



# Roto News

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## Happy April Fool's Day

*Rena Kay rang the bell to start the meeting, then told us to sit down because we were running the meeting differently because of April Fool's Day.*

*She then read her closing Irish Toast “May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below never fall out” and then pulled the winning 50/50 ticket. Mike Burger won a whole \$5.*

*Next our speaker was introduced, but you can read about that on the following page.*

*Rena Kay called on both Jim Williams and Lourdes Arrubla to ask about their March reading assignments. Lourdes said she is still not getting the magazine so she was let off the hook. Jim didn't know he had an assignment, “will the move and all”, so he wasn't fined for not reading, but he was fined for not wearing the ugly jacket. I guess bringing it to the meeting isn't good enough, you actually have to wear the ugly thing.*

*Steve Gibbs paid the pig to announce that Bob Price and his dance partner, Marylyn Stone were in the room waiting to use the stage to practice for tonight and tomorrow. They are on of the dance teams competing in “Dancing at the Stars”. Bob encouraged us to go to “VMTstars.com” and vote for them. If they win they promise to come*

*to a meeting and dance for us.*

*Next Rena Kay went around the room presenting some April Fools gifts. Scott Begin was given some Butterfly Coasters. For those of you who don't know, Scott has an interest in Entomology. Amanda a “Princess of quite a lot” cup, since she is going to the Rotary International conference in South Korea and she will have a Royal time. Bryan Oberg was given some Stationary that had cameras on it, since he will be hosting Cinco de Mayo. Aaron Markovits got a mini Dodger Cap/ ice cream bowl, since he is a huge Dodger fan and I got a Cancer coffee mug and vase, since I walk the Avon Breast Cancer Walk every year.*

*Bob Parker announced that there where still squares for the basketball pool, but Rena Kay shamed Frank Colatruccio into buying them all since he was talking through much of the presentation.*

*Other announcements: Rena Kay and Terry Schroepfer are both participating in the Pedal for Polio event and need sponsors. We are trying to raise \$1500 from our club, so please sponsor if you can.*

*Also we are trying to update club members cell phones. Please send Melinda you cell phone number.*

*We received a Thank You card the Forgotten Initiative for donating items for children placed in emergency*

*foster care, a project that Jenny Dierck put together.*

*There were no Rotarian or Spouses Birthdays to announce, but both Danny Giordano and Melinda Westfahl had club anniversaries on April 1st. Danny wasn't there to be recognized, but Melinda was. Melinda told us she really has been a Rotarian since 1952, having been born into a Rotarian Family. Her father, Dick Griffin chartered our club.*

*There was only one Wedding Anniversary, Lourdes Arrubla and Manuel Olea celebrated 16 years on April 1st. Lourdes told the club that they tried to get married on March 31st, but everything in Vegas was booked, so they got married the following day on April Fool's Day. Rena Kay asked if she was still a “Fool in Love”, and Lourdes responded that Manny is still the love of her life.*

*Dave Bass tried to introduce Visiting Rotarians, but told us they left at the end of the meeting. (Backwards meeting), I guess we had none. We had 2 visitors, Tom Larwood's wife Pauline and Chuck Cartwright from Arthur Gallagher Insurance Agency.*

*Bruce Keith led us in “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”, in honor of opening day. Michele Auriemma led us in the flag salute and Baynes Banks led us in Prayer.*

*Backwards day was fun!*

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Club**  
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Randy Martin from Covenant Community Services is no stranger to our club. He started by thanking us for our help in getting them their coffee truck, known as The Pink Lady, although not for long since it is going to be painted soon. The coffee truck employees former foster youth, giving them a start on a new life. Randy brought 2 young women with him to share their stories and give us a better understanding of how important this program is.

Labrael has been involved with Covenant for 3 years. The first 2 in their Transitional Housing for former foster youth once they leave the system and for the last year as an employee working on case management. She described her experience saying that at first she was young and irresponsible until she met a wonderful case worker who changed her life. Now as an employee she has met many such individuals and she is part of a family she loves and she knows they love and support her. As a case manager for the Transitional Housing Program (THP), she helps those in need find the resources available to help them succeed in life. She is working on 16 cases and of those 5 are parenting. She is a young mom so she is teaching mom's how to mom. She as been in the foster care program since she was 2 weeks old, and you can tell she has a passion for what she does.

Belinda manages the Covenant Coffee Shop in Oildale. She do has been involved with Covenant for 5 years. 2 in THP and 3 years as an employee with the coffee house. She described her past as troubled. She had a hard life and won't let anyone close to her. She didn't really connect until she started working at the coffee shop. Now she manages the shop, trains employees and has learned to deal their attitudes. She loves working with youth that were just like her and learning everything she can about coffee. She is very excited about the opening of their newest store in Shafter at the old Ford dealership.

After the program, Rena Kay presented Randy with a Covenant Coffee cup that she found in a thrift store and some cash. She joked that you know you have made your mark on the community when you start to see your merchandise in thrift shops.

Covenants Mission "Providing hope and love to abused and neglected children"

### Upcoming Events

- 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 5th—Cinco de Mayo @ Bryan Oberg's 5:30
- May 6th \_ DARK
- May 13th—Gin Fizz Breakfast @ Gary Stanfill's
- May 21—Vino Amore

### Celebrate!!

Birthdays

None

Club Anniversaries

- April 1—Danny Giordano—18 years
- April 1—Melinda Westfahl—16 years

Wedding Anniversaries

- April 1—Loudes Arrubla and Manuel Olea—16 years

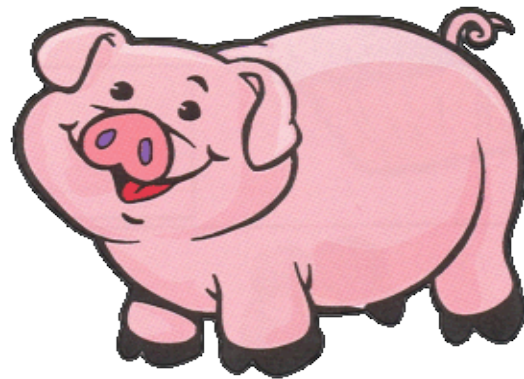




Randy Martin, Belinda, Rena Kay and Labraiel

## April Reading Assignments....

Page 11— Dean Carpenter  
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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 & 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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