



Cynthia Lopez, President 2011-2012

Celebrate Rotary

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WATER HISTORY OF THE IMPERIAL VALLEY



Frank Miranda introduced David Bradshaw, Assistant Ag Water Manager at IID. David has been with the IID for 23 years. Some of his personal accomplishments include: past-president of the Holtville Rotary Club, husband to biologist Dee Bradshaw, who is a past-president of the Imperial Rotary Club, former mayor of the City of Holtville, Holtville City Councilman, a graduate from Cal-Poly, and stand-up comedian. David got some hearty laughs when he said the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) stands for: Quantification – meaning an amount known



to all parties, Settlement – the quibbling is over, Agreement – the parties have come to terms. Here's David's punch line: the QSA is more or less, NONE of those three things.

David talked about the history of water here in Valley, the vast network of dams, canals, and pumping stations needed to deliver water to farmers and the big cities.

He pointed out how the big metropolitan areas in California and Arizona want "our" water, and how Mexico wants her share of the water, too.

Here's an interesting fact; the Salton Sea is 42% saltier than the ocean. David talked about some of the past plans and projects to protect the Sea, and a new proposal that may actually work. Stay tuned.

Information about the QSA, water history, upcoming projects, and general information helpful to household water consumers and farmers can be accessed by visiting the IID website at www.iid.com

At the end of his informative presentation, Randy Miles presented David with a certificate in his name for the End Polio Now program. The club donated \$10 in David's name to the EPN program. Thank you, David for the great presentation and history lesson.

David handed out a glossy, full-color report from the IID called the 2010 Annual Water Report. Much of David's fact-filled presentation contained content found in this informative report.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S CELEBRATED

Rotarians celebrating birthdays in January included; Jennifer Thomason, Bill Thomas,



Ed Snively, George McFadden, Don Thompson, Rudy Rodriguez, Cliff Caldwell and Phil Heald. The birthday celebrants were treated to a really anemic, off-key rendition of the Happy Birthday song. Come guys, the song is supposed to be FESTIVE...

Randy Miles	1
Robert Pletka	7
Mike Dessert	9



Gabe Contreras	14
Dan Williams	22
Norm Germani	25
Jack Tyler	28

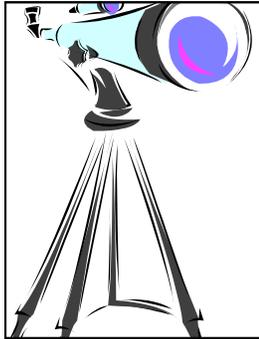


ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Cyndy knows someone at Microsoft. That someone generously contributed \$500 as a Microsoft employee and Microsoft matched it with \$500. Our club in turn matched the original \$500 and participated in a global grant with our Rotary District. The monies went towards a technology purchase for an elementary school in India. This is Rotary!

For information on the Mysterious Microsoft Money Man, see President Cyndy. She may have some info on the guy.



There will be a joint meeting with all Imperial Valley Rotary clubs for the Rotary Food Truck ribbon cutting. More details will be shared



as they develop.

Trish McNeece reminded us that the Blue Angels Air Show Gala is NEARLY sold out, so anyone wishing to attend must immediately contact Trish for tickets.

Don't forget to sign up for the golf tourney to be held on January 28.

The United Way Gala is Saturday January 28 at Barbara Worth Country Club. Jon Willis, Ed McGrew, and Susan Fitzpatrick were "given" 2 tickets each. They each had to pay the Rotary surtax of \$50 per ticket.

Todd Evangelist told us about the collaboration between IVC, the County Office of Education, and SDSU. A new artsy program is in the works to bring some culture and entertainment to the Valley. A project involving the comedic musical, Forever Plaid, is in the works. Stay tuned.

Julie Hamilton mentioned we should stop by Old Navy this Saturday from 1pm – 3pm and support our Central High School Interact Club members with their bake sale.

The annual Rib Cook-Off in Holtville is Saturday. The event starts at 10am and goes until the ribs run out. So, get there early.

A clear night sky is predicted for Saturday, so all you stargazers head out to the Imperial Valley Desert Museum near Ocotillo and join Mike Rood and his telescope for some celestial scenery. Stop by and say hi to Neal Hitch, IVDM Executive Director from 4pm – 9pm. Neal told us about a business membership plan to help support IVDM. Also, Tyler Insurance is the event sponsor for Saturday night's stargazing extravaganza. Many thanks go out to Jack Tyler for his support of IVDM.

President Cyndy acknowledged Aaron Popejoy for the awesome new El Centro Rotary website. You can find out about all things EC Rotary by visiting the website. The website address is www.elcentrorotary.com

BAD NEWS. The El Centro Rotary Round-Up Newsletter, aka The Bulletin, will no longer be emailed to your in-box. You must access it by visiting www.elcentrorotary.com

WARNING: Prez Cyndy has telegraphed her next fundraising move. She intends to post content to the website, and then quiz us during our weekly meetings. Those who answer correctly will be fined. Those who answer incorrectly will be fined. That seems fair, right? Stay informed by visiting www.elcentrorotary.com



Our next meeting will be held on
Thursday, February 2, 2012
At the PAL facility located at 1100 North 4th St.
Meet at 12:00 noon
If you miss Rotary, you miss out!



Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians



Cliff Caldwell introduced our visiting Rotarians: David Bradshaw, past-president from the Holtville Club, Rod Smart, president of the Brawley Club, Dee Bradshaw, past-president from the Imperial breakfast club, Ken Phillips of Coleville, Washington, and Estela Gambelin, the first woman Rotary president in her Rotary District in her native Argentina.



Ken Claverie, local farmer was the guest of Frank Miranda, Dr. Ray Loo, pediatrician with ABC Pediatrics was the guest of Rev. Ron and Kris Becker, El Centro City Attorney the guest of Steve



Birdsall, joined us for lunch and fellowship.



President Cyndy



introduced Estela Gambelin, a Rotarian from Argentina. Cyndy's dad, Hector "Big H" Lopez was a GSE team leader in 1990. Big H traveled to Argentina where he met Estela and her late husband who was a Rotarian at the host club in Argentina.



As usual in these situations, a life-long friendship was formed. Estela, Big H, Big H's wife Sandra, and Cyndy kept in contact and continue to work on mutual projects to promote Rotary.

Estela talked briefly (not really, some of us thought she was the program and that we were exempt from fines today) about life in Argentina, the acceptance of women into Rotary, her club which was founded in 2004, the advancement of women in Rotary in Argentina, and the availability of quality public services in Argentina, such as free health care and education, including college.

Estela is seeking a matching grant from the El Centro Rotary Club. She presented 3 possibilities. President Cyndy and the Board will discuss the merits and vote on it.



PLEDGE, PRAYER AND SONG

Edgar Aguilar led us in the pledge of allegiance, Todd Evangelist in prayer, and Ron Griffen in song.

Proposed Member

Carlos Figari is being proposed for membership. Carlos is being proposed by Past President Nancy Thornburg. Recently moving to El Centro from Yuma, where Carlos was a member of the Yuma Rotary Club for eleven years and served as President 3 times, Carlos is the Director of the Imperial Valley Small Business Development Center. Carlos believes that being a member of Rotary equates with being an active participant.



POT



Promoter, Julie Hamilton said the weekly pot was \$106. Lucky Liz Villalobos won the \$106, but drew a white chip from the bag and missed out on the \$567 big prize.

I believe in Santa, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and the Blue Chip in The Bag, don't you?