



# ROTARY ROUND-UP



Cynthia Lopez, President 2011-2012

Celebrate Rotary

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## LAFCO



Dave Takata introduced the ubiquitous Jurg Heuberger, former director of everything County related when it came to zoning and land use. Jurg, purportedly retired, remains with his nose in the public trough as executive officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Jurg provided a comprehensive overview of LAFCO's functions. This agency is made up of two county representatives, two representatives from each incorporated city in the County and one public member (the latter an unfilled spot for which Lanny Foote volunteered on the spot, was endorsed by Cyndy and suffered the indignity of a putative rejection by Jurg). LAFCO's mission, per Jurg, is to assure orderly urban growth while protecting industrial opportunities and ag land. Its influence has grown over the years and is now quite significant in a number of respects, even if they are not apparent to the general public. Every developer knows about LAFCO, as does anyone who seeks to annex to a city or any special district seeking to expand or contract services.



## OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



John Sonza is the latest recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship. Ed Snively made the presentation, noting the remarkable contributions to global health, education

and international understanding made by the Rotary International Foundation as the beneficiary of PH contributions.

## ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH



Cyndy recognized Bob Hahn as Rotarian of the Month. I'll tell you – if I didn't want to be elected to anything – from dog catcher to – well, dog catcher, I'd have Cyndy nominate me. First, she stated that she chose Bob grudgingly; that she wasn't sure why Bob deserved it;

that he wasn't her first choice, yada yada. What a ringing anointment!! Bob didn't even get a hug. Adding insult to injury, Cyndy popped Bob later in the proceedings for \$100 for a convoluted mix-up with Dave Takata regarding directions to some meeting or other. But from your scribe, congrats for your hard work for the Club, Bob.

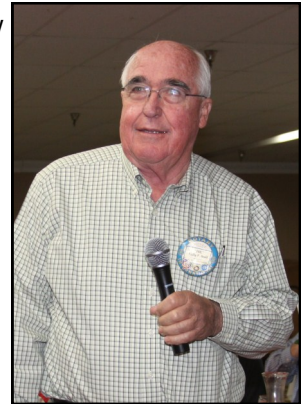
Our next meeting will be held on  
**Thursday, February 23, 2012**  
 At the PAL facility located at 1100 North  
 4th St.  
 Meet at 12:00 noon  
 If you miss Rotary, you miss out!



# WHINING AND FINING



Phil Heald coughed up \$100 for a new truck and his NAF Gala photo; Ed McGrew rolled into a blonde joke that was older than dirt, then hooked in daughter Jennifer, who presented Cyndy with some sort of wearing apparel from last weekend's EC-RMC's Mardi Gras. Cyndy declined to try it on. 40 bucks changed hands somewhere in



there. Larry Bratton bought his Gala pic for \$50. What an event that Gala. Must've presented Cyndy with at least \$1K's worth of fining ops. Gabe Contreras paid \$100 for a successfully winning the drawing last week and also in recognition of his (Gabe's) 37<sup>th</sup> birthday. Randy Miles and Gunther Chin were questioned about new club members. Randy escaped but Gunther failed miserably and paid \$50.

## PLEDGE, PRAYER AND SONG

Bob Hahn, receiving the first of many call-outs today, was recognized as the club's mouth that roared and belted out the pledge; Ed Snively, the mellifluous one, intoned the prayer and Dr. Neal Hitch strummed us through in a salsa



-ized version of American the Beautiful. Those of us who were around 30 or 40 years ago remember making up at the Holtville club and hav-

ing the opening patriotic song accompanied by a lady who banged it out on an upright piano and then politely excused herself so the meeting could proceed sans a person of the female persuasion. That's the way it was (and still is) in Hooterville.

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL



We have received two membership proposals. One is from Dr. Ray Mun Loo, who is a Pediatrician with ABC Pediatrics. Dr. Loo's father was a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. Dr. Loo understands the commitment involved in Rotary Membership.

Kris Becker, who is being proposed by Steve Birdsall is the El Centro City Attorney. Chris is married to Mike, who is a Math teacher at Southwest High School. Chris has two young son's who attend school in the El Centro Elementary School District.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



You'll probably see this (if at all) in time to turn out for the February 25<sup>th</sup> Highway Cleanup, led by Frank Miranda. Meet at sunrise at In 'n Out and have a sunny Saturday morning romp with the young crowd.

Too late for last night's Chamber Mixer at ECRMC. Unfortunate 'cause word has it nicotine-flavored tongue depressors were given out - FREE

Lee Hindman, alluding to the aforementioned Pioneers Museum, said that free hotdogs would be provided for the Saturday portion of the event. Lots of free stuff floating

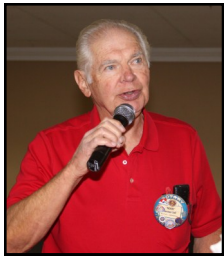


around – tongue depressors; hog dogs. Hey, Bob Hahn (banker), Larry Bratton (jeweler), John Levada (banker), Dale Johnson (credit unioner), how about getting on board with the free samples.

Let's not forget the Curt Swain Tri-Tip Barbeque on March 29<sup>th</sup>, get the tickets sold and/or paid for and deliver the proceeds to Mr. Barros ASAP. Norm's reappearance reminded Cyndy that, in Norm's absence, we needed a new day-of-the-event traffic director. Finding a replacement for the irreplaceable Norm appeared (at least so I hear) about as difficult as childbirth. Cyndy finally settled on the irrepressible Bob Mapes. Good luck, Bob, filling Norm's fluorescent vest (which he kipped from a BLM Ranger).

Cyndy sought volunteers to judge the 4-Way Test speech contest next Thursday. Victoria Henderson, Neal Hitch and John Willis volunteered to be a judge for a day.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND ROTARIANS WITH GUESTS



The visiting Rotarian was our buddy Ken Phillips from Coleville, Washington. Also among us was Norm



Self. I gather Norm is still an E.C. club member, since his name and picture are still in the Book. Norm returns for the Pioneers' Museum's anniversary celebration (betcha don't know which one – I do, courtesy of the Face Book posting – it was founded in 1928; do the math!). It'll come as a surprise, I know, to learn that Norm wasn't asked back to the Museum to do his stand-up comedian shtick. Instead, he's describing for the benefit of celebration the operation of an antique printing press (*circa the Guttenberg Bible's printing device, for which Norm takes full credit since he was there when it was invented*)

Mitch Driskill, who, even though he's not running for anything that we know of, graced us fully decked out in his lawyer uni; Kris Becker of City Atty fame; Miguel Hernandez, and Derrick Quan, who is running for something – a seat on the Superior Court Bench

### POT



Dan Williams won the small pot (\$115) but the blue ip (worth over \$800 next week) remained unclaimed.

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



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S**