

Birthdays & Anniversaries  
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 Announcements

**IMPORTANT! NEXT week, 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. We are NOT meeting at the Stockmen’s Club on March 6th.**

Our very own **Sal Ortiz** will be playing with **Mariachi Sol de México** and the **Imperial Valley Symphony** in a concert called **“Pasión Mexicana”** on Saturday, March 9 at 7PM at the Jimmie Cannon Theater at Southwest High School in El Centro.

Thank you to **Dillon Faubion** for writing the bulletin notes this week!

**RYLA weekend** will take place April 12-14, at the Idyllwild Pines Camp. This program provides high school juniors from throughout District 5340 with an opportunity to connect with other young leaders. They will be inspired by exceptional speakers, make life-long friends through fellowship activities, and discuss ethical and social issues. They return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve, through Rotary and beyond. **Brawley Rotary’s RYLA committee will conduct interviews at BUHS on Tuesday morning, March 12th, and at Calipatria High School on Wednesday morning, March 13th.**

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**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

March 20th: Juan Benito, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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**March Birthdays:**

- 9th: Greg Smith
- 9th: Patty Torrez
- 10th: Tim Kelley
- 27th: Larry Lewis

**Member Anniversaries:**

- 19th: Eddie Gee, 44 years
- 20th: Larry Lewis, 32 years

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 20th: Simon and Tracy Canalez, 32 years

This Week’s Meeting

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** Chief Jimmy Duran and Mariana Claustro, Brawley Police Department

**Recognitions:** None!

**Program:** Today Mary Miller introduced Brawley Police Chief Jimmy Duran and Crime Prevention Coordinator Mariana Claustro. The Brawley Police Department (BPD) got a new Code Enforcement officer who will help stop graffiti, stealing of shopping carts, etc. There is also a new Federal Marshall working who helps get search warrants and criminalize offenders based on Federal law, not state law. Federal law is much harsher than the “Catch & Release” state law that Brawley was following in recent years. BPD now has 2 K-9 units, one trained to detect drugs and the other weapons. BPD secured a \$500,000 grant to fund the “Homebound” program designed to help homeless get back to their hometown and families by providing them with new clothes and a bus ticket. Last year Brawley had 45 homeless, this year there are 28. Among those, 8 individuals wanted to be part of the program. BPD has created many new programs, all of which aren’t coming out of the city’s budget, but instead funded by donations, volunteers and the Brawley Police Foundation. The new programs are Crime Prevention, Fentanyl Awareness Campaign (treatments for transients), Brawley Clean Up (graffiti, trash, etc.), Brawley Police Explorers (groups of young kids educating them of good morals, being a good citizen), Brawley Police Boxing Academy and Brawley Police Girls Soccer (targets at risk youth, teaches discipline, teamwork, provides structure, must have good grades, good school behavior). The Neighbors app is growing and helps the community see relevant crimes, lost pets, etc. all reported by citizens. BPD is now accepting volunteers who will have specific duties, responsibilities and a title. Follow on BPD on social media on Facebook @ Brawley PD or Instagram @Brawley\_PD.

**Joke of the week:** A professional juggler, driving to his next performance, is stopped by the police. "What are you doing with these matches and lighter fluid in your car?" asks the police officer. "I'm a juggler and I juggle flaming torches in my act." "Oh yeah? Let's see you do it," says the officer. So the juggler gets out and starts juggling the blazing torches masterfully. A couple driving by slows down to watch. "Wow," says the driver to his wife. "I'm glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they're giving now!"