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Roto News

"Change to Grow With Rotary"

Happy New Year!

.President Rena Kay welcomed us back to a brand new year, Where all good little piggy's are ready to go for a great New Year (that is those that weren't made into black-eyed pea soup.

Day Smith lead us in prayer and then Danny Giordano (who was filling in for Sandi Schwartz) was asked to lead the flag salute. Danny was missing in action, so Aaron Markovits was happy to step in. Danny better bring his wallet next week!

Rena Kay looked around for someone to lead us in song, but all the regulars were absent. She tried to get Larry Moxley to lead us, but he claimed to be absent as well. Bruce Keith walked in just in time to lead us in the worst rendition of "Oh Beautiful" I have every heard. Seriously, we were horrible.

There were no visiting Rotarians, but guest included: Jenny Dierck's guest Gaby Lopez, Amanda Frank's guests, Vince Fong and Lauren Skidmore, Dr Larwood's wife Pauline, and Dave Bass' guest Ryan Larwood .

There were no Birthdays to announce, but to club anniversaries. Tom Alexander and Chugsam Doh, both Honorary Members celebrating 31 years on January 1st.

Rena Kay had brought a basket of goodies that she wanted to hand out to help us get a good start to the new year. She gave Doug Amstutz a book on Focusing, since the stock market has been so up and down, (mostly down). Quon Louey received the latest AARP magazine with an article about Web telemedicine. He said he had already read that article, which Rena though was funny since he never reads his Rotary magazine assignments. Carolyn Jackson was given the same magazines that Rena Kay gave her at our last meeting, apparently she forgot them. She was also scolded for not wearing the Ugly Jacket, which Carolyn said she left in her trunk and will bring it next meeting. Lourdes Arrubla was given a book titled "Truth about Money" since she had told Madam Pres that all her customers were well trained and not questioning the current Stock Market. Finally Phil Franey and Brian Sorci were given Golf Digest Magazines, since they both golf and Rena Kay was tricked into ordering them over the phone. Apparently Rena thinks they need help with their game.

Scarlett Sabin gave us an update on her son's application to be an exchange student. He is going to a conference in Big Bear on the 22nd and 23th and should find out soon.

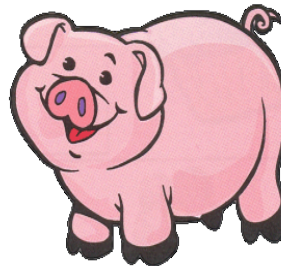
Doug Amstutz announced that Charter Night is February 6th.

For the newer members, Charter Night is the Anniversary of our club. It is a very nice formal dinner at Bakersfield Country Club and there is no charge for you and a guest. Invitations are in the mail.

Lourdes Arrubla and Michele Brown were then called to the podium where Lourdes was given her Blue Badge. There were many signatures missing from her roster, so be sure to introduce yourself and sign her roster if you haven't done so already.

Jim Williams announced that the Youth Financial Literacy Program picked up a third High School, South High. We already teach YFL at East High and Mira Monte High.

The 50/50 draw was won by Doug Amstutz. Before he picked a card Rena Kay told him he was going to win \$2 and sure enough he pulled a 2 out of the deck. Maybe we should ask her to pick the Powerball number!



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Our Speaker Javier Chavez, with his assistant and Day Smith, Jimmy Soto and Patty Grubes from the Independent Living Center.

Javier Chavez was born in Mexico with Cerebral Palsy. When he was born the Doctors told his parents he would need to be institutionalized, which was very common back then. His parents decided to raise him at home and moved to America to provide a better life for Javier.

Javier speaks through a communicator and had pre-programmed some of his presentation today to save time. He introduced himself and apologized to the women in attendance, saying he is often mistaken for Mark Anthony, but he is in fact Javier Chavez. He also joked that having his communicator pre-programmed comes in handy on Hot Dates, since it allows him to talk and eat at the same time. He is a very funny man. Growing up he developed a passion for writing that started with "Divine Reflection". He writes and designs greeting cards which he sells on his web-site and at events like First Friday. He has also been working on his autobiography for 7 years. He hasn't finished it yet, but it is dedicated to his mother for all she has done for him to make his life productive. He told us he is not writing the book for money or fame, he just wants people to love their lives, regardless of their situations. A lesson we all need to be reminded of from time to time. Javier has a great publisher, who has given him a good deal on publishing his book, but he still needs funding. If you would like to find out more you can "gofundme".com, Javier had bought some of his cards for sale.

Jimmy Soto was then asked to come up with his co-worker Patty Grubes. Patty helps provide resources and placement services that allow people such as Javier the ability to live independently. They were recognized and presented a check from our club.



One of Javier's cards, Inside it reads "With every passing year, it gets harder and harder to count the candles on your birthday cake! Happy Birthday!"



Lourdes Arrubla our newest member receives her blue badge.

January Reading Assignments

Page 11—Gary Creott
Page 16—Wayne Kress
Page 42—Melinda Westfahl

Upcoming Events

Jan. 15-16th—Rotary World Peace Conference, Ontario, CA
Jan. 15—Speaker Ken Hooper on the Civil Rights in Bakersfield.
Feb. 6—Charter Night

	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: **Steve Karcher**

- 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.....: Steve Karcher
- 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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