

Birthdays & Anniversaries Upcoming Events Announcements

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!

The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley’s Branding Iron Award Gala is scheduled for Thursday, June 27th to be held at the new Velvet Venue (the old Assaggio’s), 595 W Main St in Brawley. Cocktails begin at 6PM and dinner is at 7PM. Gala attire is requested. Brawley Rotary has purchased a table for this event in support of our Chamber.

Take me out to the ball game? Rotary Night at the Padres is Tuesday, August 20, game starts at 6:40PM. Padres vs. Minnesota Twins, and there will be a Free Manny Machado Collectible pin to the first 40,000 fans. Seats are located in left field at "The Point" Tickets are \$58 each, with a limit of 4 per person. The electronic ticket(s) will be emailed to you 30 days before game day. Go the district website for more details.

- June 26th: We are dark
July 3rd: We are dark
July 10th: To be announced
July 17th: Regular meeting

July Birthdays:

- 11th: Simon Canalez
15th: Sheila Kruger
19th: Sal Ortiz
23rd: Shavaun King

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 23rd: Greg and Michele Smith, 41 years

Member Anniversaries:

- 11th: Carter Taylor, 23 years
11th: Nick Pricola, 40 years
29th: Sheila Kruger, 31 years

This Week’s Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: Caitlin Chavez, El Centro Rotary Club

Recognitions: Greg Smith (acting like a President) granted complete immunity to anyone wishing to confess. Francisco Cossio took advantage of the offer, sharing the academic successes of his two daughters Sophia (2nd Grade) and Natalie (Kindergarten). Congratulations to them for their academic achievements this past school year.

Program: Greg Smith introduced Caitlin Chavez, Museum Director at Imperial County Historical Society. Caitlin is originally from Beaumont Texas and we, as explained by Greg Smith, are fortunate to have her taking control of our Valley Museum. Caitlin is in the process of increasing the number of events at the Museum and exposing the contents of the Museum to as many people as possible. During the visitor season, the Museum is open seven days a week. During the summer months it has an abbreviated schedule but still available to accommodate visitors. Fundraising is a major part of Caitlin’s focus. A facility that occupies seventeen acres and a fifty thousand square foot building takes a lot of funds to operate. Events such as Pioneer Days, Museum Golf Tournament, Museum Gift Shop, Fall Home Event are just a few events that contribute to the Museum. The Museum also is available for outside events which generate rental income for the Museum. Caitlin is also busy searching for Grants and other sources from others such as the County of Imperial and various Pioneer families throughout the Valley to assist in the funding of the Museum. Caitlin has enlisted the services of many volunteers. On average, there are approximately 76 volunteers throughout the year with a base group of about 25 volunteers that contribute weekly that serves approximately 8,000 annual visitors. The Valley’s Museum is truly a jewel of our community. It has something for everyone, no matter what your interest may be. The Museum is host to many local school field trips during the school year which gives the younger audience a chance to learn much about our Valley. On behalf of the Brawley Rotary Club, we would like to thank Caitlin for her continued hard work and efforts in making our Valley’s Museum a great place to visit and a place to be proud of.

Joke of the week: Q. What did the chicken say to the duck as it was about to cross the road? A. “Don’t do it, man-you’ll never hear the end of it.”