

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Upcoming Programs

Announcements

August is Membership month! Invite someone to a meeting!

A **Program Coordinator** is needed for **September**. Contact Tim Kelley or Sam Couchman to volunteer.

Grammy award winner & international recording artist **Ziggy Marley**, son of reggae legend Bob Marley will perform August 31st at the **Del Mar Racetrack**. Ziggy is one of the "poster celebrities" for Rotary's "We're This Close" campaign to eradicate polio. He has offered our District a limited number of passes to his sound check "Meet/Greet" at noon, VIP access to his concert after the last race & entry to the track (Stretch) to enjoy the races in between. Passes are available to Rotarians & guests for a \$30.00 donation to **PolioPlus**. If you'd like to attend send an email to dcsandiego@yahoo.com with your name, club & number of passes requested. Wait for confirmation of your request before making your donation. These events sold out last year, so don't wait!

August 21st: Imperial County Breastfeeding Coalition

August 28th: Tom Topuzes, Tenaska Solar

September 4th: Regular Meeting, **Program Chairman needed!**

September 11th: Regular Meeting

August Birthdays

6th: Donnie Wharton

15th: Sam Couchman

24th: Bill Gates

31st: George Fareed

Wedding Anniversaries

10th: Bill and Tina Gates

Club Anniversaries: There are none this month

This Week's Meeting

Guests: Jason Zara, Keira Sparks Jacks, Charlotte Graham

Recognitions: **Carter Taylor's** photo (representing PMH Foundation) was in the I.V. Press. Since he wasn't at our meeting, **Susan Koon** was asked to donate \$25. Sam Couchman was recognized \$25 for his birthday. We assume this is in addition to the standard \$10 (**Bob Shank** had to educate **President Victor** on this issue). **Mary Sue Shank** celebrated a birthday, so **Bob Shank** was asked for \$25. **Ron Garcia** attended a valley-wide education workshop and was asked to volunteer \$25.

Program: Our speaker today was Jason Zara, the new Brawley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. He was raised in Orange County, but has lived in El Centro for the last 16 years. He has two main goals he would like to accomplish initially; to bring all valley residents together and to add value to Brawley Chamber membership. He announced that the Chili Cook-off and the Mariachi Night will be held downtown this year, in an effort to increase exposure and focus more on the downtown area. He will be "knocking on doors" to find out what members want and he is open to all ideas. Everyone is invited to the next Chamber Mixer - Friday, Aug. 23rd at Jalapeno's from 5:30 to 7:00. He also announced a Farmers Market to be held downtown. This is sponsored by the Chamber, Boys and Girls Club and the City of Brawley. The first will be in November and is scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month for 8 months. He invited everyone to check out the Chamber's website for events and information.

Jokes of the week: I'm a high school geometry teacher and I started one lesson on triangles by reading a theorem. "If an angle is an exterior angle of a triangle, then its measure is greater than the measure of either of its corresponding remote interior angles." I noticed that one student wasn't taking notes and asked him why. "Well," he replied sincerely, "I'm waiting until you start speaking English."

Recently I was grading history tests for my fourth-graders. I'd included an extra credit question: "List up to five good facts about Abraham Lincoln." One of my D students surprised me with this one: "After the war ended, Lincoln took his wife to a show."

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