

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Upcoming Events

Announcements

There will be a **board meeting** Wednesday, September 21st after the regular lunch meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend a board meeting, and they count as a makeup!

The **2022 District Conference and Foundation Gala** will take place on Saturday, October 29th. The District Conference is from 9 AM to 3 PM. Check-in starts at 8 AM. Conference fee is \$150 per person and includes continental breakfast, plated lunch and daytime entertainment. The Foundation Gala is from 6 PM to 8 PM with dancing following. Check in begins at 4 PM. Cost is \$130 per person and includes formal dinner and evening entertainment. Halloween Costumes are encouraged to be worn for the Gala. Get a discount for participating in both events - \$250. **Please see Secretary Annette if you would like to attend.**

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 21st: Regular Meeting, Stockmen’s Club
 September 28th: Dr. Gina Nunez Mchiri, Dean of SDSU-IV
 October 5th, Regular Meeting, Stockmen’s Club

September Birthdays:

2nd: Nick Pricola
 10th: Annette Fortier
 21st: Mercedes Wheeler
 24th: Jim O’Malley

Wedding Anniversaries:

None in September

Member Anniversaries:

11th: Stephen Smith, 3 years
 14th: Kenny Humes, 6 years
 22nd: Francisco Cossio, 5 years
 26th: Mary Miller, 21 years

This Week’s Meeting

Visiting Rotarian: Paige Lovitt, Imperial Breakfast Club; Gunther Chin, El Centro; and Randy Price, President of Holtville Rotary Club

Guests: Brawley Police Chief Jimmy Duran and Commander Jonathan Blackstone

Recognitions: **Bill Gates, Sheila Kruger, Mary Miller, Sal Ortiz, and Jim O’Malley** paid \$5 each for not wearing their name badges. **Sal Ortiz** told us about his 5 week trip spanning 6,000 miles through 6 different states! He paid \$50.

Program: Our guest speakers today were Brawley Police Chief Jimmy Duran and Commander Jonathan Blackstone. Chief Jimmy and Commander Jonathan told us that the Brawley Police Department will soon be accepting and processing applications for CCWs. Their website is coming soon. The rules and requirements are the same, the difference is that Chief Jimmy and Commander Blackstone will make the decisions about who they approve. Chief Jimmy said he is very much a believer in the second amendment. If you own a business, he considers that a valid reason to apply for a CCW. You must submit an application and attend a gun safety course. Donnie Wharton teaches a gun safety course at Border Tactical in El Centro, you can call there and get the schedule. You will also need 3 reference letters. One needs to be from an active law enforcement officer (not Corrections Officers, Customs, or Border Patrol), the other two from people who know you, but not relatives. Applicants must be of good moral character, be at least 21 years old, own a registered firearm in California, and reside in the City of Brawley. After the CCW application is cleared by the DOJ and FBI, it will be forwarded to the Brawley PD for final approval, and the applicant will be notified upon approval. The good part is that the Brawley PD gets to keep part of the fees. As soon as the website goes live, they will notify our club. Thank you, Chief Jimmy and Commander Jonathan!

Joke of the week: A cop pulls over an old lady for speeding..."Afternoon ma'am. May I see your license and registration?" The old lady hands the officer these items. As the officer reaches for the papers, he looks at the old woman. She was very old, in her mid 90's. He was surprised that she was speeding so nonchalantly. While reading her license, he notices that she has a license to carry a concealed weapon. He asks her if she is carrying now. She nods and reaches for her purse and reveals a 22 caliber pistol. This surprises the officer, for he couldn't have imagined that this tiny old woman would be packing heat. He felt that she may have another, so he asks her. She nods her head and reaches for the center compartment and reveals a snub nosed pistol. The officer was amazed. On another hunch he asks, "Are there any more?" The old woman nods and says there is one more, and removes a colt 45 from the glove compartment. Out of curiosity, he asks the old woman, "Lady, what in the world are you so afraid of?" She turns to him, looks him dead in the eyes and says, "Not a damn thing."