

Birthdays & Anniversaries  
Upcoming Events  
Announcements

Don't forget, we are **dark** on Wednesday, April 24th for our **Spring Social**. Come to Grasso's Italian Restaurant in El Centro at 6PM on Thursday, April 25th. See you then!

**Dillon Faubion, chairman of the Four Way Speech Contest committee**, gave us an update on Layla Morales. Layla won our Brawley contest, and has made it to the District Finals!

**Robert Trimm, chairman of the RYLA committee**, reported on a successful weekend at Camp Idyllwild for the students. Robert drove the students to camp on Friday, and President Stephen Smith drove them home on Sunday. The students will give a presentation to the club about their experiences soon.

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- April 24th: We will be DARK for our Spring Social
  - April 25th: Spring Social, Grasso's Italian Restaurant, El Centro, 6PM
  - May 1st: Raquel Renteria, Executive Director, Brawley Boys and Girls Club
  - May 8th: Regular meeting
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**April Birthdays:**

- 5th: Don Barniske
- 15th: Dillon Faubion
- 28th: Robert Trimm

**Member Anniversaries:**

- 30th: Patty Torrez, 13 years

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- 15th: Jim and Nancy O'Malley, 24 years
- 27th: Bob and Mary Sue Shank, 61 years

This Week's Meeting

**Guests:** Devon Apodaca, Desiree Vidaurri, and Louie, the English Bulldog

**Recognitions:** **Jim O'Malley** paid \$10 for his wedding anniversary. **Dillon Faubion** paid \$10 for his birthday. **Tim Kelley** reported that he attended a fundraiser at the Borrego Springs Rotary Club, where they raised \$35,000!

**Program:** Our program today was introduced by April's program chair, Dillon Faubion. Devon Apodaca is the Executive Director of The Humane Society of Imperial County. With him was Desiree Vidaurri who is the adoption specialist, and Louie the English Bulldog. The Humane Society has a low cost spay and neuter program for pets. Their goal is to spay and neuter 2,000 animals this year. They utilize the services of a veterinarian in Mexicali to help save money. They also use Desert Medical Group which is Dr. Sato in Imperial and a mobile pet clinic in Joshua Tree. Over the last couple of years, they've received some grants from the State which greatly helped with expenses. The Humane Society serves and works in conjunction with local cities and their municipal animal control agencies. 70% of their strays come from Brawley. When the lost or stray animals that they pick up are not claimed by their owners, the animals are transferred into their care. From there, they are adopted out or sent to rescue groups outside of the Imperial Valley. They work with outside shelters and rescue groups so these animals are given every chance possible at finding their furever homes. Their goal is to prevent the needless euthanasia of happy, healthy and adoptable animals. Another program they have is Positive Engagement Team, where they take dogs like Louie and go to convalescent homes, schools, Betty Jo McNeece receiving home, etc., to help cheer up the patients and children. The building that they are currently in is falling apart and they will be forced to move within 2 years. They are working on building a new shelter at the cost of about \$3 million dollars, and they currently have \$1 million earmarked for this project. They also need foster homes for animals such as the 26 kittens they just received that need to be bottle fed. Dog and cat food, and monetary donations are always welcomed. Any donation will help them maintain zero euthanasia. Thank you, Devon, Desiree and Louie for a great program!

**Quote of the week:** "Animals don't lie. Animals don't criticize. If animals have moody days, they handle them better than humans do." — Betty White