

Birthdays & Anniversaries
 Upcoming Events
 Announcements

We only have 5 tickets left! Would YOU like to attend the **Dancing for a Dream Gala?** Our very own **Karen Moñtano** will be competing! It will be held Friday, October 18th at 6PM at Cheval Farms in Imperial. Please contact President Francisco Cossio to sign up.

The **Fall Social** invitations have been mailed! Check your mailbox. You can sign up at the meeting or call Cindy at The Elmore Company (760-344-1080) to RSVP. It will be held at the new home of Immediate Past President Stephen Smith and his lovely wife, Melissa on Thursday, October 24th at 6PM. **Remember, your account will be billed \$50 per person whether you go or not,** make plans to attend.

The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley announced the 2024 **Brawley City Council Candidate Forum** will be held on October 7th at the Brawley City Council Chambers. This event is FREE and open to the public! The first session is at 5:30PM and the second session is at 7:00PM. Our very own Tim Kelley is running for City Council!

The **Pioneers Memorial Hospital Foundation** is having their **20th annual Fall Gala** on Thursday, October 17th at 6PM. Please see Mary Miller for tickets.

- October 2nd: Tony Ojeda, Imperial Valley Challenger Little League President
- October 9th: Ryan Brandt, Owner and CEO of RILB Pictures, LLC
- October 16th: Todd Bean, General Manager of the new Cambria Hotel in Imperial
- October 23rd: We are **DARK** for our annual Fall Social

October Birthdays:

None!

Member Anniversaries:

- 6th: George Fareed, 31 years
- 14th: Mercedes Wheeler, 37 years

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 4th: Tim and Marisa Kelley, 27 years
- 4th: Ramiro and Larisa Urias, 6 years
- 20th: Don and Sue Barniske, 46 years

This Week's Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: Sue Giller, Sylvia Bauer, Ariana Kirby and Brandon Lee, all from El Centro Rotary.

Guests: Eric Strahm and Elizabeth Espinoza

Recognitions: **Stephen Smith** paid \$10 for not introducing our guests, only because he was sitting the closest! **Sal Ortiz** told us a sad lunch story while making up missed Rotary meetings while vacationing in Arizona, he paid \$10. **Jim O'Malley** was surprised by his 80th birthday celebration at Stockmen's Club, he paid another \$20. **Karen Montañño** paid \$20 for her new blue badge "carrying fee"! Congratulations, Karen! **Larry Lewis** paid \$50 for a fabulous trip to New York city last week. **Dillon Faubion** paid \$20 just because. **President Francisco Cossio** paid \$20 for forgetting that the reason we have homemade dessert at the end of the month is to celebrate Rotarians' birthdays!

Program: Program chairman Dr. Don Barniske introduced Eric Strahm, who is the co-owner and brewer of Humble Farmer Brewing Company. With locations in both Holtville and Imperial, the Imperial location is the only one that serves food, similar to "pub food". Humble Farmer started as a small hobby and has grown into a community-driven brewery that stays true to its roots. They use locally sourced ingredients, including honey, melon and carrots from nearby farmers. Contrary to popular belief, Humble Farmer has a family friendly atmosphere, and is a welcoming space for everyone. They offer events, great beer, and good company. They are committed to giving back through local partnerships and events. They participate in the annual "Tails and Ales" fundraiser with the Imperial Valley Humane Society, which is an adoption event every October. Set up in the Humble Farmer Brewing parking lot in Imperial during the Fiesta De Los Muertos Market Days, it features reduced adoption fees, prize drawings and all of the proceeds go to homeless pets. Thank you, Eric for a great program, and to Dr. Don Barniske for a month of great programs!

Jokes of the week: Q. How do you know if someone likes craft beer?
 A. Don't worry, they'll tell you.
 Q. Why do we love beer?
 A. Because you can't drink bacon.