

# Roto News

Bakersfield East  
**Rotary**  
Club



Be a gift to the world

## “Change to Grow Rotary”

Madam Prez started the meeting with skit recognizing that there is a new Sheriff in town. She asked for suggestions on how to impress the Singin Rotary Cowboy , and decided to put lipstick on the pigs and give the Sheriff, DG Jim Bell a gift.

Standing in for Roy Herrmann, (who was there, all a bit confusing), Melinda led us in prayer. We were asked to keep Alan and Kelly Gilbin in our prayer. Alan's mom is at home with Hospice and Past President, Susan Leedy who is still undergoing Chemo.

Rena Kay played a beautiful video by Charlie Daniels , and we saluted our flag, Then Bruce Keith led us in song.

Dan Urban introduced our one visiting Rotary, but unfortunately I forgot his name, Tony introduced our one guest, Sandi's husband, Richard Schwartz.

Rena Kay introduced the head table, Bob & Melinda, and thanked the Greeters and Reception Table , Susan Gill and Dan Giordano.

Baynes Banks, (who was absent), was recognized for his upcoming birthday on July 28th. No spouses Birthday.

Ron Biglin and Jerry Mead celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on July 21st. Apparently they are off having fun in Reno.

The only club anniversary was our own madam President, who originally started the club on Sept 22,

1995, but has a rejoin date of July 23rd, 1998.

In other news, Tom Burch was supposed to be on an Alaskan Cruise, but the cruise line over booked . He said it all worked out since they rebooked with an upgraded room.

Bill Gresco was also absent. He is in Denver visiting his daughter and grandkids. Let's hope he remember's a suck-up gift.

Sandi Schwartz announced that she is off to Hawaii to visit her new twin grandbabies, who are finally home. We pasted the hat so that Sandi can start savings accounts for them.

PP Dave Bass was recognized for doing such a great job his year. His wife Helen was given a gift.

## Program— District Governor Jim Bell

Before introducing Jim, Rena Kay played a video from PETS where a group of district governors sang the Four-Way Test. He may be the new Sheriff, but he Ain't No Singin Cowboy.

Jim told us how proud he is to represent District 5240, which was established in 1930. He is the first District Governor from Kern since 1998. We have had a total of 19 DG's from Kern. He is the Past President of the

Sunrise Club and chartered the Twilight Club. He was accompanied by his wife of 40 years, Donna., who he says is the beauty and the brains of the outfit.

The first thing Jim did

Volume 63, Issue 3

July 24, 2015

### 2015-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President  
Rena Kay Schrader  
Vice President  
Terry Schroepfer  
President Elect  
Jim Williams  
Secretary  
Melinda Westfahl  
Treasurer  
Bob Parker

Sergeant-at-Arms  
Tony Ansolabehere  
Club Service Administration  
Steve Karcher  
Community Service  
Membership  
Jimmie Soto  
Vocational Service  
Mike Brazzell  
Community Service New  
Generations  
Aaron Markovits  
Community Service Outreach  
Fernando Aguirre  
International Service  
Amanda Frank  
Rotary Foundation  
Dan Giordano  
Board Advisor  
Bruce Keith & Steve Gibbs

**Programs Steve Gibbs  
Roto News Michele  
Brown**

**Bakersfield East Rotary  
Club**  
PO Box 2383  
Bakersfield, CA 93303

## Program Continued

Was present President Rena with a certificate from PETS to prove to us that she has been trained. He said there always comes a time when members have that question about their president. He promised his speech would not be boring, and challenged Gary Stanfil to tell him if it was. If so he would take Gary and Evie out to dinner.

Jim spoke about Rotary members being, Chiefs, Indians and Rinos, (Rotary in name only). We have a lot of chiefs which makes sense since we are all leaders. It's okay to be an Indian, those people get things done. It's also okay to be a RINO as long as you stick with it. There are so many benefits to being a Rotarian, including one we forget. What Rotary can do for you. If you stick with it you will find that these people become, your friends and a second family. This is where you will find fine people that can help you through out your life. Rotarians are always doing so many Acts of Kindness that will effect your life as well as those around you, So stick with it.

There is a richness that comes from sharing your life. Think about what our community would look like without Rotary. There are 34,000 clubs around the world. If each club did 10 projects no matter how small that is 340,000 projects. If each of those projects inspired 10 Acts of Kindness that is 3,400,000 Acts of kindness that inspire other acts of kindness. It is endless.

Jim ended by thanking us for what we do and what we are going to do. He reminded us to Enjoy Rotary, then he asked Gary if he owed him dinner. Gary told him no of course.

### Rena Kay's Quote of the Day:

"Let schoolmasters puzzle their brain, with grammar, and nonsense and learning; Good liquor, I stoutly maintain, Gives genius a better discerning." Oliver Goldsmith

## Birthdays

Banyes Bank July 28th

## Spouse's Birthdays

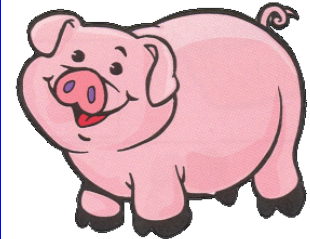
None

## Club Anniversaries

Rena Kay Schrader—July 23rd

## Wedding Anniversaries

None— Ron Biglin & Jerry Mead—July 21st



## BERC Club Assignments

	Greeter	Greeter	Flag Salute	Invocation	Visiting	Reception	Reception
Jul 10	Brazzell	Brown	Burger	Burch	Carpenter	Coffey	Colatruglio
Jul 17	Creott	Denny	Dierck	Franey	Frank	Gibbs	Giblin
Jul 24	Gill	Giordano	Gresco	Herrmann	Jackson	Jung	Karcher
Jul 31	Keith	Kress	Lewis	Lifquist	Markovits	Maxwell	Moxley
Aug 7	Oberg	Ozanich	Parker	Pereyra	Powell	Ramsey	Randall
Aug 14	Richardson	Sabin	Schroepfer	Schwartz	Smith	Sorci	Soto
Aug 21	Stanfill	Swatzell	Sullivan	Urban	Watanabe	Westfahl	Williams
Aug 28	Wilson	Womack	Aguirre	Amstutz	Auriemma	Bank	Bass

## Up Coming Speakers-JULY & AUGUST

Page 3

### July 31st- Meet/Greet Pack Up

Back Pacs with Fernando Aguirre. Come for the lunch, roll up your sleeves and pack school supplies for the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter.

### August

Aug 7—Jim Castro with CSUB Athletics & Scholarship Programs

Aug 14th—Juanita Buck, Rotary House Retreat

Aug.21— Stu Witt from the Mojave Air and Space Museum

Aug 28—Johb Harte, Photo Journalist



## Shop at AmazonSmile

and Amazon will make a donation to:  
**Rotary D5240 Charitable Foundation**  
**WATER PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM**

Get started today

**amazon smile**  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Here's how:

1. Follow [this link](#) and connect your amazon.com account to the foundation. If you don't have an amazon.com account, you can create one.
2. When you want to shop at amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
3. Share the link with your friends!

**Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Rotary District 5240 Charitable Foundation.** Proceeds will go toward the Rotary District 5240 Charitable Water Projects Grant Program. It's an easy way to become part of our efforts to alleviate the global water crisis.

- See more at: <http://www.rotarydistrict5240.org/#sthash.KbGLu39a.dpuf>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valley Fever Awareness Walk, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Pioneer Village

3 Seasons Dinner is back for more information contact Hank Hinse, Past President & Honorary Member of BERC.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Angels game to help end polio.

District Conference, Oct 2, 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>, in Bakersfield at the Crystal Palace.

Rotary World Peace Conference—January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA Lean more at: [www.PeaceConference2016.org](http://www.PeaceConference2016.org)

# Club Directors & Committees

## I. Club Service, Administration.....Director: **Steve Karcher**

- 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.....: Steve Karcher
- 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.....: \_\_\_\_\_

Updated 07.16.2015

