

Upcoming Events Announcements Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please go to **IVRotary100.com** to purchase your tickets for our **Centennial Celebration**. The dates are Tuesday, November 9 and Wednesday, November 10, 2021. All the information you need to know is on the website, including how to pay. The Centennial Committee needs your financial support to continue to plan this historic event. Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta will be there! Ticket prices are \$130 each, but if you wait until after September 15, the price increases to \$160 each. If you have any questions, President Dillon is on the committee and will be happy to help!

Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 28th**. It is the tentative date of our Fall Social. District Governor Dan Gensler will attend! More information to follow.

Notice: Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District is asking for proof of vaccination upon entering the hospital. Please have your vaccination card ready! Also, you can go to **cdph.ca.gov** for your digital vaccine record to download a QR code. Keep it on your phone for easy scanning.

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- August 25th: Ramiro Urias, CEO of The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley
 - September 1st: Simon Canalez, Program Chairman for September
 - September 8th: Regular meeting
 - September 15th: Regular meeting
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August Birthdays:

- 15th: Sam Couchman
- 24th: Bill Gates
- 29th: Kenny Humes
- 31st: George Fareed

Member Anniversaries:

There are none in August

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 10th: Bill & Tina Gates, 63 years

This Week's Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: Gunther Chin, Robert Menvielle, and Cliff Caldwell, El Centro; and Harold Mendez, Calexico

Guest: Ramiro Urias

Recognitions: **Jim O'Malley** paid \$10 for whistling at **President Dillon** to get him to start the meeting.

Program: Harold Mendez, Robert Menvielle, and Cliff Caldwell each told us about their experience in starting to form a plan for our Centennial Celebration. The El Centro, Holtville, and Calexico Rotary Clubs will all celebrate 100 years of service within a few months of each other. The Imperial Valley Breakfast Club is 25 years old and is participating as well. Harold said he started thinking about having a celebration when he was President of the Calexico Rotary Club three years ago. He approached Cliff Caldwell about the idea of inviting the President of Rotary International to attend, and Cliff thought he was crazy. They enlisted the help of Frank Devlyn, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Anahuac in Mexico City since 1970, and a former Rotary International President in 2000-2001. They were at an International Assembly and Frank helped Harold approach then President-Elect Shekhar (it's pronounced Shaker) Mehta and was surprised that he agreed. Actually getting the date approved and in President Shekhar's calendar was a huge feat. He will be coming directly from Italy and after the celebration, Robert Menvielle will drive him to Tucson for another engagement. They were instructed that President Shekhar does not like to fly in small planes. The event will be international, as clubs and District Governors from Mexico will attend. President Dillon told us about setting up the website, www.IVRotary100.com, and urged us to sign up and pay for our tickets on the website. A lot of planning has already gone into this event! Thank you, gentlemen!

Joke of the Week: A 100 year old man was having a big birthday party at his nursing home. A TV crew was there to interview the man on this special day. "Please tell our audience how you managed to live so long," asked the reporter. "Well, I don't ever drink and I've never smoked," replied the old man. "And, I make it a point to stay away from wild women." Just then, there was a loud shriek in the hall. The crew turned to see a nurse run by, followed by an agile looking, older man. The older man carried a foul smelling cigar in one hand and a glass of whisky in the other. As he ran by, he paused for a moment, looked at the crowd and let out a hardy, "He, he, he!" and then continued his pursuit. "What was that all about?" asked the astonished reporter. The old man looked at the reporter and replied, "Please excuse my father – he gets carried away sometimes!"