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Roto News

"Change to Grow With Rotary"

Roto-Lounge Is Back!

Rena Kay welcomed us to meeting number 26 by wishing us all Love and Good Earth and asking if we all Piggied-out on Valentines candy.

Pray was led by Bill Gresco, flag salute by Dan Giordano and Bruce Keith led us in song. Amanda introduced the one and only visiting Rotarian, (who was also our speaker), Jennifer Pitcher from the North Club. It turns out they have been good friends for years.

We also had 2 visitors, Dr. Larwood's wife, Pauline and Lourdes Arrubla's husband Manuel Oleo.

Rena Kay introduced the head table, treasurer Bob Parker and secretary Melinda Westfahl. She thanked the greeters, Ron Biglin who was filling in for Judge Susan Gill and Steve Gibbs, (who was late, but did manager to greet a few people). She also thanked Bruce Keith for manning the front table all by himself (and doing a fine job). Johnson Jung was a no-show.

We only had one Rotarian Birthday this week, Christy Swatzell on February 16th. When asked what she did for her birthday, Christy told us she is still celebrating. She had a nice dinner with family and was given a 3 day trip to Lake Tahoe. Nice!

Dave Bass' wife also had a birthday on the 18th. Rena

asked Dave if he remember and if he did anything nice for Helen. Dave told her that he remembered, but didn't know he had to be nice. He did confess to taking her out to dinner.

Rena Kay recognized Gary & Evie Stanfill's wedding anniversaries on the 20th, but she has it down as 67 years, I did the math, Gary would have been 13 years old. Someone needs to check the information in Club Runner.

We received a couple of Thank You notes, which Rena Kay read to us, the first from Covenant Community Service for a small donation of \$250 we gave them, but we will also be presenting them with a larger check in a few weeks. The second from the Love Water organization. Love Water has been helping people get clean drinking water since 2012 and have helped over 8000 people. Our donation of \$4000 enabled them to help two communities in Nicaragua serving 865 people. Finally, Andre Gonzales from Children First Campaign was there to thank us in person as he was giving a check by Fernando Aguirre. It's nice to see what

we are able to help with not only in our community, but also around the world.

We brought in a new member, Ryan Dovell. Ryan was sponsored by Dave Bass, and works for Gundlach's Heating and Air Conditioning. Ryan was born here in Bakersfield and attended South High and Summit Bible College. He is married to his wife Heater and they have four children, Seth, Wyatt, Haley and Payton. Welcome to Rotary Ryan.

We had wine at this meeting, thanks to Bryan Oberg who sponsored the Roto-Lounge. He was proud to announce the grand opening of his new studio on 3-12-16. The studio located at 3105 Latte Lane in Rose-dale was designed by Bruce Keith and build by Brian Socri. Kudos to Bryan for using fellow Rotarians. Please plan on stopping by the grand opening.

In other news, Tony Ansola-behere is the new proud owner of the ugly jacket for forgetting his reading assignment and Michele Brown won \$8 in the 50/50.



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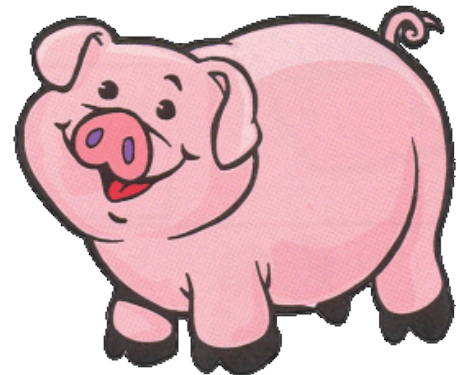
Jenifer Pitcher was born and raised in Bakersfield. She attended Centennial High School, then went to California Lutheran University, then CSUB where she completed her Bachelors and Masters Degrees. The past 7 years she has worked in government and public relations, including work in Congress and California Senate. She is currently the Senior Coordinator for valley production for the Western States Petroleum Association, WSPA.

When oil production was at a high back in 2013 the petroleum industry provided over 1/2 million jobs in California, contributed \$113 billion (5%) to the states GDP and \$21 billion in state tax revenue. Here in Kern County, the industry employs over 50,000 people and the county get 1/3 of it's property taxes from oil and California gets about \$400 billion. California is the third largest energy producer in the US, and Kern County produces 75 to 80%.

Recent declines in oil prices have caused Kern County to declare a state of emergency, with a \$60 million reduction in the county budget. California is pushing towards more green energy, (wind & solar), and wants to increase regulations, but petroleum use is not going away soon. 96% of transportation is still oil based. California uses 42 million gallons of gas a day. We are the third largest energy user in the world, China being number 1 and the rest of the US number 2.

We have been safely fracking here in Kern for over 60 years, with no ground water contamination or any systemic activity. A statewide environment report reviewed 2 million square miles and took over 3 years was approved by Kern County in 2015, but has not been approved by the state. California is already the most regulated state in the world. State Bill 350 called for the oil production to be cut in half by the year 2030, it was defeated, but we can expect more regulations to come. Many countries have no regulations at all, which is a global problem.

The decline in oil production here in Kern County has made it harder to get permits for drilling and fracking and we don't know when things will turn around.





Our newest member Ryan Dovell getting his pin.



Andre Gonzales and Fernando Aguirre

Celebrate!!

Birthdays

Christy Swatzell—Feb. 16th

Helen Bass—Feb. 18th

Gloria Creott—Feb. 18th

Club Anniversaries

None

Wedding Anniversaries

Gary and Evie Stanfill—Feb. 20th



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

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

Upcoming Events

February 27th—Membership Seminar, 9-11 at the 4 Points Sheraton

March 10th—7 Club Lunch

March 15th—Ethics Conference

April 23—Great American Clean-up

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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