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Roto News

"Change to Grow With Rotary"

Happy St. Patty's Day

President Rena Kay wished us Love and Good Earth and welcomed us to meeting # 29. She gave us an update on Susan Leedy, who is expected to start back to work, (and hopefully Rotary), next month, then welcomed President Elect Jim Williams, who led us in prayer.

Quon Louey led the flag salute since Jean Watanabe was a no-show! Uh-Oh, we know what that means, followed by the singing of "My Country" led by Baynes Banks.

John Wilson introduced the 3 visiting Rotarians, Jason Cater from downtown, Ken Jones also from downtown, and Howdy (no last name) from west., after which Madam President presented John with a Beer Pin. He was having such a hard time reading the names of the visitors, Rena Kay wasn't sure if he needed glasses or if he was hung-over from St. Patty's day.

Next Rena Kay thanked the greeters, David Sullivan and Mark Ramsey, (filling in for Dan Urban), and the reception table, Julie Womack & Fernando Aguirre. She introduced the head table, secretary extraordinaire, Melinda Westfahl and treasurer, PP Bob Parker.

Birthdays for the next two weeks included David Coffey, on March 22, but he was not there to be recognized. Dave Bass. Was

there and Rena Kay had a special pin for him. His birthday is March 27th. We also had one spouse's birthday, Evie Stanfill on March 27th.

There were no wedding anniversaries, and only one club anniversary. Jenny Dierck has been in the club for 1 year on March 27th. She was also given a special pin.

In other news, Rena Kay read a thank you note from Honor Flight for our \$500 donation. She also reminded us that April 23rd is Yokuts Park Clean-up for Great American Clean-up. April 23rd is also the District Conference.

Danny Giordano was called to the podium to tell us about Pedal Against Polio on April 9th. There are 3 ways to participate, you can ride your bike starting at River Oaks Park at 9:00 am, ride indoors at Action Sports starting also at 9am, or lastly you can sponsor someone who is riding. Rena Kay and Terry Schroepfer are both participating and looking for sponsors. To show us how seri-

ous she is Rena Kay brought her bike!

Larry Moxley was called to the podium to help with the bake good auction. Tyler Allen & Mustafa Barash from Highland High Interact Club brought some baked goods to auction off to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. Tyler Allen shared with us that he recently had a baby brother who was born with CF and all that he struggles with, plus the added medical expenses that are a challenge for his parents. We were able to raise \$765 and the boys were very moved by our generosity.

Finally Madam Prez asked if anyone had anything to pay the pig for. No one stepped up, but Bruce Keith did have a suck-up gift for Rena Kay. He had just gotten back from the coast and brought her a Depression Glass Diamond Cut Green Tea Cup. Rena Kay is a collector and really loved the gift.

Gary Stanfill won the 50/50, but only drew a 4, so he donated the \$4 to CF.



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Desiree Von Flue works for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools. Catherine Jackson is a 6th grade teacher working on her 31st year as a teacher. Both women are involved and have a passion for Camp KEEB. There are 2 Camp facilities, one in Cambria and one in Los Osos. The program was started in the 1970's and is designed around science standards and our Eco-system. It is a 5 day camp for 6th graders. The cost to attend is \$245 plus transportation costs, what money that isn't generated by the schools is funded through scholarships. They have a fund raising goal of \$40,000 per year, and this years fundraiser, Wine for Camp KEEB is Saturday May 14th from 6-9pm. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased by calling 661-636-4629.



Catherine shared the children's stories about Camp KEEB, including her own daughter who didn't want to go and came back a different person. She even served as a counselor 10 times. Then there was a boy named William, who was very large and didn't want to go because he didn't think he would be able to climb 2 1/2 miles up Valencia Peak. He went and came back with a whole new attitude, telling her that "I can do anything I want to do if I try hard enough". Finally there was Malik; his family could not afford for him to go, plus they couldn't afford a sleeping bag, tennis shoes and the proper clothing needed. Catherine asked if she could get everything he needed, would they let him come. He ended up making the trip and experienced seeing the ocean for the first time. These kids have a great time, make new friends, build confidence and see the world differently when they return home.

Upcoming Events

March 25th—DARK Happy Easter
April 1st—Speaker will be Covenant Coffee
April 8th—Speaker will be Organ Donation
April 9th—Pedal for Polio
April 15th—DARK
April 22nd—Vino Amore Kick-off
April 23rd—District Assembly
April 23—Great American Clean-up
May 21—Vino Amore

Scott from West Rotary, Tyler Allen, Mustafa Barash from Highland Interact., Howdy from West and Dave Sullivan





Jim Williams receiving the Ugly Jacket for having tripped on his wife's wheelchair ramp,



Jason Cater, Danny Giordano and Dave Bass talking about the Pedal for Polio Event.

Celebrate!!

Birthdays

David Coffey—March 22nd

Dave bass—March 27th

Evie Stanfill—March 27th



Club Anniversaries

Jenny Dierck—1 year on March 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

None

March Reading Assignments....

Page 13—Tom Burch

Page 35—Day Smith

Page 42—Jim Williams

Page 51—Lourdes Arrubla

	Greeter	Greeter	Flag Salute	Invocation	Visiting	Reception	Reception
1-Apr	Amstutz	Arrubla	Auriemma	Bank	Bass	Begin	Biglin
8-Apr	Braun	Brazzell	Brown	Burch	Burger	Carpenter	Coffey
22-Apr	Colatruglio	Creott	Dierck	Dovell	Franey	Frank	Gibbs
29-Apr	Gill	Giordano	Gresco	Jackson	Keith	Kress	Larson
6-May	Lifquist	Louey	Markovits	Maxwell	Moxley	Oberg	Parker
13-May	Pereyra	Powell	Ramsey	Randall	Richardson	Sabin	Schroepfer
3-Jun	Schwartz	Sorci	Soto	Stanfill	Sullivan	Swatzell	Urban
10-Jun	Watanabe	Williams	Wilson	Womack	Aguirre	Amstutz	Arrubla
17-Jun	Auriemma	Bank	Bass	Begin	Biglin	Braun	Brazzell

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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