

Birthdays & Anniversaries Upcoming Events Announcements

Please mark your calendars for **TUESDAY, June 18th**. It is the date of our annual “**Kick-Out**” Dinner. It will be held at the Stockmen’s Club.

Layla Morales, our **RYLA 4 Way Speech Test winner**, competed at the finals but did not win. **Committee Chair Dillon Faubion** was disappointed but says to watch out, she’s going to compete again.

Every week, our speaker receives a certificate for our donation to the **Polio Eradication Campaign**. At the end of every month, we prepare the donation forms for the entire month and send them to Rotary International along with a check to vaccinate 30 children (per speaker). Rotary has been working to **eradicate polio** for more than 35 years. We’ve reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project 1979. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect children from this paralyzing disease. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Learn more on the District website.

- May 8th: Gabriel Zambrano, Identification Technician, Imperial County Sheriff’s Office
- May 15th: Brooke Plourd, Clinical Placement Coordinator, SDSU School of Nursing
- May 22nd: Mari Lynn Pemberton, Mari Lynn’s Country Store
- May 29th: To be announced

May Birthdays:

1st: Stephen Smith

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 18th: Dillon and Paige Faubion, 5 years
- 27th: Stephen and Melissa Smith, 7 years
- 29th: Annette Fortier and Gunther Chin, 25 years

Member Anniversaries:

- 1st: Bob Shank, 55 years
- 12th: Shavaun O’Malley King, 20 years

This Week’s Meeting

Guests: Melissa Smith

Recognitions: Happy Birthday, **President Stephen!** He paid \$50. **Bob Shank** paid \$55 for his 55th member anniversary. Congratulations Bob, and thank you for your dedication to Brawley Rotary. **Robert Trimm** paid \$25 for his birthday. Hope you had a happy birthday!

Program: Unfortunately our program was unable to attend today, so Jim O’Malley was kind enough to step in tell us about his Vietnam Reunion in Columbus, Georgia this past weekend. Jim says all branches of the military are invited to attend. Except there was this one guy who joined them for all the meals and festivities and no one knew who he was! He spoke about being in a Mobile Advisory Team, moving about Vietnam, training the soldiers. They talked about their service with a group of trainees. They get together with Vietnam counterparts every year. He said the reunion location changes every year. Next year, it will be in Westminster, CA around the time as a Vietnamese holiday. In addition to enjoying the reunion, Jim was able to do some sightseeing in Columbus, Georgia. He saw the house where the man that invented Coca Cola lived. He had a mix up on his return home. He got to the airport, boarded the plane and then were asked to deplane due to a fuel leak. Columbus is the second largest city in GA but there are only two flights a day from there, one at noon and one after five, so he couldn’t take a later flight. Finally he got back on the plane and landed in Atlanta where he missed his connection. He got rebooked on a full flight, but had to sit in the middle. When he finally landed in San Diego, he headed home and stopped for coffee at Golden Acorn Casino. When he unpacked the next day, he notice his passport was missing. He called everywhere he’d been, but no luck. Finally someone from Golden Acorn called and they found it there. His faith in people was renewed! Thanks, Jim for an interesting speech and for stepping in at the last minute! Go to Brawley Rotary’s Facebook page to see some of Jim’s pictures.

Quote of the week: “Instant gratification takes too long.”—Carrie Fisher, American actress and writer