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- 3. It's in the constitution that the Census be taken every 10 years.
- 4. It's about \$675 Billion in federal funds in federal grants and support to states, counties and communities are based n census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

Brittany gave a good overview on why we should welcome and cooperate with accurate information for the Census.



"Justice for All"
 Phillip Wheeler led the team of three presenting the 'immigration' complexities as they relate



to MN.
 Maria Sovala along with Michael ?? filled in the crew to educate us on the situation.



10% of Olmsted residents
 Are of foreign birth. (don't take that to the bank. I may have been napping at that moment)

The threesome is all related to the Southeastern Mn Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense. They are involved in providing legal representation for immigrants unable to afford private attorneys, in the pursuit of justice for all.

Maria came as representing DACA in this country. She was born in this country nearly 20 years ago to undocumented parents. Maria considers America to be 'her' country since it is the only one she has known. She talked about some of the

uncertainty she lives with not knowing how the Congress and/or Executive branch are going to handle the situation for the estimated 70,000 DACA in this country.

Phil Wheeler came back the second week to tell us about the "Municipal ID" efforts by his organization. He estimates that Rochester has about 2800 undocumented residents. They are unable to get drivers licenses or other ID. MPLS and Northfield have eased the situation for their residents by passing 'local' laws that allows licensing for some. Phil says this is an unnecessary hardship on those trying to become citizens.

Phil says that the faith communities in the Rochester area are the most active.

This was an excellent program that is truly trying to see "Justice for All" in America. Now that we are a bit more knowledgeable, perhaps we can show a bit more tolerance and assistance in resolving the problems related.

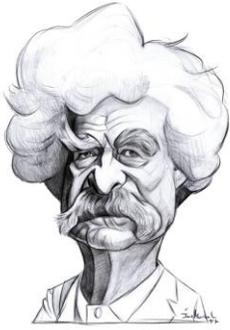
"IMMIGRATION MYTHS AND FACTS FROM Rst. Interfaith Immigration Rights Coalition"

****Our Club's annual participation in the 'Adopt a Family' is in motion. Linda, Mary and Cindy will take your calls for information and offers to help them buy the gifts for our family. This year our assignment is a grandmother helping to raise 4 grand children. They can use some help. Wrapping the gifts will come a little later. Our club usually contributes \$400-500 for this each year.

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While you are offering your prayers and cares, direct some to Roger who is having the battle of his life with cancer. We are keeping you in mind, Roger



| If you don't read the
newspaper
you are uninformed,
if you do read the
newspaper
you are misinformed.
-- **Mark Twain**

Suppose you were an idiot.
And suppose you were
a member of Congress.
But then I repeat myself.
-- **Mark Twain**

No man's life, liberty, or
property is safe while the
legislature is in session.
-- **Mark Twain** (1866)

The only difference between a
tax man and a taxidermist are that
the taxidermist leaves the skin.
-- **Mark Twain**

There is no distinctly
Native American criminal class,
save Congress.
-- **Mark Twain**