

Birthdays & Anniversaries  
 Upcoming Events  
 Announcements

The BBQ building with our brass **Rotary logo** is completed at **Rotary Park at the Cattle Call Arena**. Go down and take a look! The lighting is especially pretty at night. Your Brawley Rotary Club voted to donate \$5,000 to this project.

**David Schoneman**, who is the President of **Holtville Rotary**, has invited us to their **Octoberfest, Friday, October 25th**, at Jack Vessey’s shop, 1605 Zenos Road in Holtville. Spouses are invited also. The cost is \$25 per person. The event starts at 5:30PM and dinner is served at 6PM.

If you haven't heard, District 5340 is going to publish a **Member Guide and Business Directory**. You can (and should) check out the mockup version of the directory, especially if you want your business listed in the back of the directory. Copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/68725587/rotary-member-guide-district-5340-networking-directory-sample>. Information about who to contact regarding the listing is in the directory.

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- October 30th: Elizabeth Espinoza from Energy Source
  - November 6th: Cattle Call Court
  - November 13th: Tom DuBose, President of DuBose Design Group, Inc.
  - November 20th: District Governor Dianne Crawford
  - November 27th: We are dark for the Thanksgiving holiday
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**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

**Guest:** Todd Bean

**Recognitions:** **President Elect Kenny Humes** presided over our meeting today, and he was very kind and did not recognize anyone.

**Program:** Program chairman for October Robert Trimm introduced Todd Bean, who is the General Manager of the Cambria Hotel in Imperial. Todd is a “CHA” (Certified Hotel Administrator) which is a prestigious professional certification by the American Hotel and Lodging Association that recognizes leadership and operational skills in the hotel industry. The new hotel’s advertisement says, “Experience the all new Cambria Hotel Imperial, where we specialize in serving up the little luxuries that make a big difference when you’re traveling. Every door you walk through, every sip you take, and every curtain you draw is designed with intention so you don’t have to worry about the details. And when we do our job well, yours gets a whole lot easier.” Todd says he’s been in the Valley for almost 5 years and is still getting used to the summer heat. He said this is the smallest property he’s every run, with 108 rooms and a 2000 square foot ballroom. He told us that the interior design reflects our Imperial Valley agriculture. The onsite restaurant and bar is called 1905 Bar & Grill, and reflects the year the dam burst and the Salton Sea was formed. They serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and happy hour every day. You do not have to be a guest at the hotel to eat there. He told us all about their chef and sous chef, and their special dishes. Cambria hotels are part of the Choice Brand. The guest rooms are oversized and have a workspace, and they have complimentary Wi-Fi that is super fast. There’s 2,050 sq. ft. of meeting space. There’s a state-of-the-art fitness center and an indoor swimming pool and hot tub. Todd says he’s running a special on the room rate right now, \$129 per night. He told us that the top floor is designed for long term stay, with kitchenettes in the rooms. He said the building behind the hotel is the new Inncare facility which will have a 65,000 square foot facility, and 7 shuttles serving the entire Valley. He invited your holiday guests to come stay with him, instead of at your house!

**Joke of the Week:** A businessman had a tiring day on the road. He checked into a hotel and, because he was concerned that the dining room might close soon, left his luggage at the front desk and went immediately to eat. After a leisurely dinner, he reclaimed his luggage and realized that he had forgotten his room number. He went back to the desk and told the clerk on duty, “My name is Bob Smith. Could you please tell me what room I’m in?” “Certainly,” said the clerk. “This room is called the lobby.”