

# Roto News

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## Welcoming a Returning Member

Madam President welcomed us to meeting #15, reminding us that it is Vocational Service Month—Where Big Pigs Rule!

Fernando lead us in pray and Rena asked that we continue to keep Alan Giblin's mom, Susan Leedy and Jann Williams in our prayers. Followed by "My Country Tis of Thee" led by Baynes.

Doug introduced our only visiting Rotarian, Jan Pitts from the breakfast club. Other visitors included: Shanna Cox, who was a guest of Michele Brown's and came to donate 2 big bins of Beanie Babies to the Forgotten Project. Sandra Larson and her husband George. Sandra was brought back into our club. For those of you who do not know Sandra joined BERC in 1995, the year the Valley Fever Foundation started and was a stellar member for 9 years. She continues to be the driving force behind our VF efforts. She is a past BERC Director and Rotarian of the year 2003-2003. We are so very happy to have her back and to show her how much she was missed Rena Kay presented her with a new Ugly Green jacket, since the old jacket has way to much stuff on it.

While Sandra was at the podium, Rena Kay presented a check to Valley Fever in the amount of \$7,807.92, part of the proceeds from Vino Amoure.

Speaking of the Old Ugly Jacket, it was presented to Doug Amstutz. Doug made an announcement that Charter Night is Feb. 6th and if anyone will be presenting any Paul Harris Fellows he needs to know soon, but apparently he neglected to remind Rena Kay that he needed to make that announcement. It's not nice to mess with Rena Kay agenda!

Rena announced the Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week, but the only person that was at the meeting to celebrate was John Wilson. Rena asked if he had anything special planned and he shared that his amazing Wife, Debbie had arranged to have some pastrami flew in from Katz Deli in New York and they were going to stay home and enjoy. For those of you who don't know Katz Deli in New York was featured in the movie "When Harry met Sally" and has the best Pastrami in the world. Rena Kay also reminded John that she hasn't gotten over the fact that he brought her nothing back from Scotland.

Remember Madam President loves suck-up gifts!

The only person who had anything to "Pay the Pig" was me, I became a Grandma for the second time. My son and his girlfriend had a beautiful baby girl which they named Arrow, (Hippie Parents). In Rotary tradition, we pasted the hat and collected \$50 for me to match and open a savings account.

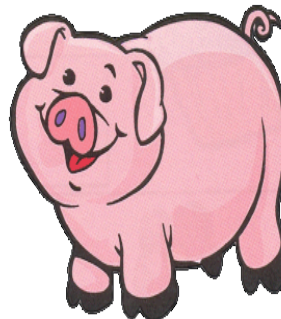
Other announcements:

Last chance to order cookbooks and help fight Polio.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing will be Dec. 18th from 10 to 7 at the Albertsons on Mt. Vernon.

50/50 was won by Michele, a Whopping Big \$2.00.

Weekly Quote: "May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty" Old Irish Toast.



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## Becky DeCarlo—The Forgotten Initiative

Becky and her husband Dominic have been married for 20 years. In the early years of their marriage the Lord laid foster care and adoption on their hearts. However, it would be 14 years before it would become part of their lives. In the meantime, they had three biological daughters (now 16, 14, and 8) and life felt full. They busied themselves with family, church and homeschooling. In the summer of 2010 a desire to delve into the world of foster care and adoption was once again laid on their hearts. They were quickly licensed and within a few days had a call for their first placement. A baby boy and his sister were placed in their home and they began the amazing ministry of not only loving these children, but also mentoring their parents. It was then that they realized that their journey in foster care was much more than they had originally expected. Though this placement did not end in adoption like they had hoped, Dominic and Becky's eyes were opened to the many needs of the foster care community. In the fall of 2011, with a new little one in their home, the son they had been praying for - Becky began to feel a sense of urgency to bring awareness to the forgotten in foster care. It was then that she happened upon a blog of a fellow adoptive mom and the founder of a ministry called The Forgotten Initiative. She knew immediately that this is what Bakersfield needed and soon became the local advocate. Since then she has had the honor of sharing with churches, small groups, service groups and anybody who will listen about the many needs in the foster care community. She has watched as people have given generously of their time, their resources and their talents to bring the love of Jesus to those who feel forgotten. Countless hours have been spent advocating, sharing, praying and working to connect the body of Christ with the needs of foster children, social workers, and birth parents. Becky loves to talk about foster care and adoption and loves to be a part of bringing awareness to the forgotten in her community. The Forgotten Initiative (TFI) has been working closely with the Department of Human Services for nearly 4 years and our influence and donations have continued to grow. Becky is excited to see how the Lord will use her and TFI in the new year and she is humbled by the way the Lord has allowed her to be a voice for those in the foster care community.

The Mission of the Forgotten Initiative is to bring joy and purpose to the foster car community. One way they do that is by making journey bags. These are bags filled with personal items such as clothes, underwear, socks, blankets and personal items that each child received when they are taken from their homes. These bags help the foster parents, as sometime they are placed in the middle of the night with nothing but the clothes on their backs. More importantly, these bags are a source of comfort for each child.



	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



PP Doug Amstutz with the old ugly jacket and returning member Sandra Larson with the new ugly jacket



### Birthdays

John Wilson—Nov. 7th

### Spouse's Birthdays

Ryan Frank—Nov. 9th

### Club Anniversaries

Quon Louey—Nov 1st, 25 years

Past President Larry Moxley—Nov 1st, 31 yrs

### Wedding Anniversaries

Christy and Dennis Swatzell— Nov 3rd, 42 years

Brian and Laurie Sorci—Nov. 5th, 27 years.

### Upcoming Events

Nov 29th—Alan Tandy, City manager

Nov. 27th—DARK

Dec. 4th—"Nunsence" by Stars Theater

Dec 11th—Christmas Lunch @ B. C. C.

Dec 18th—Meet & Greet, John Wilson  
Trivia

Dec 18th—Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Jan. 15-16th—Rotary World Peace  
Conference, Ontario, CA

### Reading Assignments

October Issue

Page13—Dean Carpenter

Page 17—Amanda Frank

Page29—Jimmie Soto

Page 55—Terry Schroepfer



# 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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