

Birthdays & Anniversaries
 Upcoming Events
 Announcements

The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley will be holding an **Ag Labor Law Update Workshop** on Thursday, January 18th from 9AM to 11AM at the Stockmen’s Club. Mabel Martinez, Deputy Labor Commissioner will be the presenter. The fee is \$15 for Chamber members, and \$25 for non-members. Register at www.brawleychamber.com. For more information contact yajahira@brawleychamber.com

District Governor Don Fipps would like to invite you and your family to the **Rotary District Conference** which will be held during a 3-night cruise departing Los Angeles for Ensenada, Mexico on Friday April 26th and returning to Los Angeles on Monday April 29th. The weekend will include some great Rotary speakers, a RAW (Rotarians at Work) project in Ensenada, tours of Limbs of Freedom and Thousand Smiles, and LOTS OF FUN. Price includes your cabin, most food and lots of entertainment on the beautiful Navigator of the Sea. For more information on pricing and registration, go to: Registration: <https://rotary5340.org/sitepage/district-conference>. Check out the “Don't Miss the Boat” Facebook page where you will find a Schedule of Events. For any questions or to get any additional information please send an email to: D5340ConferenceCruise@gmail.com.

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- January 10th: Regular meeting
 - January 17th: Regular Meeting
 - January 24th: Regular Meeting
 - January 31st: Regular Meeting
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January Birthdays:

28th: Bob Shank

Member Anniversaries:

- 1st: Robert Trimm, 26 years
- 1st: Jeff Jones, 26 years
- 24th: Greg Smith, 34 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 7th: Sam and Wanda Couchman, 12 years
- 11th: Sal and Diane Ortiz, 38 years
- 20th: Robert and Betty Trimm, 34 years

This Week’s Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: Paige Lovitt, Imperial Breakfast Rotary Club

Guests: Paige Faubion and Lisa Winkler

Recognitions: **President Stephen Smith** recognized **Robert Trimm** and **Jeff Jones** for their 26th member anniversaries, they paid \$25 each. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication to Brawley Rotary, gentlemen! **Sam Couchman** was recognized for his wedding anniversary, and paid an extra \$5 for failing to stand up. **Jim O’Malley** tried to credit **Bob Shank** for income due to Jim’s flat tire. He purchased 4 new tires and a spare, but Bob was “spared” a recognition fee, as was Jim.

Program: Our program today was our very own Tim Kelley. In August, Tim traveled to South Korea, where they have a massive airport in Incheon. Busan World Fair will be held there this year. He visited the Korean War Memorial. An entire wall is devoted to the soldiers who were killed in the war, and the U.S. is a large part of it. He says that people are still talking about it as though it happened yesterday. He showed us the popular area where 156 young people were killed in the “Halloween Crush”. He showed us beautiful pictures of his hotel and a monastery he visited. South Korea has about a 25 million population, with 10 million in Seoul. He met many California dignitaries there for his conference. He was the lone member from Imperial County, and there was a representative from Mexicali there. He went to Chang Chun against advice. He found it to be a great city. When you travel to China, you have to have an app called WeChat. You have to put your medical history in there. You can upload your credit card information, and once you do that, they know everything about you. They asked him the purpose of his trip to Wisconsin last year. When he asked how they knew about that, they said “We know everything, we’re watching you.” He said there are no repeat offenders in China. If you check in at a train station using your WeChat app, if you have a driving ticket, it will direct you to see the police. He visited a memorial of Puyi, who was the “Last Emperor of China”, the eleventh and final monarch of the Qing dynasty. He became emperor at the age of 2 in 1908, but was forced to abdicate at the age of six in 1912 during the Xinhai Revolution. Tim had lots of great pictures and history for us. Thank you Tim, for a great program!

Joke of the week: Q: How do you know if a Chinese tried to rob your house?
 A: You get home and your math homework is done, your computer is upgraded, and two hours later, he is still trying to back out of your driveway.