

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Upcoming Events

## Announcements

**Please note: We will be DARK next week, 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 at 6PM.

The **Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley** has announced the date of this year’s **Branding Iron Award Gala**. It will be held Thursday, June 27th at the Stockmen’s Club. More information to follow.

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- May 22nd: Mari Lynn Pemberton, Mari Lynn’s Country Store
- May 29th: We will be DARK for Memorial Day
- June 5th: Tyler Brinkerhoff, ICHS archivist
- June 12th: Sue Giller and Bill Gay from Reliance Public Relations
- June 18th “Kick-Out” Dinner at Stockmen’s Club
- June 19th: 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

**Visiting Rotarians:** Jeff Plourd and George Morris, both from Holtville Rotary Club

**Guests:** Renee and Tyler Lyon, Jayden Marron, Brooke Plourd, Susan Villon, Ted Hughes, Aubrey Wells, Layla Martinez, Luke Goddard, Kayla Magdalena, and Gisele Mercado.

**Recognitions:** **Dillon Faubion** was serving as President today and he was quick to start the meeting because the RYLA attendees were here to tell us all about their experiences at camp, and we had a great program, too! No recognitions!

**Program:** First, high school students Luke Goddard, Kayla Magdalena, Aubrey Wells, and Gisele Mercado gave us a brief overview of their time at RYLA camp. They all loved it, even the food! The experience is intense and incredibly challenging. The students gained an increased sense of confidence, and they still keep in touch with members of their “family”. They thanked us for the opportunity. Next, our program was Brooke Plourd. Brooke received her doctorate in nursing from Purdue University. She has a long list of nursing experience, and is now the Clinical Placement Coordinator at SDSU. Most of her students are coming from IVC, some students come straight from high school. In the fall, they will be able to increase their enrollment. With their direct placement program, they give priority to those students with a local zip code. She showed us pictures of their tech labs at the Highway 78 location in Brawley. The 80 million dollar STEM building is set to open in fall of 2025. They have AI models of bodies that are of a big help to the students. They can practice on bodies without dire consequences. They go to conferences, trying to make the campus as normal (like a regular campus) as possible. In the future, they will be adding new degrees such as family practitioner degree, adult gerontology nurse practitioner degree, psych mental health nurse practitioner degree, clinical nurse specialist masters of nursing, and a doctorate of nursing practice. They want to get these programs filled with local students because of the shortage of health providers in the Imperial Valley. What a great program, thank you Brooke and her assistant Jayden!

**Joke of the week:** After 5 long years of studying, a student comes rushing into Einstein's office shouting.. "Sir, Sir, I finally understand your theory of Special Relativity!" Einstein rolls his eyes, "It's about time!"