Pastor Ron gave the invocation.

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Our visiting Rotarian today was Holtville President Richard Acosta. There were several guest of Rotarians. Ryan Childers introduced Monica and Diana, Cattle Call Queen Committee, Son William and Wife, Allison. The Cattle Call Queens are Jessica Friley, Cidney Roper, Demi Vogel and Abigail Childers.

Aaron Popejoy introduced the other program participants, Xoixza Lopez (HOSA Southwest HS), Fernanda Lunch (Health Department Tobacco Education Project), and Officer Felix (Central HS Resource Officer ECPD).

Announcements

December 5th will be the annual Rotary Christmas Party, to be held at the home of Karina Alvarez. Festivities begin at 6 p.m.

November 14th is Philanthropy Day and the luncheon will be honoring Phil and Alyce Heald, as well as the Imperial Valley Food Bank.

Whining and, Well, You know...

No fining today. Not sure about the whining...

In Other News

Did I mention that the Central HS Football Team won the Bell. Again.

Today's Program

There were actually two programs. The Cattle Call Queens gave a presentation of their Cattle Call speeches. There were informative, entertaining and fun!

Fernanda Lynch gave a presentation on the dangers of teenage vaping. It was eye-opening. While many see vaping as a safer way to smoke, the reality is vaping is even more dangerous, and the tobacco retailers are targeting teens.



We make a difference!

Vape manufacturers use enticing flavors to attract teen users, with 87% of high school users use the flavored products. And one e-cigarette is equal to smoking a pack of regular cigarettes.

What makes the problem worse is vaping materials are easily hidden in plain sight, which makes it difficult to identify teen users.

Zoe spoke as a teen, and addressed these issues first hand. Social media is also a big vehicle for promoting vaping. She said teens use because they are depressed, or feel peer pressure, or their parents do it. And it's cool.

Officer Felix provided samples of the vaping materials, and how important it is for parents to talk to their kids about the dangers of vaping.

I hope he got all of his samples back!

Others attending in support of this presentation included Matt Phillips, Southwest HS Principal.

Lastly

Next weeks program will be led by Central HS Principal, Cuey Lyon, CUHS Athletic Director, and Football Head Coach talking about the trip to El Paso in September.

I don't know who won the drawing, but it wasn't much! I know the white chip was drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. 47 were in attendance.