

Birthdays & Anniversaries Upcoming Events Announcements

Many thanks to **Robert Trimm** for writing the bulletin for the last two weeks!

We will have a **board meeting** immediately following the lunch meeting on **Wednesday, February 5th**. At issue is a rent charge that the Stockmen’s Club is implementing. If you would like to be informed, plan to attend. Board meetings are open to everyone, and they count as a makeup.

Mark your calendar! It’s your favorite time of year! That’s right, it’s the **Four Way Speech Contest on February 12th**. Committee Chair Dillon Faubion has been working hard on this program, and the students have too! Please make plans to attend!

The annual **Service Club Luncheon** will be held at the fair at noon on Thursday, March 6th at the fairgrounds in Imperial. Let Secretary Annette know if you would like to go.

Don’t forget about **Holtville Rotary’s Annual Pulled Pork Cook-Off** to be held Saturday, April 20th!

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- February 5th: Ruben Niebla, Pitching Coach for the San Diego Padres
 - February 12th: Four Way Speech Contest
 - February 19th: Paige Faubion, BESD Dance Program
 - February 26th: Emmanuel Gonzalez with One Way Realty
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February Birthdays:

3rd: Mary Miller

Member Anniversaries:

3rd: Sal Ortiz, 26 years
13th: Tim Kelley, 23 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

4th: Nick and Kay Pricola , 19 years
6th: Jeff and Heidi Jones, 37 years
6th: Shavaun and Lee King, 15 years
7th: Kenny and Jessica Humes, 10 years

This Week’s Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guest: Carlos Montes

Recognitions: **Larry Lewis** paid \$50 for his travels to Wisconsin.

Program: Sam Couchman, who was filling in for Tim Kelley, introduced Carlos Montes, who is in charge of various student programs at Imperial Valley College (IVC) and San Diego State University (SDSU). One of those programs is “Border Region Talent Pipeline K-16 Collaborative”, which Mr. Montes shared with us today. This is a paid student summer internship program for students that are enrolled at either IVC or SDSU. This is the third and final year of the program. Because of the success, Carlos is hoping that funding will be available to extend the program. Businesses in the Valley and San Diego are able to interview students enrolled in the program and recruit them into their businesses for work during the summer of 2025. The only qualification for the students is that they are enrolled at IVC or SDSU. The program is designed for a total of 240 hours of student work time. The companies that have recruited the students aren’t obligated to pay anything in return for the Students work time. The students are paid \$22 per hour by the program. The goal of the program is to prepare the students for future employment, whether they continue at the location of their internship or anywhere else. They learn about a workday and all that goes along with that. Currently there are about 40-50 signed up for the program with the thought that the number of students will increase as we get closer to May. Carlos brought with him applications for businesses that might want to enroll and participate in the student work program this summer. The deadline for submitting the application is February 28, 2025. This has been and will continue to be a great program for both students and local businesses. Thank you Carlos for sharing your program with us today and Happy Birthday to you!

Joke of the week: Q. What’s the difference between a poorly dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?
A. Attire.