

Birthdays & Anniversaries Upcoming Events Announcements

Please note: We will be DARK on Wednesday, May 29th for the Memorial Day holiday.

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.

The 2024 District Governor Awards Dinner will be held at the Del Mar Hilton in San Diego on Monday, June 24th from 5-8:30PM. Go to the district website to register.

May is Rotary’s Youth Service Month! Today, the students that we sponsored for RYLA camp are here to tell us about their experience. Welcome! Throughout the month, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and younger members of the Rotary family, including Interactors and RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange participants, celebrate the service, leadership development, connections, and FUN of Rotary’s programs for young leaders. Every year, over 350,000 young leaders participate in Rotary’s youth programs cross Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange. Rotary’s Youth Service Month is an opportunity to promote our young leaders’ local and global impacts and the Rotary and Rotaract clubs that make these programs possible.

- May 15th: Brooke Plourd, Clinical Placement Coordinator, SDSU School of Nursing
May 22nd: Mari Lynn Pemberton, Mari Lynn’s Country Store
May 29th: We will be DARK for Memorial Day
June 5th: Regular Meeting

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: Stephanie Saucedo, Tiffany Hensley and Gabriel Zambrano

Recognitions: Sal Ortiz and Robert Trimm paid \$5 each for messing up the patriotic song with their trumpet impressions. Dr. George Fareed was the spotlighted speaker at a medical summit in Rancho Mirage this past weekend, he paid \$50.

Program: Our program today was Gabriel Zambrano, who is the Scientific Investigator Supervisor for the Imperial County Sheriff’s office. He has been at the sheriff's office for 9 years, starting off as the 911 dispatcher, he worked his way up to his current position. In essence, he IS the crime scene unit. They are the only forensic unit or crime scene units in the valley. Brawley PD has started to develop a crime scene unit, but it’s just in the beginning stages. Homicide, suicide or sexual assault, they are the ones who get called out to examine and collect evidence. They are a unique unit that wears many hats. Other counties have specific units for each duty. Because we are a small community, his unit does it all. Crime scene documentation is their bread and butter. He said pictures are gold, taking a couple hundred at every crime scene. They take pictures with drones, taking aerial shots of crime scenes. They collect and preserve evidence. They execute search warrants along with sworn officers. His office is the only unit that is staffed by civilians, they are not peace officers. They are right next to the coroner’s office and work with them hand and hand. They assist in autopsies and skeletal and human remains recovery. Our county has a rapid DNA instrument, which allows them to get DNA evidence quickly, and is their crown jewel. We were the first county to be able to get one. He said court is a big deal, and cases depend on evidence from their unit. Digital forensics is huge, meaning that technology can help them solve crimes. Your phone, your car, your laptop, etc. can tell a lot about where you were and when. What an interesting program! Thank you, Gabriel and Stephanie!

Joke of the week: A man is speeding down a highway when he gets pulled over by a cop. The officer comes up to the car and says, “Do you have any idea how fast you were going?” The man replies, “I’m sorry officer, I was rushing to a lecture about the negative impacts of alcohol abuse and the importance of staying within the law.” Intrigued, the officer asks, “Really? Who’s giving that lecture at this time of night?” The man smirks and says, “My wife.”