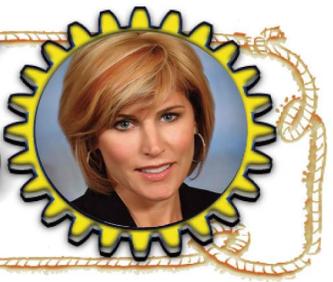




ROTARY ROUND-UP



Cynthia Lopez, President 2011-2012

Celebrate Rotary

Number 30 for the Week of February 7, 2012

SCAG



Cheryl Walker brought us up to date on the activities of the Southern California Association of Governments, or "SCAG." Cheryl is the Imperial County representative with that organization, which is a state-mandated transportation planning group consisting of appointed representatives from 6 Southern California Counties and their respective incorporated cities. Its primary function is development of a set of planning criteria, using demographic projections and other sophisticated tools to assist local governments with infrastructure analyses and needs identification. Thank you for this interesting program!



PLEDGE, PRAYER AND SONG



Dave Takata (of terpsichorean fame (Dancing With the Stars – GET IT!)) led the Pledge, Bob Mapes provided the Prayer and Neal Hitch, strumming in for our Wandering Minstrel/ Pastor Ron Griffin, led

us with two verses of Woody Guthrie's anthem "This Land Is Your Land." Thanks, Neal. Great change of pace.

POT



The \$101 pot went to Gabe Hernandez. Gabe drew a white chip vs blue, which means the large pot ratchets above \$600 this week.

Our next meeting will be held on
Thursday, February 16, 2012
 At the PAL facility located at 1100 North
 4th St.
 Meet at 12:00 noon
 If you miss Rotary, you miss out!



WHINING AND FINING



Sebio Arballo apparently seized all photos taken and last week's Blue Angles Gala. Pres. Cyndy conferred on the subjects those of Erik Freeman, *et ux*, Dr. Edgar Aguilar with spouse Cat (that's what it says in the Book – "Cat") and newly-minted Rotarian Edgardo Garcia. All but Erik paid \$50 for their celebratory images. Erik paid \$60 for being a smart ---- and an additional \$20 for his scooting habit.

Bob Mapes (and it's hard to put in words how mortifying this must have been to The Punctilious One) got busted by a Federal Wildlife Ranger for trespassing into a Certified Wilderness Area. Perhaps Bob was searching for the Sasquatch, or Norm Self (more re Norm later), or maybe both. Bob's real fine, he proudly announced, was about \$350, for the first offense.

The coda, per Bob, was that the fine would be just about doubled for a second offense (fat chance of that for Bob), and, OMG, time in the clink for the third bust. Locally, Prez Cyndy chomped off an additional \$50 from Bob for the Club.



Ellie Kussman returned from a short odyssey, which included a visit with Norm and Linda Self in Tucson. Ellie reported that the Sels are comfortably settled into their high desert digs and (huge surprise) advised that Norm, in addition to playing a lot of bridge, had joined the local hiking Club. Ellie paid \$50 for the privilege of keeping us informed about Norm.

The über-estimable Orlando Flores proudly announced the VERY recent birth of a son – Russell Anthony. Weight at birth, a freckle under 8 lbs. Orlando, a devout N.Y. Yankees fan, had to be forcibly restrained from naming the boy "Mickey – Derrick – Alex." Orlando was favored with \$94 from the club, as a match to his own contribution to Russell's future.

Neal Hitch reported on the 1000 Smiles safari to Ensenada. Neal, along with the Right Honorable Dr. Randy Miles (who, per Neal, is regarded by the event organizers as royalty based on his long-term dedication to this excellent pro-bono event), Veronica Henderson and Pres Cyndy, attended. All agreed that they felt ennobled by their participation.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

Prez Cyndy recognized 31 members for perfect attendance in January. The entire lot lined up for a photo, but girth and



and fear of groping required the photo to be taken in three panels. 31! That's pretty good for the holidays. Pictured from L to R: Don Thompson, Mitch Selking, Ed McGrew, Erik Freeman, Rudy Rodriguez, Frank Miranda, George McFaden,

Dan Nuffer, Ryan Childers, Nancy Thornburn, Bruno Hildebrandt, Cliff Caldwell, Lee Hindman, Rosa Caro, Emma Jones, Georgia Libsack, Kathy Kennerson, Edgar Aguilar, Jennifer Thomason and Eusebio Arballo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Frank Miranda invited the ambulatory members (i.e., those under 80) to participate in the I-8 clean-up, scheduled for February 25. Meet at In-N-Out.

We welcomed the aforementioned Carlos Figari into the Rotary family. Carlos was favored by a hug from Nancy, but rejected Ryan Childers' effort to replicate Nancy's gesture. Carlos, of course, received his badge along with the welcoming \$50 delivery fee (subsequently increased to \$75 for a reason that escaped me) along with his allotment of Curt Swain



Tri Tip Barbeque tickets, suitable for resale. BTW, don't forget the tri-tip fiesta, which is set for March 29th at the usual location. Peddle (or buy) your 20 ticket allotment ASAP.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS



Visiting Rotarians Ken Phillips from Coleville, Washington, Richard Acosta from Holtville and Cheryl Walker graced us with their presence.



Thomas Avila, Cheryl's partner from SCAG, Kiwanian Drew Williams, Dan Williams' attorney-son, soon-to-be - E.C.- Rotarian Dr. Ray Loo, joined us. We met Neal Hitch's guest, who's working with Neal at the Desert Museum, Jessica Brady. Also joining us were Judge Diane Altamirano, Nancy Thornberg's guest (very, very soon to be a new Rotarian) Carlos Figari of the Small Business Administration, Erik Freeman's guest, Tommy Arrellano, and E.C. City Attorney Chris Becker.



The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Randy Miles	1
Robert Pletka	7
Mike Dessert	9
Gabe Contreras	14
Dan Williams	22
Norm Germani	25
Jack Tyler	28



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S