

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Upcoming Events

# Announcements

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

**FREE!!! Your seat at the Centennial Celebration is FREE!** We have 2 tables of 10 each available if you would like to go. Please contact Secretary Annette if you want a seat. Hurry, they’re going fast! We are working to provide transportation to the event, too.

**Please keep Simon Canalez** in your thoughts. His mother-in-law, Nancy Gaston passed away Monday, September 13th. She was 80 years old.

Did you know? **October 24th is World Polio Day.** As World Polio Day approaches, the Rotary community is getting ready to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world’s children from this devastating disease. Together, we’ve made tremendous progress. Now it’s time to intensify our fight to make polio the second human disease ever to be eradicated. Last year, the World Health Organization’s African region was certified free of wild poliovirus, showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances. The wild poliovirus remains endemic in just two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. We can use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to end polio in countries where it still paralyzes children.

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

September 29th: Regular meeting

October 6th: Robert Trimm, Program Chairman

October 13th: To be announced

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## **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:** Alma Silva and Richard Rundhaug

**Recognitions:** **Bill Gates** paid \$10 for failing to introduce guest Richard Rundhaug. **Tim Kelley** attended the District Conference in San Diego last weekend. Instead of staying at the Hotel Del Coronado for the discounted rate of \$350 per night, he stayed across the street for \$250 per night. His favorite part was playing golf and wine tasting. He paid \$20 for a box of Rotary face masks that he “procured” for us. Proud Dad **Sal Ortiz** shared that his daughter Elizabeth was selected for the 40 under 40 Award by Cal State East Bay. He paid \$50 to The Rotary Foundation. **Dr. Barniske’s** son Jayson got engaged and is getting married in Cancun on Saturday. Don paid \$20.

**Program:** Our program today was our very own Sam Couchman, who brought his sword and saber collection. Sam said that there is some confusion about the differences between swords and sabers. Swords are older, having been around since 1000BC. They are an integral part of warfare, stories, religion, myths, movies, and fiction. Swords are sharpened on both edges. Some military service members still wear swords on their ceremonial uniforms. Guns made swords ineffective and obsolete. Most of Sam’s swords are expensive replicas. He has more sabers than swords. Sabers from the 15-16th century usually have curved blades. Sabers are so heavy they were nicknamed “wrist-breakers”. It was an intricate process to carry a saber. Sam brought some old pictures and paintings of swords and sabers used in battle. He said they still used swords in the African uprising in 1960. Japanese swords are different. They are usually shorter, carved, and sharpened on only one side. The blades are hand-forged and are designed for two-hand usage. They are not designed for stabbing. In World War II, if you surrendered in battle, your opponent honored you by removing your head. They used bamboo swords for practice, and they sting! We could tell that Sam is very passionate about his collection! Thank you, Sam, nice job!

**Joke of the week:** What’s the difference between a golfer and a skydiver? A golfer goes \*whack\* “Damn!” and a skydiver goes “Damn!” \*whack\* .