

The **Boys and Girls Clubs of Imperial Valley** will have their **2022 Annual Combo Auction** on Saturday, October 15th. It will be held at The Stockmen’s Club, beginning at 6PM. Tickets are \$100 per person until September 24th, then the price goes up to \$125 per person. Dress is cocktail attire. Please call 760-344-2040 or visit [www.bgciv.org](http://www.bgciv.org) for more information.

The **Pioneers Memorial Hospital Foundation** will have their **18th Annual Fall Gala** on Thursday, October 20th beginning at 6PM. The theme is “Under the Stars”.

**November 3rd** is the beginning of our **66th Annual Cattle Call Jamboree!** Festivities begin with a kick-off mixer on November 3rd, the Chili Cook-Off will be held November 5th, Cowboy Bingo on the 7th, Mariachi Night on the 9th, Corn hole Tournament on the 10th, the Parade will be on Saturday, November 12th, with Rodeo performances on the 11th, 12th, and 13th.

The **National Philanthropy Day** luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 11:30AM at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse in El Centro. **If you would like to nominate a fellow Brawley Rotarian for Philanthropist of the Year or Volunteer of the Year, please see Secretary Annette.**

September 14th: Commander Jonathan Blackstone, Concealed Carry Permit information

September 21st: Regular Meeting, Stockmen’s Club

September 28th: Regular Meeting, Stockmen’s Club

**September Birthdays:**

2nd: Nick Pricola

10th: Annette Fortier

21st: Mercedes Wheeler

24th: Jim O’Malley

**Member Anniversaries:**

11th: Stephen Smith, 3 years

14th: Kenny Humes, 6 years

22nd: Francisco Cossio, 5 years

26th: Mary Miller, 21 years

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

None in September

# This Week’s Meeting

**Visiting Rotarian:** Paige Lovitt, Imperial Breakfast Club

**Guests:** Valerie Floyd-Davis

**Recognitions:** **President Simon Canalez** paid \$50 for missing the meeting last week. His air conditioner had been out for two weeks and Wednesday was the day the repairmen showed up with parts to fix it. **Dillon Faubion** went biking in Idyllwild and Lake Arrowhead. He paid \$50. **Larry Lewis** went to Alpine and met with friends from Idaho, he paid \$25. **Annette Fortier** went to Tacoma, WA to visit her grandbabies, she paid \$50.

**Program:** Our guest speaker today was Valerie Floyd-Davis. Valerie served in the Navy for 17 years and was the first female to join the United States Naval Sea Cadets. She got recalled after 9/11 and served in Iraq and Kuwait. She decided to earn a PhD in Homeland Security and has taught at all the military bases. Valerie told us that in an emergency such as a natural disaster, calling 911 will not help you. She said you need to plan ahead and make an emergency plan. Disaster preparedness is action taken in advance of a disaster to ensure adequate response to its impacts, and the relief and recovery from its consequences. You should prepare yourself, your property and your community. How will you receive emergency alerts and warnings? What is your shelter plan? What is my evacuation route? What is my family’s communication plan? Do I have an emergency preparedness kit for car, work and home? These are things we need to prepare for. Response resources may be stretched to capacity limits and may be delayed. Do not rely on others to save, prepare or protect your and your family and your community. Preparedness begins with you! She told us that many cities are looking for volunteers to become a Community Emergency Response Team member. It’s free! Thank you Valerie, for the valuable information!

**Joke of the week:** Operator: 911, what's your emergency?

Man: A guy just got hit by a car, and it looks like he needs an ambulance.

Operator: What’s your location?

Man: I’m on Eucalyptus street.

Operator: Can you spell that out for me?

Man: (long awkward pause)

Operator: Sir? Are you there?

Man: I’m just gonna drag him over to Pine Street and call you back.