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Celebrate Rotary

Number 25 for the Week of January 5, 2012

SUN PEAK SOLAR PROJECT



The program was brought to us by Charlie Hosken who was introduced by Frank Miranda. Charlie heads up a large solar program in the Imperial Valley by the name of Sun Peak Solar. He presented a very informative slide show with the assistance of his project manager, Todd Dial. The current project under-way will generate 23 megawatts, and is located on more than 100 acres of idle northeast of Niland. Charlie's company is planning another project just to the north of the current solar "farm", and will generate 20 megawatts. The dollar investment is impressive, however, after the project is completed the numbers of people to maintain and operate the project will be minimal. Editorial note - Charlie was the GM of the IID, until he and the IID parted company - big mistake by the IID, and not helpful



to the community. Outstanding program - thank you!!

PLEDGE, PRAYER AND SONG



Rotary bulleting for January 5, 2012 - read it here first - your first Rotary bulleting for 2012!! The meeting was called to order by her Eminence, Cyndy of El Centro, and the following duties were discharged by the

following people - pledge by Sir Chris of Yeager, prayer by Prince Erik of Freeman, and song by Ron of Peter, Paul and Mary.

International Rotary Project

The El Centro Rotary Club joined with the North Mason and San Felipe Rotary Clubs to help gather and donate supplies or money to the Volunteer Fire Department of San Felipe. Clark Sarchet (a former member of the El Centro Rotary club) and Terry Smith helped with this pro-



Our next meeting will be held on
 Thursday, January 12, 2012
 the PAL facility located at
 1100 North 4th St.
 Meet at 12:00 noon
 If you miss Rotary, you miss out!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Announcements and Fines were somewhat intermixed - so here goes. Don Thompson reminded us of the Snowbird breakfast to be held on January 14 - need to sign up and help the cause. Nancy Thornburg announced that a new members orientation will be held at Ryan Childers's house on January 16 at 5:30 - dinner to follow. And



Prez Cyndy told the Club there will be a golfing event of January 28, and promptly got three volun-

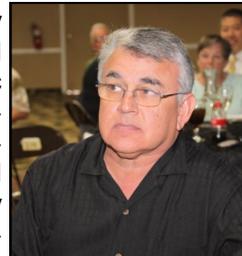


teers - Pastor Ron, Bob, and Gabe.

Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with guests



Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Jim Brock, and included a huge contingent from the San Felipe Rotary Club - your scribe was able to get most of the names. They included Terry and Teresa Smith, Eric Zorb, Marilyn McCartney, Marilyn McDonald, Harry Taylor, and Ruth Fisher. They were all in turn introduced by visiting Rotarian Clark and Denise Sarchet. Clark, who somehow was instrumental in arranging this visit. Other visiting Rotarians included Richard Acosta, Charlie Hosken, Ken Phillips, and Herb Pierson. Welcome one and all!



Guests of Rotarians included the newly appointed Judge to the Imperial Valley, the Honorable Christopher Plourd, who was ably introduced by his brother Bill, and I believe paid a substantial fine for his brother's accomplishments. Rotarian Gerard Delaney introduced his folks who were visiting from



Florida, Harold and Josephine Delaney.

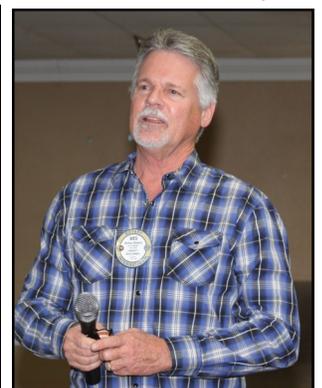
WHINING AND FINING



Bill Plourd officially introduced his brother Chris, and paid vast sums toward a Paul Harris, in spite of a gift of a special tea and a toy stuffed Panda Bear from China. Bill also took a second to give an update on his son, who is doing very well. Somebody paid \$100 for a new car - was it Ryan Childers? John LeVada told of a very special trip to Rome to celebrate his brother's tenure as a Priest for 50 years! The events included a spe-



cial Mass at St. Peters on Christmas eve - dollar amount paid for this event unknown. Wes Blakely was back in action, and paid \$100 for general stuff, spent at Mission Bay, however he



claimed nothing new and to have missed the past few meetings due to a "cold." Last but not least, a photo from the early days of EC Rotary was presented by her Highness to George and Cliff - taken many moons ago at a Codger function at Rio Bend. They both paid \$100 (I think).

Who took the picture home or did they do as Solomon suggested about the baby and cut the picture in half with a sword?

Thus, concluded this portion of the meeting.

- Willie Simmons 6
- Art Benevant 7
- Bill Thomas 7
- Ed Snvely 8
- George McFaddin 13
- Matt Contreras 14
- Don Thompson 18
- Diane Cason 19
- Rudy Rodriguez 21
- Jennifer Thomason 27
- Les Rogers 27
- Phil Heald 28

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S



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Ryan Childers won the raffle - \$85 - now he can fill up his gas tank. See you all next week!!