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Did you know? The **Wildcat Women Scholarship Foundation** was founded by a group of Brawley High School graduates who decided after their 10th reunion to give back to the community by supporting the future of young women graduating from Brawley Union High School. One of the founding members is **Sabrina Gates Schaffer, Bill and Tina's daughter**. What began as a small campaign by the class of 1984 has grown into a large organization supported by the many friends, family and neighbors of BUHS. Since 1995, they have awarded \$132,500 in scholarships to 131 deserving young women. They just passed their 25th year of granting scholarships to senior women in the Brawley Union High School district. If you would like some more information about Wildcat Women, please send an email to wildcatwomen@gmail.com, or you can mail a check to: Wildcat Women Scholarship Foundation, 261 N. Pine Street, Orange, CA 92866.

- November 23rd: We are **DARK** for Thanksgiving
- November 30th: Priscilla Lopez, Director at Imperial County Workforce & Economic Development Center
- December 7th: Arnold Wolf, Director of Project Execution, Phoenix Water in Australia
- December 14th: To be announced
- December 21st and 28th: We are Dark for the holidays

November Birthdays:
None

Member Anniversaries:
9th: Jim O'Malley, 45 years
29th: Dillon Faubion, 5 years

Wedding Anniversaries:
None!

This Week's Meeting

Guests: Tom DuBose, President of Development Design & Engineering, Inc.

Recognitions: **Robert Trimm** paid \$50 for being awarded The Spirit of Philanthropy (Volunteer of the Year) award at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon held yesterday. Also, he just became a new grandpa! Granddaughter #2, Remi James, was born November 15th. Mom and baby are doing fine. Robert paid another \$50. Congratulations to the Trimm family! **President Simon Canalez** paid \$25 in honor of **Robert's** award, and **Dillon Faubion's** award of Distinguished Volunteer. Congratulations, Dillon! **Sam Couchman** officiated at his younger son's wedding during Cattle Call weekend, he paid \$25. Congratulations, Sam! **Bill Gates** was so happy that his daughter Sabrina and her fellow co-founders of the Wildcat Women Foundation came to visit, he paid \$50. For more information about The Wildcat Women Foundation, see the announcement on the previous page.

Program: Our program today was introduced by Sal Ortiz, program chairman for November. Tom DuBose had lots of great information for us! Tom said that housing in the Imperial Valley is improving, with lots of activity and closings. Construction lending is slowing down. New clients are looking at rent-to-own housing options. There's some new building in the La Paloma subdivision, with the new elementary school going in, and new developers are working on the old vacant lots there. General Motors is investing in our geothermal industry and wants to do more, such as preparing for electric vehicles by helping new construction to include plug-ins. Housing for middle and lower income citizens is a goal. Large corporations are realizing that they need to invest in communities. McCabe Ranch Subdivision, which was approved 10-12 years ago, is seeing new activity. Exxon is researching producing bio-fuel from algae here in the Valley. State Bolt, one of many new investors, is building a 4 billion dollar plant that will employ 2,000 people. Tom had so much information, there's not enough room to print it here. If you missed this meeting, you missed a lot! Thank you, Tom!

Joke of the week: A wife asks her husband, an engineer, for a favor. "Darling, can you please go to the store to buy one gallon of milk? And if they have eggs, get a dozen!" Off he goes to the store, and half an hour later he returns with 12 gallons of milk. His wife stares at him and asks, "Why on earth did you get 12 gallons of milk?" "Well... they had eggs," he replied.