

Birthdays & Anniversaries Upcoming Events Announcements

On Wednesday, March 6th, we will meet at the Brawley Theater to look at the progress that has been made. Tim Kelley, Greg Smith AND Brawley Community Foundation are sponsoring a taco cart for our lunch. Please mark your calendar.

Thank you to Robert Trimm for writing the bulletin notes AGAIN this week!

Did you know? A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days, to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." In 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was Mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

February 28th: Brawley Police Department
March 6th: Meet at the Brawley Theater, Taco Cart, courtesy of Tim Kelley, Greg Smith AND Brawley Community Foundation
March 13th: Jessica Humes, Senior Environmental Project Manager at IID

February Birthdays:

3rd: Mary Miller

Member Anniversaries:

3rd: Sal Ortiz, 25 years
13th: Tim Kelley, 22 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

4th: Nick and Kay Pricola, 18 years
6th: Jeff and Heidi Jones, 36 years
6th: Lee and Shavaun King, 14 years
7th: Kenny and Jessica Humes, 9 years

This Week's Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Kirk Mann

Recognitions: Francisco Cossio, President– Elect, was feeling generous today and did not recognize anyone!

Program: Today Mary Miller introduced Kirk Mann, Executive Director of the Imperial Valley Housing Authority (IVHA). The predecessor to the IVHA was the Imperial Valley Coordinated Housing Authority, which began in 1950. It was established under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 and the State of California Housing Authorities Law of 1938. The combined purpose of these laws was to develop ow-rent public housing for low-income families. The IVHA Mission Statement is “The Mission of the IVHA, through non-discriminatory practices, seek to leverage resources to promote affordable, decent, safe and stable housing to enable communities to thrive and low, very low and extremely low-income families to increase their potential for long-term economic self-sufficiency and a high sustained quality of life”. Currently there are 7 participants in the IVHA (Brawley, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland and the County of Imperial). The City of Calexico remains a separate organization. The IVHA has been very successful in assisting those with housing needs. It consistently ranks among the leaders in California in their success rates. It serves thousands of individuals with subsidies and their voucher programs. In addition to assisting low-income participants, the IVHA also assists Veterans. The IVHA maintains a staff of approximately 50 employees and an annual budget of about 20 million. Mary Miller is the Vice-Chair Commissioner representing the City of Brawley. Thank you Kirk and Mary for your efforts in assisting many with their housing needs.

Joke of the week: A guy is sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door and sees a snail on the porch. He picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can. A year later, there’s another knock at the door. He opens it and sees the same snail. The snail says, “What was that all about?”