

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

2nd: Norm Byrum  
9th: Greg Smith  
10th: Tim Kelley

### Club Anniversaries:

19th: Eddie Gee (30 years)

### Wedding Anniversaries:

2nd: John & Carolyn Benson

## Upcoming Events Announcements

President Elect Larry Allen informed us that Rotary is 105 years old.

Tim Kelley announced that the **Group Study Exchange (GSE)** will be here **May 14-16<sup>th</sup>**.

The Imperial Valley Service Clubs will be meeting at the **California Mid-Winter Fair** Thursday, (Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>) for lunch.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a **graffiti paint day** in May, more details will follow.

The Sub-Regional **Four Way Speech Contest** to be held in Brawley has been postponed until April 24th.

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March 10th: John Pritting, Disaster Preparedness/Book Author "Sixth Seal"

March 17th: Daniel Ortiz, Oncology Services in the Imperial Valley

March 24th: Linda Cady - Between Women: Breast Cancer Updates

March 31st: Gerald McFadden, President and CEO of Volunteers of America

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## This Week's Meeting

Visiting Rotarians: : Victor Toquazzini, Santa Maria, CA

Guests: Nancy Tucker, Kynan Barrios, Daniel Stewart, Charlotte Graham & Jay Kruger

Recognitions: **President Elect Larry Allen** presided in place of **President Sal** who was not present (precisely). **Tim Kelley**, winner of 3 guns at the NRA banquet, also had birthday. He gave \$100 to the Foundation. **Greg Smith** paid \$50 for a great day at Del Rio Country Club and birthday. **Robert Trimm** was a winner at **Norm Lassey's** Golf Tournament, he paid \$50. **Rod Smart** received a golf Lesson from **Larry Allen** on what not to do for \$10. **Susan Koon** paid \$26 for being proud of **Carter Taylor's** golfing & her daughter's birthday. **Sheila Kruger** paid \$50 for something to do with Jay Kruger. **Richard Mendoza** paid \$25 because his guest's cell phone rang during Larry's meeting.

Program: Richard Mendoza, program chairman for March, introduced Sylvia Preciado from the local Red Cross in El Centro. March is Red Cross Month. Our Valley covers approximately 4,000 sq. miles & the Red Cross is able to manage this area with a total of 35 volunteers and responders. The Red Cross has 30 instructors for various CPR, first aid & safety training which are made available to anyone in the Valley. They have made it their goal to get everyone prepared in the event of an emergency. Right now only about 65% of us in the US are prepared for a 72 hour emergency. The Red Cross travels the world to offer aid. 85% of those in Haiti are volunteers. The Red Cross deploys volunteers along side active duty personal to assist them in messaging with distant family members. These Red Cross volunteers are truly volunteers. They could be gone for many weeks at a time & not receive payment for their work. The Red Cross does not receive any Federal funds. Their budget needs are generated through the donations of the public. Thank you Sylvia and the Red Cross for all the work you do in our area.

Quote of the week: "If you're old, don't try to change yourself, change your environment." -B.F. Skinner, U.S. psychologist and author