



Roto News

“Change to Grow With Rotary”

Be a gift to the world

Love and Good Earth to you!

President Rena Kay welcomed us to the 23rd meeting of the year, wishing us Love and Good Earth. She reported that she had been to the Peace Conference and brought back plenty of peace tidbits to share.

Baynes was not there to lead us in prayer, but Melinda was happy to step in followed by the flag salute led by Michele Auriemma.

Bruce Keith led us in “My Country Tis of Thee” and I have to tell you, it helps to sit next to someone who can sing.

Rena Kay thanked both the greeters, Fernando & Doug, and the reception table, Sandi filling in for Ron and Christy who was filling in for Scott Begin, who was a no-show. All I can say is Baynes & Scott better bring your wallets next week.

Birthdays this week included Sandi Schwartz, Bruce Keith and Pauline Larwood. When asked, Sandi said she had great birthday exercising at the gym where she did her personal best pushing weights. I don't know about the rest of you, but my best birthdays start with a Champaign brunch!

Bruce was asked if he had plans for his big day. He said his daughter would be in town and they would be

baptizing the baby. He said for that he felt truly blessed.

The Franey's also celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary! They must have married as children!

Aaron announced that he won a fantasy football league last year, so he decided to pay the pig \$5.

Wayne was called on to report on his reading assignment. He did read the article which was about a Rotarian in Rochester, New York who was inspired by Paul Newman's camp for disabled Children. He brought the idea to his club and got the whole thing running with the support of their community.

Next Past President Christine Randell was recognized for her year as president and Rena Kay highlighted some of the things that happened. Christine was president in 2012-2013. It was our clubs 60th year. The International Theme was “Preserving the Past and Forging the Future”, and the District theme was “Peace Through Service”. Rena Kay remembered a meeting that involved 3 little chairs. Christine thought that it was from a program that Christy Swatzell was involved with, but Christy had no such memory.

There was also mention of Christine having trouble getting to the Gin Fizz Breakfast because of a Rolling Stone Concert the night before. Christine told us that it had

nothing to do with the concert, she always has trouble making it to that breakfast.

We all did remember the meeting where Ron Biglin talked about River Cruises and Melinda Westfahl did a great demonstration on packing. It was so good in fact, Christine ran into Baynes at the airport and he unzipped his suitcase to show her how great he had packed.

Finally we all remember the “Sit Down Larry” sign Christine had made to keep Larry Moxley in check. As if that is even possible. Rena Kay presented Christine with a gift of Margarita glasses and Margarita mix, telling her she would have to supply her own alcohol. I don't know what kind of year you would have to have to get the booze!

Bob Parker was given a big chocolate coin as a Thank You for filling in last week and for being a Big Pig at the Podium.

Doug announced that Charter Night is Feb 6th, on a Saturday, not Friday as printed on the invitations. He was presented with Ugly Jacket #2, (not the original, but just as ugly) for the printing error.

Michele Brown announced that Vino Amoure is May 21st this year and we are looking for Sponsors, Auction Prizes and Volunteers. See Tom Burch or Michele.

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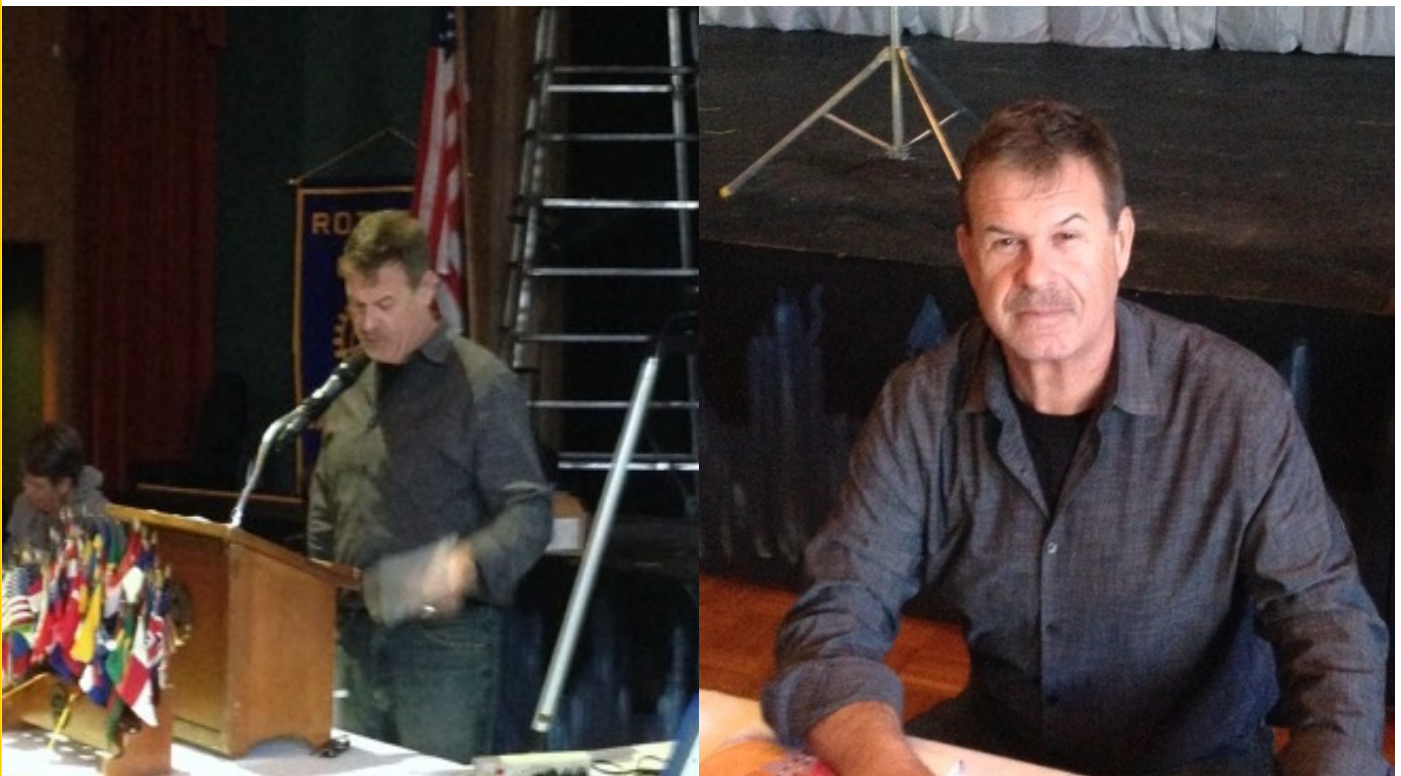
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Robert Price has worked for the Bakersfield Californian since 1988. During that time he has held many positions including General Assignment Reporter, Eye Street Editor, Entertainment Writer, Government Reporter and more currently Editor. He has created such features as City Beat, The Grade, The Pulse and 10 Things You Need to Know. He is an award winning editor and has written and spoken extensively about the Bakersfield Sound for more than 20 years. He has a passion for music and history and after writing several articles he started getting e-mail from around the world interested in learning more about The Bakersfield Sound. He has written for the Journal of Country Music and essays for the Country Music Hall of Fame. Buck Owens, Meryl Haggard and Dwight Yokum are some of the country artist he has interviewed. Bob started writing his book “The Bakersfield Sound”, How a Generation of Displaced Okies Revolutionized American Music in 2014, but says it really was 19 years in the making. It is a self published book and he isn’t sure how many copies have sold, but he should find out in a couple of months. He hopes it is good because he plans on writing a second and maybe a third book, there are just so many more stories to be told. His book is currently #1 on Amazon under country category and has been the #1 seller at our Barnes & Noble for the past 3 weeks. Ken Nelson, Country Music Hall of Fame producer says “This is some of the finest work on the Bakersfield Sound I’ve ever read.” I know I am looking to reading it.





Doug Amstutz looking Dapper in the second Ugly Jacket.

Celebrate!!



Birthdays

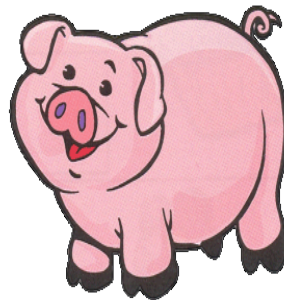
Sandi Schwartz—Jan. 20th
 Bruce Keith—Jan. 24th
 Pauline Larwood—Jan 20th

Club Anniversaries

Terry Maxwell—Jan 21st—18 years

Wedding Anniversaries

Phil & Dina Franey—Jan. 24th—40 years



“A Tune is more lasting than the song of birds. And a word more lasting than the wealth of the world.”

Old Irish Proverb

*****HELP WANTED*****

Need Programs - If you have anyone you would like to have speak at Rotary, please see Steve Gibbs

Upcoming Events

Jan. 29th—Meet & Greet, Super Bowl
 Feb. 6—Charter Night
 Feb. 12- East High Blood Drive
 May 21—Vino Amoure

	Greeter	Greeter	Flag Salute	Invocation	Visiting	Reception	Reception
Jan 15	Swatzell	Sullivan	Urban	Watanabe	Williams	Wilson	Womack
Jan 22	Aguirre	Amstutz	Auriemma	Bank	Bass	Begin	Biglin
Jan 29	Brazzell	Brown	Burger	Burch	Carpenter	Coffey	Colatruglio
Feb 5	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK
Feb 12	Carpenter	Coffey	Colatruglio	Creott	Dierck	Franey	Frank
Feb 19	Gibbs	Gill	Giordano	Gresco	Jackson	Jung	Keith
Feb 26	Kress	Lifquist	Louey	Markovits	Maxwell	Moxley	Oberg
March 4	Parker	Pereyra	Powell	Ramsey	Randell	Richardson	Sabin

Club Directors & Committees

I. Club Service, Administration.....Director: *Michele Brown*

- Attendance/Front Table.....: Tony Ansolabehere
- BERC Database & WEB.....: Tony Ansolabehere
- Roto News Publisher.....: Michele Brown
- Roto News Photographer.....: Brian Oberg
- BBQ.....: Steve Karcher/Rena Kay S.
- Holiday Lunch.....: Melinda Westfahl
- Charter Night.....: _____
- Gin Fizz.....: Gary Stanfill
- Venue/Food.....: Michele Brown
- Historian.....: Rena Kay Schrader
- Programs.....: Steve Gibbs/John Wilson
- Public Relations.....: _____

II. Club Service, Membership.....Director: *Jimmie Soto*

- Classification.....:Tom Burch
- Evaluation.....: Wayne Kress
- Rotary Information.....: Dan Giordano
- Fireside/Assimilation.....: Jimmie Soto/Rena Kay
- Membership Development (Master of Fun).....: Steve Richardson
- Rotarian Magazine.....: Dan Giordano
- Membership Directory.....: Melinda Westfahl
- E-mail Blasts.....: Michele Brown
- Family of Rotary.....:Jenny Dierck/Steve Karcher, Christy S.

III. Vocational Service.....Director: *Mike Brazzell*

- Employee Recognition.....: Steve Richardson
- Business Person Of The Year.....: Mike Brazzell
- Craft Talks.....: Mike Brazzell
- Vocational Scholarships.....: Mike Brazzell & Aaron Markovits
- Officer Of The Year.....: Mike Brazzell

IV. Community Service-Youth Services.....Director: *Aaron Markovits / Day Smith*

- East High Interact.....:Tomeka Powell
- Highland High InterAct.....: Brian Oberg
- Garces High InterAct.....: Scarlett Sabin
- OLPH InterAct.....: Scarlett Sabin
- Joe Alexander Scholarship Foundation Liaison.....: Aaron Markovits
- RotarAct.....: Aaron Markovits
- Scholarships.....: Gary Creott & Bill Gresco
- RYLA.....: Day Smith/Sandi Schwartz
- Business & Ethics Conference.....: Steve Richardson
- Four Way Test.....: Aaron M. & Day S.

V. Community Service-Outreach.....Director: **Fernando Aguirre**

Blood Bank Organ Donation.....:Sandi Schwartz

A. Blood Bank Days

BGC & Children Outreach.....: Fernando Aguirre

A. Backpack Project.....: Tom Burch, Christy Swatzell & Fernando

B. Jamison Center.....: Tom Burch

Environment

A. Bike Path Maps.....: Terry Schroepfer

B. Rotary Park.....: Ron Biglin, Tom Burch & Jon Lifquist

C. Cleanup Projects.....: Fernando

Handicap/Poverty/Senior Citizens.....:

Other Community Service Outreach

*Can Food Drive.....: Christy Swatzell

*Salvation Army Bell Ringing.....: Michelle Brown, Susan Leedy

*Youth Financial Literacy.....: Jim Williams & Roy Herrmann

A. Dictionary Project.....:

B. Listen to Readers.....: Julie Womack

*The Forgotten Initiative.....: Jenny Dierck

Veterans

A. Honor Flight.....: Tom Burch

B. Rebuilding Kern Together.....: Fernando Aguirre

VI. International Service.....Director: **Amanda Frank**

• Polio Plus.....: Dan Giordano

• Polio Plus Donations.....: Dan Giordano

• International Service Development/Grants.....: Christy Swatzell & Committee

• South of the Boarder/Education.....: Amanda & Sandi Schwartz

• Love Water.....: Amanda & Christine Randall

VII. BERC Foundation.....Director: **Dan Giordano**

• Vino Amore Chair.....: Tom Burch & Michelle Brown

• Vino Amore Sponsorships.....: Scott Begin

• Vino Amore Auction Items.....: Jenny Dierck / Dan Urban

• Vino Amore Treasurer.....: Bob Parker

• Vino Amore Tickets.....: Sandi Schwartz / Christine Randall

VIII. FUN Raisers

• Shooting Contest.....: _____

• Photo Calendar, Note Cards, Post Cards.....: _____

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