

Birthdays & Anniversaries  
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 Announcements

**The Chamber of Commerce for Great Brawley will host their Second Annual Santa’s Local Workshop!** There will be a tree lighting ceremony, 40 local food and gift vendors, snow, a petting zoo, raffles, an ugly Christmas sweater contest and pictures with Santa and the Grinch. It will be held Thursday, December 8, from 5-9PM at the Plaza Park in Brawley.

All Rotarians in District 5340 are invited to join members of San Diego Club 33 on a fabulous **Rotary Safari trip to Uganda** on April 21 through May 1, 2023. The group will visit Rotary projects in Northern Uganda and enjoy two days on Safari in Murchison Falls National Park before returning to Entebbe. Options include attending the Uganda Rotary District Conference in Mbarara and Gorilla trekking in Bwindi, Uganda. Contact Roger Haines at rogerhaines43@gmail.com or call on his cell at: 858-736-5505 for more information.

December 7th: Arnold Wolf, Director, Phoenix Water, Australia  
 December 14th: Sam Couchman, Farewell Address  
 December 21st: DARK  
 December 28th: DARK

**December Birthdays:**  
 10th: Eddie Gee  
  
**Member Anniversaries:**  
 1st: Bill Gates, 61 years  
 7th: Sam Couchman, 11 years  
 12th: Simon Canalez, 4 years  
 16th: Annette Fortier, 30 years

**Wedding Anniversaries:**  
 10th: George & Martha Fareed, 6 years  
 30th: Carter & Sandra Taylor, 39 years

This Week’s Meeting

**Guests:** Priscilla Lopez and Viridiana Rosales

**Recognitions:** **Dillon Faubion** was recognized \$25 for his 5 year member anniversary. Congratulations, **Dillon!** **Bob Shank** paid \$15 for his Thanksgiving trip to Modesto and a 10-year reunion with a family member. **President Simon Canalez** paid \$15 for going to Elton John’s last concert at Dodger Stadium, and another \$10 because he didn’t play golf his entire Christmas vacation, even though the weather was beautiful.

**Program:** Our guest speakers today were Priscilla Lopez and Viridiana Rosales. Priscilla told us about America’s Job Center of California, that works in partnership with Imperial County’s Workforce Development Board (ICWDB). The ICWDB vision emphasizes continuous skills attainment in growth industry sectors and seeks to incorporate education, training, and employment services to build a workforce that can meet labor demands. The ICWDB plans to realize this vision by transforming Imperial County’s workforce system so that it not only serves the needs of workers for education, training, and stackable credentials that lead to well-paid, steady work, but also serves the needs of employers for business support services and a high-quality, skilled workforce. They can provide on-the-job training for a new employee, and employers may be reimbursed up to 75% of the employee’s gross wage rate. They host a variety of events, including job fairs or industry specific events to match employers with prospective employees. They have space available for orientations, trainings and meetings for your business and employees, and facilities that have a computer lab, internet access, printers, and telephone lines. They also have a free human resources hotline that can give immediate confidential advice and guidance from certified human resource professionals. Viridiana talked about the Small Business Development Center, which is part of the Workforce Development Board. Their mission is to create jobs, help them grow and be successful. They are focusing on veterans and their families. They have seen a huge increase in nursing programs. They have recently helped three new businesses on Main Street in Brawley. They will be hosting a seminar to help new businesses prepare their taxes on December 7th. Thank you, Priscilla and Viridiana!

