



# Roto News

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## Leprechaun's Dressed as Pigs!

*President Rena Kay wished us Love and Good Earth as she welcomed us to meeting #28, then fed us a line of Blarney about Leprechaun's liking to dress as pigs for St. Patrick's Day.*

*Melinda led us in prayer asking us to keep President Elect Jim Williams and his wife Jann in our prayers. Then Tomeka Powell led us in the Flag Salute., and Baynes led us in song, choosing "My Country Tis of Thee".*

*We had one visiting Rotarian, John Pryor from West, and one guest Manuel Olea, Lourdes Arrubla's husband.*

*Rena Kay introduced the dynamic duo at the head table, Bob Parker and Melinda Westfahl, and thanked the greeter's Jose Pereyra and Bob Parker, and the reception table Scarlett Sabin and Steve Richardson. Everyone was at their scheduled posts for a change!! Great Job!*

*Mike Brazzell was the only Rotarian in attendance who has a birthday coming up. His birthday is March 7th and he shared that he will be fishing on the Delta. Melinda Westfahl' husband, Michael is also celebrating his birthday on March 5th. Melinda told us that he will be visiting his dad at Brookdale. I'm telling you, we Rotarian's really know how to celebrate!*

*There were no wedding anniversaries, but both Michele's were recognized for having club anniversaries. Michele Auriemma has been in the club 3 years as of March 1st, and Michele Brown 19 years as of March 7th.*

*Rena Kay had some sad news to share. Both Day Smith and Scott Stanley have resigned from the club. They are both very busy and unable to attend our meetings, but hope to come back when time permits.*

*Madam Prez also reminded us that the 7 Club Lunch is next Thursday, March 10th and we are DARK on March 11th. The Pedal Against Polio District Event is on April 9th and as part of Great American Clean-up, April 23rd is a clean-up at Yokus Park.*

*Rena Kay called John Pryor up to the podium to present a \$1500 check from our club for The Rotary House Retreat. The money will be used to purchase a first aid kit and a AED (Automated External Defibrillator).*

*Then the fines began. Larry Moxley and Bryan Oberg were both fined \$5 for not attending last weeks meeting, and manning the reception table. When asked why, Larry said he likes to disappear to Virginia, and Bryan said he was busy getting his new office ready, He also added that Madam Prez was lucky he graced her with his presence today, since he is on his way to Las Vegas!*

*Rena Kay called on Sandra Larson, Tom Burch and Lourdes Arrubla to ask about their March reading assignments. They all looked like deer in headlights, since I hadn't sent those out yet! OOPS.*

*She also called on Scott Begin and Scarlett Sabin to see if they could tell us what the Rotary Theme and Club Theme are this year. Both were close.*

*Rena asked for all those missing Rotary Pins to stand, and picked on Christine Randall who still hasn't given Amanda Frank the Rotary Pins she had promised.*

*Judge Susan Gill Paid the Pig \$10, \$5 for a photo that would be in Monday's newspaper and \$5 to announce that her son Patrick Malloy has a job as a Lawyer in the San Jose Appellate Court.*

*Steve Gibbs Paid to announce that they are a 2 Rotarian Household. His wife Li is now a member of the Twilight Club.*

*Jimmie Soto Paid \$5.00 to urge us all to take action on Assembly Bill 2565 that would bring much needed funds to the Independent Living Center. Please read the email he sent out.*

*Finally, Tomeka Powell paid to announce that they are blessed to be expecting a baby boy.*

*Happily, Bob Parker won a whole \$3 on the 50/50!!*

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Rena Kay had asked Michele Auriemma to speak to the club about the immigration process. Michele was born in Naples, had lived in Milan and Venice. He has a degree in Chemical Engineering & Recycling. He was invited to the United States by Ben Sacco who owned Sierra Recycling, so Michele said he had no problems coming to America since he had a job and a house awaiting. His only problem is the pronunciation and spelling of his name, since here it is a female name.

He did speak of the great bonds between Italy and the U.S. After all our country is named after the Italian Explorer, Amerigo Vespucci and one of the biggest banks in the U.S., Bank of America started as The Bank of Italy. The bank of Italy was founded by Amadeo Giannini in San Francisco to help the Italian merchants. During the San Francisco fire in 1906, Amadeo took all the bank money and hid it in his fireplace in Oakland, California, which saved all the merchants' money.

Michele did give us some history of Italy. During the mid 1800s, the country was in a civil war causing the poor people to leave the country. Up to 1000 per day were fleeing the country and many came to the US. Here they took the jobs that no one else wanted and banded in communities, trying to make it look like home.

Another example of the bond between the U.S. and Italy was the friendship of Gaetano Filangieri and Ben Franklin. Their relationship is said to have influenced the shaping of the Founding Father's thinking about governing the early republic.

Michele had many more interesting facts he shared, it was a very good talk and a chance to learn more about one of our Rotarians.



## Upcoming Events

March 10th—7 Club Lunch— The magic of Rotary featuring the magic of Ron Saylor.

March 11th—DARK

March 15th—Ethics Conference

March 18th—DARK

April 23—Great American Clean-up

May 21—Vino Amoure

## Celebrate!!

### Birthdays

Mike Brazzell—March 7th

Michael Westfahl—March 5th

Hank Hinse—March 11th

Wayne Kress—March 11th



### Club Anniversaries

Michele Autiemma—3 years on the 1st

Michele Brown—19 years on the 7th

Carolyn Jackson—14 years on march 8th

### Wedding Anniversaries

None

## March Reading Assignments....

Page 13—Tom Burch

Page 35—Day Smith

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	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 &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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