



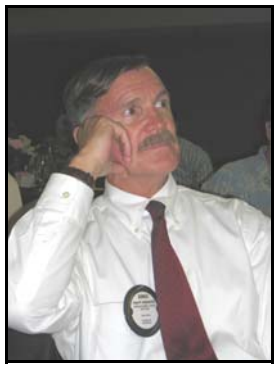
Emma Jones, President 2009-2010      Celebrate Rotary      Number 4 for the Week of July 23, 2009

## College Going Initiative

Donning a pink shirt that seems to now match Kevin (Rachford) pink panties... eeegad yuck! Bobby Brock, the program chair, introduced Queana Givens, the Language Arts Coordinator, from the Imperial County Office of Education who spoke about the "Going to College" initiative and getting our local kids ready for college. The Imperial Valley has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest acceptance rate into a UC or CSU school, however they are one of the lowest in the state for retention rate. Many of the students from the Imperial Valley are college accepted, however, they are not college ready in math and English. Too many of our valley students don't score high enough on the EAP or Entrance Exams to be exempt and need to enroll in a remedial class(s). Statistics and questions regarding our own local kids were given and answered. Very interesting!



## Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians



Danny Nuffer introduced the two newest members of Imperial's Breakfast Club, Pat Grueloff and



David Cason.

Chris Yeager's guest was Dr. Ronald Griffin, the new Pastor at El Centro Methodist Church a current Rotarian and Paul Harris

Fellow.

Dan's son Lee was also in attendance, who paid for lunch? Welcome to all of our guests.

## *Birthdays*

July		August	
Eusebio Arballo	4	Jeff Strudevant	3
Frank Popejoy	14	Jon Edney	3
Kevin Rachford	17	Andy Horne	3
Jim Brock	19	Paul McManus	7
		Erik Freeman	9
		Liz Villalobos	9
		Bob Mapes	14
		Christina Hoshell	18

**July is Literacy month for Rotary. "Reading Is Power." Pick up a book or magazine and read!**

**The was no drawing this week!**

# Announcements

The President read a thank you note from Amanda Brooke and her family for the "beautiful flower arrangement" sent on behalf of her son Brandon.

Madame President also gave a reminder that July is Rotary Literacy Month and to read a good book or magazine. She suggested that everyone read the Rotarian.

Edgar Aguilar will soon be matching the "\$80 baby bucks" for his new daughter Caitlyn, born July 7th! Congratulations on the proud and safe arrival of Caitlyn.

The El Centro Rotary Club will again be participating in the Volunteers of America fund raising golf tournament. The tournament will be held on the Del Rio Golf Course in Brawley this year. Take out your clubs, dust them off, practice your swing and get set to complete a team from the El Centro Rotary Club.



# Whining and Fining

Fines were also given to members who did not know the Rotary Theme for 2009-2010, which is, "The Future Of Rotary Is In Your Hands." Those who happily participated were Rosa, Diane, Kathy,

Julie, and one other lucky person (the President was going to fast and I didn't catch their name, sorry)

Rosa Caro got fined \$50 for not surfing while on vacation in Rosarito! However, her surfing trip is scheduled to happen in a couple of weeks, if the water is not too cold.

Julie Hamilton got pinched for \$75 for having too much fun at the

Kick-Out.

Diane Cason has obviously hit the jackpot with a brand new car! (She 's had a lot of offers from high schoolers on her cute 'lil orange bug). Hope she can make a \$50 profit to pay her fine!



It cost Kevin Rachford \$75 to go to The Windy City for a family reunion to welcome his brother who serves in the Military!

Sergio Santos is working most Thursday's in the San Diego "International" office...cost him \$100 for the trip to south Florida! Liz Villalobos knows where to get the \$50 it cost her for her bank to break out with a new logo!,

# Pledge, Prayer and Song

The fine President Emma called the meeting to order by ringing the Rotary Bell, and with the assistance of Liz Villalobos, leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Ed Snively blessing all of the Men and Women serving our Great Country, and Cathy Kennerson entertaining us with her glorious rendition of God Bless America, the Rotary meeting began.



And finally, our own, Lee Hindman has been appointed the Assistant District Governor!

Lee was fined \$50 for missing the meeting of the Club Presidents and for a recent trip to Las Vegas.

His water bribe, however valuable it was, didn't lessen the fine. Tanks Lee, we know you will serve us well!