

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Upcoming Events

Announcements

Save the date of **October 26th!** Our **Fall Social** will once again at the lovely home of Robert and Betty Trimm. District Governor Don Fipps will be joining us! Invitations will be mailed soon.

At the **board meeting** at was held immediately following our regular meeting last week, the board voted to donate **\$500** to support the **Cattle Call Parade**, and to support the new **Brawley Police Foundation** at the **“Bronze Badge”** level of \$250. Would you like to become member of the board and help make these decisions? See Secretary Annette and let her know!

The **District Foundation Seminar** will be held Saturday, November 4th. Come for a morning of inspiration and fellowship as we share the great works that clubs, district and the Rotary Foundation do in the community and the world. A continental breakfast will be provided at 8:30 a.m. with presentations beginning at 9 a.m. This is an opportunity to experience the beautiful, newly-completed Sharp Prebys Innovation & Education Center! Registration is now open. \$20 per person. Go to the District website to sign up.

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- September 20th: Wanda Couchman, Surprise program
 - September 27th: Jim O’Malley, Vietnam experiences
 - October 4th: Robert Trimm, program chair
 - October 11th: Regular meeting

<u>September Birthdays:</u>	<u>Wedding Anniversaries:</u>
2nd: Nick Pricola	None
10th: Annette Fortier	
21st: Mercedes Wheeler	
24th: Jim O’Malley	
<u>Member Anniversaries:</u>	
11th: Stephen Smith, 4 years	
14th: Kenny Humes, 7 years	
22nd: Francisco Cossio, 2 years	
26th: Mary Miller, 22 years	

This Week’s Meeting

Guests: Joel Gonzalez and Brawley Police Chief Jimmie Duran

Recognitions: **Sam Couchman** paid \$10 for his many recent trips for Civil War presentations at our local schools. **Tim Kelley** just returned from a trip to South Korea and China. He paid \$100. Thank you, Tim! **Sal Ortiz** just returned from a long summer vacation in Flagstaff. He paid \$50. **Jim O’Malley** took an 8-day vacation to Sparks, NV, he paid only \$5.

Program: Sam Couchman, program chair for September, introduced Joel Gonzalez and Brawley Police Chief Jimmie Duran. The mission of the newly formed, non-profit Brawley Police Foundation is to assist the Brawley Police Department in providing quality service to the citizens of Brawley and strengthen community outreach by providing support and resources that are not covered by the City’s annual budget. They believe that a successful police department is essential for the health and growth of our city. A safe community promotes a peaceful outlook, which is good for business and residents alike. Therefore, their efforts are a demonstration of a desire to build a necessary partnership between our citizens and the police officers who protect. He said that in the three years since Jimmie Duran became chief, the turnover rate of police officers is much smaller. Their areas of focus are morale and team building, advanced equipment and technology, K9 program support, training and education, volunteer services such as reserve officers and a Brawley community awareness team. They also focus on crime prevention with the citywide Neighborhood Watch program, and the youth of our community with the Explorers and Police Athletic League. The Brawley Police Foundation is an independent organization that provides grant funding and critical resources to Brawley Police Department to programs that would not otherwise be funded. These programs directly improve public safety capabilities and enhance the overall quality of life of our citizens. Donations go directly to the police department without having to go through the City of Brawley. The funds will not be used to purchase weaponry, but equipment like new service cars, another canine, and helping out other programs like neighborhood watch. There are different levels of membership, from the “Chief’s Badge” at \$5,000, which, among other things, gets you a tour of the police station and a ride-along with a police officer, all the way down to a “Back the Badge” membership at \$100. Thank you, Joel Gonzalez and Chief Jimmie Duran!

Joke of the week: Police Officer: "I'm arresting you for illegally downloading the entire Wikipedia."
 Man: "Wait! I can explain everything."