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Roto News

"Change to Grow With Rotary"

Doing Our Club Proud!

President Rena Kay welcomed us to the 10th meeting of the year where "Pigs are celebrating, that Turkey was the main fair at Thanksgiving and praying beef is on the menu for Christmas."

Melinda was happy to lead us in prayer, since Bill Gresco was MIA. We continue to keep the Leedys, the Giblins, the Williams and the Moxleys in our prayers. Larry let us know that Susan is recovering nicely at home. The surgery went well and they appreciate all the cards, flowers and calls.

Danny had a special video of Red Skelton recalling how his first grade teacher explained the Pledge of Allegiance to the children. If you missed it, you should Google It.

Rather than singing, Rena Kay played a video of a young girl (maybe 7 or 8) singing "Oh Say Can You See". As good as we are, she was amazing.

There were many visiting Rotarians, here for Sandi's big day. District Governor Jim Bell and his wife Donna, DG Elect, Nick Frankle, and DG Nominee, Jim Weiss and his wife Christine. Li Gibbs, (Steve's beautiful wife), was also here for Sandi.

We also had several guest with us. Sandi's husband Richard, and Julie

Womack's husband, David. Dave Bass brought a guest, Ryan Dowell, and Tomeka Powell brought a guest (and potential member), Diane Williams.

Celebrating Birthday's last week were: Larry Moxley On the 25th, Jenny Dierck on the 27th, Marv Denny on the 28th and Dean Carpenter on the 2nd. Also, Marilyn Sullivan (wife of Dave) on the 27th and Gail Burch on the 2nd.

Larry spend his big day at home peacefully with his wife, Jenny got to take a nap and go to lunch and a movie with friends. Dave took his wife to a Gosh Grobin concert and Tom bought Gail a fitbit and they will celebrate later, since she was sick on her Birthday. Boy are we getting old! Does anyone remember when we used to party like Rock Star's on our birthday's!

There were no Wedding Anniversaries, but one Club Anniversary. Steve Karcher has been back in our club for 3 years on the 30th. Unfortunately, he will be leaving us shortly, as his wife took a new job out of state and they will be moving sometime in January. Steve told us how much he will miss us, but he will be joining a club when they get settled.

No one had anything to "Pay the Pig", but Rena Kay was looking for Carolyn Jackson. She was not at the meeting, since her home was part of

Chez Noel and the touring was Friday.

Then it was time to pay tribute to Sandi. Rena Kay started by offering an Irish Proverb, "Every terrier is bold in his own doorway" and an Irish Blessing, "May Good Luck be with you Wherever you go, And your blessings outnumber the Shamrocks that grow."

Rena played a slide show of Sandi while presenting her with a coffee mug and Richard with a large can of peanuts, since he will need energy to drive "Miss Daisy" around. The big can of peanuts only contained one peanut, it seems Rena Kay hasn't gotten over the fact the Richard ate most of the chocolate macadamia nuts..

Then we all had a toast for Sandi and Rena played "We'll Stand by You". Jim Bell was then introduced. Jim told us that he had to be here to show support for Sandi, just like she has supported him, except when it comes to climbing Mt Whitney. He shared stories of their climb, where she kept telling him to hurry-up old man. At one point when he was leading, he didn't know that his pants had split wide open, Sandi didn't tell him about his pants, but did suggest that he might not want to lead anymore. He is pretty sure that's why is hasn't been invited back.. All kidding aside, We all know Sandi will do an amazing job.

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Elephant Seals—George & Sandra Larson

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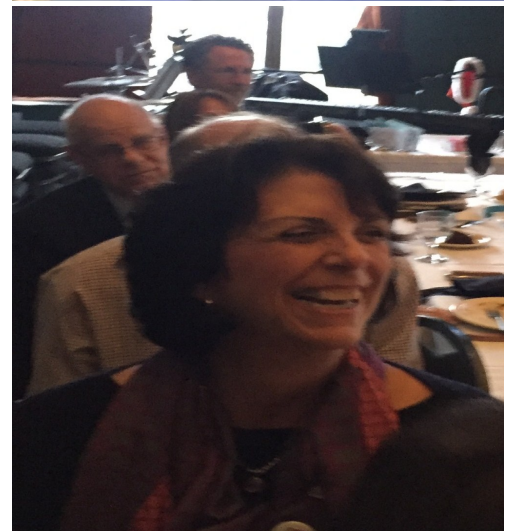
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December Reading Assignments....

Page 16—Jim Williams

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Birthday's & Anniveraries

Birthdays

Larry Moxley—Nov. 25th

Jenny Dierck—Nov. 27th

Marv Denny—Nov. 28th

Dean Carpenter—Dec. 2nd

No Spouses Birthdays

Marilyn Sullivan—Nov. 27th

Gail Burch—Dec. 2nd

Club Anniversaries

Steve Karcher, 3 years on Nov. 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

none





DG Jim Bell, Richard Schwartz, Donna Bell, Sandi Schwartz, Nick Frankle, Christine Weiss and John Weiss

Upcoming Events

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 Womach is still looking for volunteers for the Reading Program at College Heights.

Habitat for Humanity Pope France Home– work begins Dec. 12th, see Rena Kay if you are interested.

	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 & 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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