



Rotary Club El Centro, California

Aaron Popejoy, President 2008-2009

Celebrate Rotary

Number 44 for the Week of April 30, 2009

CAL-TRANS ROAD PROJECTS



Past President, Randy presents a Rotary Mug to our guest speaker, Shawn Rizutto.

Randy Miles introduced Shawn Rizutto, Sr. Engineer at Cal Trans. He talked about all of the transportation projects currently going on in the Imperial Valley; he oversees all construction projects here. Shawn talked about the need to have various kinds of asphalt mixtures and the compounds/composites that go into the mixtures. The Imperial Valley is one of the few, if not the only place, that has a border crossing dedicated to composite transfer across the border. Certain traffic areas call for different mixtures, depending on the type of traffic wear of cars versus trucks. explained that in some areas the roads are rougher due to the composite mixture of the asphalt.. Some of the projects are as far off as twenty years.



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DOT



Don Brock won \$22. No blue chip.

Pledge, Prayer and Song



Our illustrious President Aaron led the pledge, Jeff Sturdevant gave the prayer and two visiting Rotarians from the Brawley club, Past President and current Assistant District Governor Tim Kelly and President Elect Sal Ortiz led us in song. As usual Sal was the "vocal trumpet." Thanks to our visiting Rotarians for their enthusiastic directing.

Visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with Guests



President Aaron introduced the following visiting Rotarians, Sal Ortiz and Time Kelly from the Brawley club and Cherisse Alford from the Imperial Break-



fast Club.

Don Brock introduced his father-in-law Ben Jones,

Bobby Brock introduced Ashley Bertussi and David Cason introduced Julie Hamilton and paid for her lunch for the last time.



Upcoming Activities

- May 7 Session II Leadership Academy
- May 9 Strategic Planning
- May 14-17 Rotary District Conference (Temecula Creek Inn)

When you miss Rotary, you miss out!

Meetings are held at the PAL facility (1100 North 4th Street) beginning 12:10 PM. on Thursdays.

Announcements



Norm Self gave the final announcement for this year's campout. Norm reminded everyone that the train ride would depart from the Campo station at 11:00 a.m. and the roundup for the caravan would begin at 10:00 am. Norm also announced that NO alcoholic beverages were allowed at the park or on the train ride.

Jose Guillen reminded everyone to meet at the United Way building at 9:30 a.m. on May 9 for the strategic planning meeting.

Tim Kelly announced that the Group Studies Exchange team would be visiting the week of May 4 and also gave a reminder about the District Conference.

Eusebio Arballo announced that the IV Renewable energy conference would be coming up.

Kevin Rachford gave his fellow Rotarians an update on the success of the Rotarians at Work Day at the Humane Society (or as Kevin likes to call it, the "DOG POUND") he said, "It went really well." Approximately 40 Rotarians gathered to paint, replace part of a roof and a barrier screen. Good job, Rotarians!



Tim Kelly commented on the bad press that the Imperial Valley is receiving from papers such as the NY Times and the LA Times. The "bad press" is not good as the IV strives to bring new business into the valley.

Whining and Fining



President Aaron gave those who didn't attend the workday a chance to either take a kitten home or pay a \$15 fine. Everyone chose to pay the fine over taking a kitten home. Lee Hindman whined that he got injured and had to get a tetanus shot while Norm Self was a



traitor and worked for the Holtville Club that day.



Dave Takata recently got married and took a honeymoon trip for which he happily paid a \$75 fine.

Chis Yeager was fined \$50 for traveling to Costa Rica for his anniversary and Johnny Sonza, who acts like a "visiting Rotarian" paid \$200 toward his Paul Harris.

President Aaron welcomed Julie Hamilton as our newest member and proceeded to assess her with a deliver fee of \$50.

Welcome to Rotary, Julie.



Birthdays

	May		June	
Johnny Sonza	1	Lily Arambula	5	
Bill Plourd	4	Andy Michel	21	
P.D. Singh	20	Nassif Burkhuich	23	
David Cason	21	Bobby Brock	27	
Jerry Esqueda	26	Ryan Childers	29	

