

# 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.

**Welcome back, Francisco Cossio!** Please welcome Francisco as our newest Brawley Rotarian!

**Please note that we will be dark on October 13th.** The Stockmen's Club is having an event on the patio and people will be walking back and forth through the annex room.

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September 29th: Lennor Johnson, CEO of IVC

October 6th: Robert Trimm, Program Chairman

October 13th: We will be DARK

October 20th: Regular Meeting

October 27th: DARK for our Fall Social

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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

**Visiting Rotarians:** Jeffrey Jones, Brawley

**Guests:** Richard Rundhaug and Chief Jimmy Duran

**Recognitions:** **Sam Couchman** won a gun and a gun safe; he paid \$10. **Robert Trimm** paid \$10 for not wearing his badge. **Ramiro Urias** paid \$15 for his new car!

**Program:** Simon Canales introduced Jimmy Duran, who is currently serving as the Police Chief from the City of Brawley. When Chief Duran began his tenure with the City of Brawley, he was a bit frustrated with a number of things such as graffiti, homeless camps, theft, drugs, illegal dumping, etc., all of which caused our city to not live up to its potential. Shortly after his arrival, Chief Duran put in place a "Task Force" to deal with these issues immediately. With the use of Undercover Officers, special grants, and other tools at his disposal, many of these issues are now getting under control. Chief Duran has partnered with non-profit organizations to assist in cleaning up our city. In 2020 there were ten homicides in Brawley. This year that number has been reduced to four. Any number above is too many. The Police Department will begin using "body cams" shortly to assist in combating crime and to increase their transparency in the community. The patrol cars are all equipped with GPS devices to allow real-time viewing and maintaining a historical record of where the patrols are taking place. There is also the opportunity for civilian volunteers to assist in helping create a safer environment to live in. Chief Duran also noted that his department is trying to recruit locally to cut down on the turnover of new recruits. The Police Department makes an investment in recruits and wants to be able to hold onto those individuals. This is becoming a bit easier to do with the local Police Academy. Chief Duran shared that with all of the external forces working against law enforcement, the Brawley Police Department is doing everything they possibly can to ensure the safety of the individuals that call the City of Brawley home. We would like to say thank you, Chief Duran, and your staff for doing a great job in keeping us safe.

**Joke of the week:** During an exam, a police recruit was asked what he would do if his job required him to arrest his own mother. His response was, "Call for backup."