



Ryan Childers President 2012-2013

Celebrate Rotary

Number 9 for the Week of August 30, 2012

Energy Conservation



James Taylor introduced our speaker for the day, Darrin Marquez, energy conservation specialist from the Imperial Irrigation District, who discussed the variety of residential and non-residential energy efficiency programs and services offered by the District. Those programs include energy rewards, weatherization, refrigerator recycling program, home energy audit, on-line services and PV/solar solutions. In the rebate program, Darrin noted that installing energy efficient appliances in your home is an easy way to save money, reduce your energy consumption and help save the environment. Through IID's Residential Rebate Program, customers are offered a rebate on the purchase of select energy efficient products. And through the IID refrigerator recycling program you

can receive \$50 to recycle your old, working refrigerator or freezer. Plus, we'll even pick it up, free of charge and properly recycle it. While that old appliance in the basement or garage may provide additional storage, its' not worth the additional cost on your electric bill. By recycling your old appliance, you can save an average of \$130 a year on your energy bill.

A home energy audit is the first step to assess how much energy your home consumes and to evaluate what measures you can take to make your home more energy efficient. An assessment will show you problems that may, when corrected, save you significant amounts of money over time.

During your free energy audit, a qualified specialist will examine your home and help you find ways to reduce energy waste, improve comfort, and lower energy bills. Along with an analysis of your past energy use and current practices, you'll also receive a FREE energy efficiency kit that includes two compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), LED night light, rebate information and more. Additionally, users can go on-line to use the IID's calculators for calculating the costs of individual electrical appliances and lighting.

The PV/solar solutions program where a limited amount of rebate funds are provided to customers installing solar has been exhausted for 2012. Applications for the 2013 PV/Solar Solutions program will be accepted effective January 2, 2013. All reservation requirements must be met prior to submitting a reservation. You can go the IID's website for complete information on program requirements and how to submit a reservation. As for business owners, as part of IID's energy efficiency efforts, the Energy Rewards Program offers rebates designed to help business customers reduce their operating costs, improve profitability, protect the environment and help lower the cost of power generation. The Energy Rewards Program is applicable only for non-residential customers within the IID service area. The program offers rebates to small, medium and large size non-residential customers for the purchase of qualifying lighting, refrigeration, air conditioning, food service, agricultural and controls equipment that improves the energy efficiency of their business. Applications for rebates totaling \$2,500 or more require pre-approval. IID's Custom Energy Solutions Program, is designed to promote energy efficiency by offering financial incentives to commercial customers who install energy-efficient equipment. IID provides qualifying electrical account customers with technical expertise to assist in identifying energy efficiency measures and cost saving opportunities. Qualifying customers should apply for a preliminary energy analysis to determine their full eligibility. The program is available to commercial customers located within IID service area. Financial incentives are based on annual energy savings and are intended for the customer's use in the purchase and installation of qualifying lighting, refrigeration, air conditioning, food service, agricultural and/or control equipment. Darrin also recommended that business owners go to IID's on line Commercial Energy Calculator which will show owners where their facility's energy dollars are going, and provide tips on how you can save money and energy.



Pledge, Prayer and Song



Mitch Selking led us in the Pledge of Allegiance--this time WITH the American flag in its proper

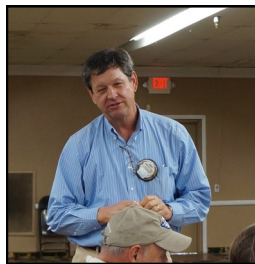
place on the dais; Neal Hitch provided the opening prayer; and, Dr. Edgar "Stop Squinting" Aguilar insisted on leading our singing of "God Bless America" without the benefit of either of President Ryan's recordings, i.e., *a cappella* -- hey, wasn't a cappella Andy Horne's old boss at the County?



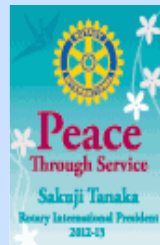
ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Ryan announced that he and the family will be in Hawaii next week, and Past President Andy Horne ('87-'88) has graciously agreed to assume the duties of chairing our September 6th meeting.



Mitch Selking announced that he's starting up another season of fantasy football--see Mitch to sign up! This drew a \$10 fine from President Ryan for making his announcement in shorts.



*The El Centro Rotary Club meets on
Thursday noon
at the PAL facility
1100 North 4th Street
If you miss Rotary, you miss out!*

Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians With Guests

Dan Nuffer introduced our visiting Rotarians: Franco F. "Franco" Franco (can you guess his middle name?) again from the Yuma Club and Rod Smart from the Holtville Club. Visitors included John Levada's guest, Chris Moore, and



Jame Taylor's guest, Darin Marquez..

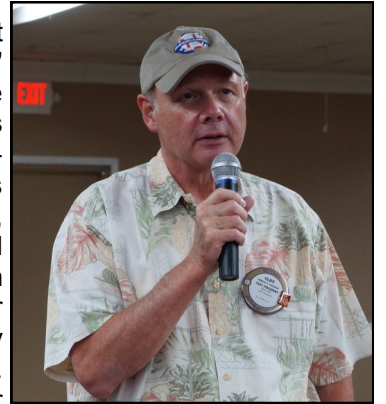
Whining And Fining



Fines commenced -- or continued -- with \$25 to Dr. Edgar for insulting President Ryan recordings of "God Bless America," \$25 to Gabe Contreras for abandonment of last week's hermit crab carcass on his table, with President Ryan graciously replacing the dead carrion



with three live hermit crabs for the Contreras' kids (oh, boy!); Judge Matt Contreras was dinged \$50 for his multiple romantic getaways to Napa (wine train), LaJolla Shores, and Flagstaff, AZ -- which was bumped to \$60 for his effort to throw Lanny Foote under the bus. Lanny then got a \$50 for



some beneficiaries were attempting to recover funds from an estate . . . (we lost it track, but Lanny still got fined!). Cliff Caldwell's recently win of \$500 in Shilo Inn scrip at the Chamber of Commerce event resulted in sympathy but no fine since one has to drive to Yuma or farther to cash in. Mike Rood's favorable mention for his feats of jumping out of airplanes of 100 times and flying ultralights written up in the "Valley Women's Magazine" (a regular read in President Ryan's baño) drew him a \$50 fine. George McFaddin's 56th wedding anniversary was anything but romantic with three old classmates -- including Dan Nuffer -- spending the night with him and the missus in the San Diego condo, but George still ponied up \$100 for the grandson's Paul Harris -- go George! Dan Nuffer got fined \$25



for his extended stay at the condo on anniversary night.