



Roto News

“Change to Grow With Rotary”

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The Queen’s Birthday!!

Rena Kay welcomed us to meeting #31 and wished us “Love and Good Earth”. She also shared with us that in the UK there is a new guidance to help pig producers comply with legislation that is to be drawn up by the Pig Health and Welfare Council (PHWC). I’m not sure if that is a real thing or just a bunch of Slop, I’ll let you decide.



Melinda led us in prayer, standing in for Jenny Dierck who couldn’t be here because she just lost her grandma. Please keep Jenny and her family in your prayers.

Michele Brown led the flag salute, not Wayne Kress who Rena had mistaken asked. Then the Song Masters, (Baynes, Keith and Steve) were asked to pick a song for us to sing. They agreed on “This Land is Your Land”, nice choice especially since it’s short!

Rena Kay then called on Wayne again, but this time to introduce Visiting Rotarians, but there were none. There was one visitor, Scarlett Sabin’s son Matthew. It’s always great to see him, such a nice young man.

Rena Kay thanked the solo greeter, Greg Braun and Dean Carpenter who was manning the reception table by himself. Mike Brazzell and David Coffey are on the naughty list!

Rotarian Birthdays were announced, Johnson Jung on April 6th and also Fernando Aguirre’s wife Lucy also on April 6th. When asked what he did for Lucy for her big day, Fernando told Rena that he gave her money to play Bingo.

Rena Kay forgot to mention that today was her birthday, April 8th. We sang her Happy Birthday and enjoyed birthday cake.

Dave and Marilyn Sullivan celebrated a wedding anniversary, but there was some confusion on how many years. Dave said it was 19 years, but Rena had it down as only 3. Dave replied that it was the longest 3 years of his life! He said he was taking his wife to Santa Barbara this weekend and was giving her a bucket of money to go shopping! Nice! While he was standing, Rena Kay presented him with an April Fools gift, since he wasn’t here last week. It was a Checkered Racing Flag. David is very involved in racing.

There was also one club anniversary, Sandra Larson who has been in the club for 21 years as of April 7th. We didn’t deduct the short time she left our club, since she was always a Rotarian in spirit.

Aaron Markovits announced that this Saturday is the first every district wide Interact Conference and they have 82 kids signed up. He also told us he needs 6 volunteers to help with the 4 Way Test

essays. If you are interested please see Aaron.

Rena Kay and Terry Schroefer are both participating in the Pedal Against Polio and still looking for sponsors. Rena asked Dan Giordano why the fee went up from \$100 to \$125, His response “More Money”. He explained that Jason is running the event, he is just “Eye Candy”. Dan also shared that his Wife Patty fell on some rocks at the beach, so he has been chauffeur to Patty and her mom and dad. He said he is becoming “A good Little Wife”!

There is an event coming up on May 7th for Love Water. This is an organization that we supported that helps bring clean water in global communities. More information to follow.

We need at least 25 members to attend the 5 Year Vision Plan meeting on April 26th. This is our chance to shape the future of our club. It is from 5–9 pm and dinner will be served. Please RSVP to me if you can attend.

March madness winners were announced. Sandra Larson & Frank Colatruglio won \$250 each. (I don’t think Frank broke even after Rena Kay shamed him into buying so many squares). The big winner was Bruce Keith who won \$500.

50/50 was won by Dave Sullivan, who won \$6.

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Kathy Vashoska became involved with Organ Donation in August of 2010 when her son was diagnosed with Kidney Failure. None of the drugs that he was given worked and within 14 days he was on dialysis. He did the testing and found out she was a match, so on March 30, 2011 she was able to donate one of her kidneys. She said it was amazing to watch her son regain his active life. He is still doing great, is now married and 2 weeks ago she found out that she is going to be a grandma. She told us the surgery was simple and if she could harvest kidneys to donate she would.

The list for people needing organ and tissue donations continues to grow, especially kidney donations. Two reasons for that are the increase in people with High-Blood Pressure and Diabetes. The good news (if you can call it that), is at least with kidney failure you can by time with dialysis. At any time in California the people waiting for organ and tissue donation are so many that they would overflow the Rose Bowl, and the wait time can be from 5 to 14 years. Many things can be donated while you are alive, but most organs need to be donated when you are brain dead, in a hospital on a ventilator. For that reason less than 1/2% of the people willing to donate will be able to. Another factor is we live safer lives with things like safety belts, airbags, fewer drunk driver and helmet laws, so there are fewer donors.

Every person who does donate has the potential of helping 8 other people, so it really is an incredible gift. If you are interested in becoming a donor, you can register on-line at the DMV web-site and the form can let you decide what you choose to donate if you are not comfortable with choosing everything. Kathy also recommends that you share your wishes with your family so they don't have to make a very difficult decision during a very hard time. For those that are registered, having that little pink sticker on your Driver's License isn't enough, you need to make sure your wishes are known.

April is Organ Donation Month— Please consider registering. Every life touched by organ and tissue donation crosses a bridge between death and life, grief and meaning, hope and healing! Saving lives can be your legacy.

Upcoming Events

April 9th—Pedal Against 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 7th—Love Water Event
May 13th—Gin Fizz Breakfast @ Gary Stanfill's
May 21—Vino Amore

Celebrate!!

Birthdays

Johnson Jung—April 6th
Lucy Aguirre—April 6th
Madam President—April 8th

Club Anniversaries

Sandra Larson—21 years on April 7th

Wedding Anniversaries

Dave & Marilyn Sullivan—19 years on April 5th





The Birthday Girl, Queen Rena Kay. Aaron Markovits, Kathy Vashoska and Rena Kay.

April Reading Assignments....

- Page 11— Dean Carpenter
- Page 23—Wayne Kress
- Page 33—Bob Parker
- Page 42—Christy Swatzell

Gold Club Status

Sandi Schwartz announced that of 74 clubs in our district, we are one of 11 that received a Gold Status Presidential Citation.



	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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