

# Upcoming Events Announcements Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please keep **President Dillon** and his family in your thoughts and prayers. His wife’s grandfather, **Tom Gargiulo**, recently passed away. Tom was a past Brawley Rotarian for nearly 30 years! As is customary, our club has made a donation to The Rotary Foundation in his name. A sympathy card was sent to his family on behalf of Brawley Rotary.

Please keep **Don Shank** in your thoughts and prayers, too. Don recently discovered a growth in his brain and is awaiting biopsy results.

**Tim Kelley** announced that the Elks’ Centennial Celebration was a huge success! He said that past Exalted Ruler and former Brawley Rotarian **Carl Russell**, who lives in Texas now, attended the events with his family.

**Brawley Rotary Club is now a 100% Paul Harris Club!** Thanks to the efforts of **Carter Taylor** for donating his points, we have achieved our goal of all of us becoming a Paul Harris Fellow! The last of the contribution checks were just mailed to The Rotary Foundation this week, so it may be a week or so until Rotary International updates their records. **Congratulations to all of us!**

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July 28th: Ramiro Urias, CEO of The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley

August 4th: Sam Couchman, program chair for August

August 11th: to be announced

August 18th: to be announced

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## July Birthdays:

11th: Simon Canalez

15th: Sheila Kruger

19th: Sal Ortiz

23rd: Shavaun King

## Member Anniversaries:

11th: Nick Pricola, 37 years

11th: Carter Taylor, 20 years

29th: Sheila Kruger, 28 years

## Wedding Anniversaries:

23rd: Greg and Michele Smith, 38 years

# This Week’s Meeting

**Visiting Rotarians:** Gunther Chin, El Centro

**Guests:** Susan and Matthew Barron, Anita Martinez and Raquel Renteria

**Recognitions:** **Stephen Smith** and **President Dillon Faubion** won the Elks Golf Tournament last Sunday, but did not get recognized with a recognition fee. In fact, there were no recognitions today.

**Program:** Anita Martinez, interim CEO and Raquel Renteria, Unit Director, both of the Brawley Boys and Girls Club, were our speakers today. They have recently updated the outer portion of their building on the Plaza. They are working on the landscaping the front area. The completed project will allow for the youth to partake in learning how to care for the plants as part of their horticulture studies and create additional recreation area. During the Covid shutdown, they held Zoom meetings with about 30 children logging on. Now that the club is opened up, they have about 60 kids and a waiting list. The club is open to all children ages 5-18. Raquel told us that they take the kids to the pool every Wednesday and this Friday they’ll take them on a picnic to Sunbeam Lake. Every year, at the end of summer, they have a Hawaiian Luau-themed party and everyone is invited. They are looking at a location in Imperial to start a new club. There is currently no Boys and Girls Club in El Centro. Thank you, Anita and Raquel, for coming to Brawley Rotary today!

**Joke of the Week:** A husband and wife who work for the circus go to an adoption agency looking to adopt a child, but the social workers there raise doubts about their suitability. So the couple produces photos of their 50-foot motor home, which is clean and well maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery. The social workers are satisfied by this but then raise concerns about the kind of education a child would receive while in the couple’s care. The husband puts their mind at ease, saying, “We’ve arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin, and computer skills.” Next though, the social workers express concern about a child being raised in a circus environment. This time the wife explains, “Our nanny is a certified expert in pediatric care, welfare, and diet.” The social workers are finally satisfied and ask the couple, “What age child are you hoping to adopt?” The husband says, “It doesn’t really matter, as long as the kid fits in the cannon.”