

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Upcoming Events

Announcements

Notice: We will meet at the Stockmen's Club in Brawley for the foreseeable future.

Important news about our Centennial Celebration: The Elmore Company has generously purchased two tables at the Dinner on Wednesday evening. That means the first 20 people to sign up get to go **FREE!** We are working on hiring vans or a bus for transportation to Quechan Casino on Wednesday for the dinner. Please contact Secretary Annette if you would like to go.

The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley cordially invites you to attend the 2021 **Branding Iron Award; Gala Flamenco, A Night in Spain** on September 24th, 2021 at the Stockmen's Club of Imperial Valley. Awards for Business of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Denise J. Smith Board Member of the Year and the most prestigious Branding Iron Award will be awarded on this special night. Cocktail hour begins at 5:00PM and dinner is at 6PM. Tickets are \$80 each and couples tickets are \$150 for 2. For sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.brawleychamber.com or call (760) 344-3160. Please RSVP before September 17th, 2021. Formal attire is encouraged.

September 15th: Sam Couchman, Swords and Saber collection

September 22nd: Jimmy Duran, Brawley Police Chief, Community Update

September 29th: Regular meeting

October 6th: Robert Trimm, Program Chairman

September Birthdays:

2nd: Nick Pricola

10th: Annette Fortier

21st: Mercedes Wheeler

24th: Jim O'Malley

30th: Shelvie Crittendon

Member Anniversaries:

11th: Stephen Smith, 2 years

14th: Kenny Humes, 5 years

26th: Mary Miller, 20 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

There are none in September

This Week's Meeting

Guests: Lee King, Francisco Cossio, and Richard Rundhaug

Recognitions: **Sal Ortiz** told us about his recent jeeping trip and about his stay in Flagstaff. He said Flagstaff is down from 3 Rotary Clubs to 1. He said he had to turn the heater on in the mornings because it was so chilly. **Sal** paid \$20.

Program: Our program today was our very own Simon Canalez. Simon told us about the challenges he faces starting the new school year in person. He said his pre-med education has helped him with contact tracing when someone tests positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing is a lot of work! In general, things are back to normal. Distance learning and Zoom meetings are in the past, as the students are going to class in person or are enrolled in independent study. Independent study has to be monitored by a teacher daily, whereas in-person studies are monitored weekly. Everybody wears a mask on campus, there is no need for social distancing. There are currently 2,055 students enrolled at school, and 1,817 of the students are freshmen and sophomores who have never been on campus before. Although last year's graduation ceremony was drive-through, this year they will have a regular celebration. All sports are back to normal scheduling, with indoors sports requiring masks at all times. There are no temperature checks at the gates, but there are daily health assessments, visitors are limited, there is increased sanitation and ventilation. There are no water fountains, only water bottle filling stations. Although 3 students tested positive the first week, in general, everything is going great. The students are glad to be back and are compliant with the mask mandate. Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated have to be tested every week. He said relationships between the students and the staff are very important this year. Thank you, Simon! We are lucky to have you at our school!

Jokes of the Week:

Q. Why did the math textbook visit the guidance counselor?

A. It needed help figuring out its problems.

Q. How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?

A. Once. The next time you would be subtracting 10 from 90.