

Birthdays & Anniversaries  
 Upcoming Events  
 Announcements

The **District Foundation Seminar** will be held **November 4th** from 8:30AM until noon at the Sharp Prebys Innovation & Education Center in Kearny Mesa. Breakfast will be included in this state-of-the-art training facility that opened earlier this year. Find out how you too can Create Hope in the World. Register on the District website.

Friday, **November 10th** is the date of the **Rotary Foundation Gala**, with the theme of Disco Inferno! Come in your best disco attire! There will be a no-host cocktail bar from 5:30-7:00, and dinner and dancing from 7:00-10:30. The featured guest speaker is Rotary Foundation Trustee and Past Rotary International Vice President Greg Podd. Sign up on the District website by November 1st.

The **National Philanthropy Day luncheon** will be held at 11:30AM-1:30PM on Wednesday, **November 15th** at the Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse in El Centro. We will be dark that Wednesday. Brawley Rotary has purchased a table of 8. If you would like to go, please let Secretary Annette know as soon as possible. We will purchase another table of 8 if necessary.

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- November 1st: Cattle Call Queen and Princesses
  - November 8th: Charla Teeters Stewart, Imperial County Film Commission
  - November 15th: WE ARE DARK for the National Philanthropy Day luncheon in El Centro
  - November 23rd: WE ARE DARK for the Thanksgiving Holiday
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**November Birthdays:**

None

**Member Anniversaries:**

- 9th: Jim O'Malley, 46 years
- 29th: Dillon Faubion, 6 years

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

None

This Week's Meeting

**Guests:** Gina Dockstader, Director; Matt Smelser, Energy Department Manager; and Jamie Asbury, General Manager, all from the Imperial Irrigation District.

**Recognitions:** President-Elect Francisco Cossio led our meeting today. He noticed that **Mary Miller, Sal Ortiz** and **Shavaun King** were not wearing their badges and he recognized them \$5 each.

**Program:** Robert Trimm, program chair for October, introduced Gina Dockstader, who is a Director at the Imperial Irrigation District. Gina is a fourth generation farmer and campaigned for the position of Director because she is concerned about our farmers' water situation. She said she is surprised about how much she enjoys her position. She introduced Jamie Asbury, general manager. Jamie says her very first project was executive contract administrator for the All American Canal. She says it's a dynamic, interesting and changing field. She was able to go to law school and received her law degree. The interview for general manager was a difficult process with 70 other applicants. She's particularly proud that she's the first woman in 112 years to serve as general manager. She introduced Matt Smelser, who is the Energy Department Manager. Matt has been in his position for about a month and a half, but has worked at the IID for 18 years. IID is one of eight balancing authorities in California with 1,780-miles of high voltage transmission and 5,004 miles of lower voltage distribution lines, and 1,402.64 MW of third party interconnected generation. IID's load is served with a diverse resource portfolio including: locally-generated geothermal, solar, hydro and biomass resources. A balancing authority ensures that power system demand and supply are finely balanced. If demand and supply fall out of balance, local or even wide area blackouts can result. IID Renewable Energy targets are: 60% by 2030; 90% by 2040, and 100% by 2045. Imperial County has vast natural resources to develop renewable energy. The Salton Sea is a 30000MW resource for geothermal energy. The southern portion of the Salton Sea contains some of the world's largest deposits of lithium. "Lithium Valley" would establish a global production hub that could employ thousands of workers and propel the economic future of Imperial County residents for generations. IID rates are some of the lowest in the state, with PG&E at \$.2776 per kWh compared to IID at \$.1231 per kWh. Thank you, Gina, Jamie and Matt!

**Joke of the week:** What is the energy provider's favorite dance? The electric slide.