



# Roto News

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## Happy Thanksgiving

*Rena Kay welcomed us to meeting #18, celebrating Vocational Service Month and reminding us that we have one week before we “pig-out”. Also reminding us we are DARK next week.*

*Prayer was lead by Doug Amstutz, filling in for Gary Creott. We were asked to keep, the Leedys, the Moxleys the Giblins and the Williams in our prayers. Also keep the family of Past President, Past District Governor, Frank Geddes in your prayer. Frank past away last week and there was a memorial for him after the meeting at The Rice Bowl.*

*Frank Colatruglio was missing in action, so Jimmy Soto stepped in and led the flag salute, followed by God Bless America led by Bruce Keith. There e were no visiting Rotarians. Rena Kay thanked the solo greeter, Dean Carpenter, (It seems David Coffee was also missing in action), and the reception table, Phil Franey and Sandi Schwartz, (filling in for Amanda Frank).*

*Michele Brown introduced her guest, Lourdes Arrubla for the last time, and later she was brought in as a new member. Also visiting was Honorary member Tonya About from Garces. Tonya also won the 50/50 draw and pulled an Ace, winning the entire pot of \$179, which she donated*

*back to the Garces Interactors.*

*Lourdes has been a familiar face at our club, having visited many times when she worked for Aaron Markovits at KATC. Lourdes now works at Edward Jones on Ming and Mill Rock. She is married to her husband Manual Olea, and they have two sons, Manual Jr. and Xavier. She is very excited to join our club and working on many Rotarian projects.*

*We had two Rotarians celebrating birthdays. Jimmie Soto’s birthday was Nov 17th and Rena recognized him and asked if he was any wiser, to which he replied, “ I fell like it”.*

*Kelly Giblin’s birthday was on Nov. 19th, which is also “World Toilet Day”. I guess if you have to share your birthday with a modern convenience , the toilet is pretty important..*

*There were no spouses birthdays. Only one wedding anniversary, Jean and Steve Watanbe on the 14th, and one club anniversary on Nov 21st, Greg Braun. All were out doing something more fun then coming to Rotary. Is that even possible!*

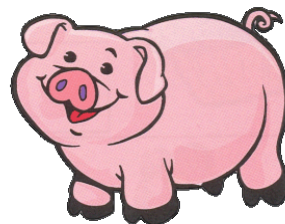
*PP Doug Amstutz announced the following nominations for the Board and President Elect for 2017-2018. BERG—Jimmy Soto and Dan Urban, each for a 3 year term.*

*BERF—Jon Lifquist, David Sullivan and Jose Pereyra, each for a 2 year term. President Elect—Christy Swatzell.*

*We were asked for any additional nominations from the floor. There were none and everyone was in favor of accepting the nominations presented. This will be presented for a second vote at the Christmas Lunch on Dec. 11th.*

*Danny Giordano presented a Foundation moment and shared with us all the good work that the Rotary Foundation does around the world. We are able to provide food, clean drinking water and help fight diseases such as Polio, just to name a few. If you would like to no more about the Rotary Foundation, or learn how to donate, please talk to Danny.*

*Next we had a Bake Sale Auction, with items from the Interactors from Highland and Garces. We were able to raise \$260 for Highland and \$300 for Garces, The treats all looked delicious!*



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### 2015-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Club**  
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## Alan Tandy—City Manager

Mr. Tandy has served as the City Manager of Bakersfield since 1992. He was also Executive Director of the Bakersfield Redevelopment Agency from 1992 until its dissolution by the State in early 2012. Before moving to Bakersfield Alan was the City Administrator and Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency in Billings, Montana from 1985—1992. Prior to that he held the position of City Manager in Gillette, Wyoming, and Napoleon, Ohio, and served as an Administrative Assistant in Rock Island, Illinois. Alan graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, and from the University of Iowa with a Masters of Arts Degree in Municipal Administration.

Alan shared with us many important developments in our city. Here are some of the highlights:

**High Speed Rail**—The HSR Authority has had 20 plus meeting to try and determine the route through Bakersfield. They should have a decision in Spring 2016. The route the city is proposing is shorter, straighter, faster and impacts fewer homes. The HSR plan effects 350 homes.

**Water**—Lake Isabella is currently at 30,000 surface feet, compared to 403,000 10 years ago. Governor Brown ordered a 36% reduction in residential water use. We aren't close and Mr. Tandy says we all need to do our part. The city has cut their usage by 50%. El Nino will certainly help, but we have a long way to go.

**Condors**—The condors are a triple A league now. This brings more people to town and our players feed the professional league.

**Thomas Road Improvements**—The city has \$630 million for road projects, with grants that total is 1.3 Billion. Some of the project include, the 99/ Hoskings off-ramp and overpass, the Rosedale widening project which should be complete by Oct. 2016, The 178 widening, including the Morning Dr. bridge and the Canteria to Mira Monte Dr project, both to be completed by 2017. The widening of Highway 99 and 50, adding outer lanes and widening the Rosedale off ramp.

**24th Street Improvement Project**—They have acquired 19 of the 21 homes needed to start the project.

**Hageman Flyover 99 to highway 204**—This project is not funded for construction, but they will take it through the design and property acquisition phase then ask for funding.

**Truxtun & Oak**—designing 3 lanes in both direction to ease the traffic.

**Centennial Corridor**—The city has acquired 140 of the 199 homes that are effected. They also own the Wild West Shopping Center. If all goes as planned this project should be complete in Nov. 2019.

**Other development**—There is an expansion of the mesa Mesa Marin Park, which has been a great addition to Bakersfield bringing in thousands of families for sports events. There is a State Farm Sports Village addition Ash & Taft Hwy. A Commercial development on Hoskings Road which will include a Hotel, a Movie Theater and restaurants., and another on the corner of Gosford and Stockdale, which will have another Hotel and Shops.

**City Finance**—There is a very slim budget, mostly because of the decline in the oil industry and the amount of people being laid off.

**Other**—Due to the early release of prisoners program, the Police Department has been challenged with response times, but have managed to improve. This is largely due to the system that let's the public call and file reports themselves, when a Police is not necessary.

Lastly Bakersfield was received the Design Award for excellence on our freeway projects.

### December Reading Assignments....

Page 16—Jim Williams

Page 34—Fernando Aguirre

Page 48—Sandi Schwartz

Page 57—Amanda Frank

### Birthday's & Anniveraries

#### Birthdays

Jimmie Soto—Nov. 17th

Kelly Giblin—Nov. 19th

#### No Spouses Birthdays

#### Club Anniversaries

Greg Braun—18 years on Nov. 21st

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Jean & Steve Watanabe—34 years on Nov. 14th





Backpack giveaway at Casa, for the Foster Youth.



Halloween donation to Boys n Girls club.

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 27th—DARK

Day Smith's Grand Opening—SOS Recycling—Dec. 2nd at noon, please RSVP to Day

Dec. 4th—District Governor visit—"Nonsense" presented by Star's

Dec. 11th—Christmas Lunch at Bakersfield Country Club—please RSVP to Melinda and bring items for Jameson Center, also entertainment by College Heights Mariachi's

Dec 18th—Salvation Army Bell Ringing— Please see Michele Brown if you would like to sign-up, It will be a meet & Greet that day with Trivia by John Wilson

Dec. 25th—Dark

Jan 1st—Dark

Reminder—Julie Womack is still looking for volunteers for the Reading Program at College Heights.

	Greeter	Greeter	Flag Salute	Invocation	Visiting	Reception	Reception
6-Nov	Williams	Wilson	Womack	Aguirre	Amstutz	Auriemma	Bank
13-Nov	Bass	Begin	Biglin	Brazzell	Brown	Burger	Burch
20-Nov	Carpenter	Coffey	Colatruglio	Creott	Dierck	Franey	Frank
4-Dec	Gibbs	Gill	Giordano	Gresco	Jackson	Jung	Karcher
11-Dec	Keith	Kress	Lifquist	Louey	Markovits	Maxwell	Moxley
18-Dec	Oberg	Parker	Pereyra	Powell	Ramsey	Randall	Richardson
8-Jan	Sabin	Schroepfer	Schwartz	Smith	Sorci	Soto	Stanfill
15-Jan	Swatzell	Sullivan	Urban	Watanabe	Williams	Wilson	Womack

# 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 &amp; Fernando

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

**Environment**

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

B. Rotary Park.....: Ron Biglin, Tom Burch &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Committee

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

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

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

• Vino Amore Chair.....: Tom Burch &amp; 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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