

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Upcoming Events

Announcements

Don't forget that we have a meeting tomorrow at noon, even though the "Kick-Out" dinner is tonight. The dinner is at 6PM at The Stockmen's Club and we are having New York steaks for dinner. And, there will be a wine bar! Come join the fun as we kick out President Stephen Smith.

At last week's board meeting, it was discussed that we have \$4,748.60 in accounts receivable. **That means your dues are in arrears!** If you have a balance, please take a moment to write a check and pay your account. We need the money!

Annette Fortier is home after her surgery and will hopefully be back in a couple of days.

- June 19th: Caitlin Chavez, Museum Director at Imperial County Historical Society
- June 26th: We are dark
- July 3rd: We are dark
- July 10th: To be announced

June Birthdays:

- 4th: Jeff Jones
- 10th: Carter Taylor
- 14th: Ramiro Urias
- 30th: Francisco Cossio

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 1st: Eddie and Ping Gee, 64 years
- 22nd: Francisco and Rocio Cossio, 12 years

Member Anniversaries:

- 1st: Don Barniske, 36 years

This Week's Meeting

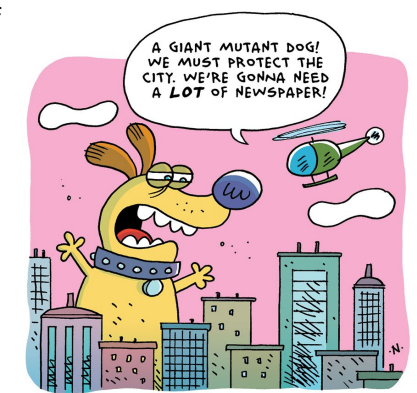
Visiting Rotarians: Sue Giller, El Centro Club

Guests: Laisha Vega Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley

Recognitions: **Dillon Faubion** traveled to Mexico for an anniversary, he paid \$300 pesos. **Bob Shank** won \$250,000.00 in the California State Lotto and has pledged \$50,000.00 to Brawley Rotary. Wow! Congratulations, Bob, and thank you!

Program: Greg Smith introduced Sue Giller, the better half of fellow Brawley Rotarian Don Barniske, who came to educate us and warn us about "Fake News". Sue has been involved in Journalism as well as Public Relations for many years in our community. This being a Presidential election year, the timing is right for this topic. Fake News is false information with the intent to cause harm. It comes from many different types of sources which include: Political Operatives, Foreign Actors, Organizations, Altered images, Fake Headlines and untrue news items to name a few. Joseph Goebbels said "If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it." As we know, people spread lies and these lies spread faster than the truth. With the conveniency of the Internet, fake news can travel globally in a matter of minutes, if not seconds. An innocent post on Facebook can easily and quickly be altered to cause harm to many innocent internet users. There may or may not be a way to stop Fake News. Our best bet would be to try to slow it down. There has been proposed legislation, social media is developing new safeguards, media literacy programs and schools are working to curtail the problem but ultimately is needs to begin with us.

As consumers of news, we are tasked with learning more about Fake Media, we need to read everything critically, if a story makes you very angry, it may be fake. We also need to check information from other sources. Use fact checking organizations to verify the news we are suspicious of. Also, before sharing a story, we need to consider the validity of Fake News will proba- better. Thank you Sue all need and that we not "Fake News."



the article. Unfortunately, bly get worse before it gets for the information that we call all share knowing it is