

Roto News

Bakersfield East
Rotary
Club



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“Change to Grow Rotary”

Rena Kay welcomed everyone to meeting number seven. Since all of her meetings have had a Pig Theme, and this week's speaker was from the Mojave Air and Space Port, this week's theme was “When Pigs Fly”. Rena Kay also had Moon Pies on the tables, (when was the last time you had a Moon Pie).

Dan Urban lead us in prayer and we were asked to continue to keep Al Gilbin's mom., Susan Leedy, Jann Williams and Richard's Schwartz' mom in our prayers.

Baynes lead us in God Bless America and Jean Watanabe was supposed to introduce visiting Rotarians, but she was absent and hadn't found a replacement. Luckily the only visitor was Sal for New Jersey who has become a regular at our club.

After introducing the guests and the head table and thanking the greeters and reception table, Rena moved on to Birthdays. Quon Louey had the BIG 50 on Aug, 19th, but Madam Prez told him he still looked 35. On Aug 22nd, both Vernon Varner and Michele Brown also celebrate birthdays, Vernon was absent, and respectfully, Rena didn't ask Michele how old she was turning.

There were no spouses Birthdays, but 3 wedding anniversaries. August 16th, Christine Randall and Dave Neilson, (not sure how many years), Jim and Jann Williams celebrated 21 years on the 22nd, and Bryan and Mikela Oberg 7 years on the 23rd. Congratulations to all.

There was only one Club Anniversary, Gary Stanfill

Who has been in the club for 37 years and all with perfect attendance, very impressive. Rena Kay awarded him with a pen that had a pig on the top because pig's have the same kind of stick-to-it-ness.

Bob Parker was asked, (apparently he drew the short straw) to present to the club that we will be increasing dues as of Sept. 2015. Due to the increase in food cost's Starr's had to increase their prices. We haven't had an increase in dues for a number of years and there was no way to avoid it, so our dues will now be \$95 per month. The price for guest will remain at \$20.

Before Susan Gill was called up to introduce the speaker madam Prez shared with us that her Grandfather was a pilot and how much he loved to fly. She brought some artifacts from her home museum for us to enjoy.



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Stu Witt— CEO Mojave Air & Space Port

Born in Bakersfield and raised on the Scodie Ranch in the Kern River Valley, Stuart O. Witt is a long-time aviator. He obtained his private pilot's license in 1971, graduated from Cal State Northridge in 1974, from the Naval Aviation Schools Command in 1976 and from the Naval Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN training) in 1980. He is also a 1996 graduate of the University of Maryland's Center for Creative Leadership. His military career took him to sea as an F-14 Tomcat pilot based on U.S.S. John F. Kennedy and as an FA-18A project pilot at the Naval Air Warfare Center in China Lake, CA. After the Navy, Witt joined what was then Westinghouse Electric Corporation for nearly nine years as an engineering test pilot on the B- 1B, F-16C and F-23. In 1993 he joined Computer Technology Associates, where he managed a \$100-million contract as Executive Vice President.

As CEO and General Manager, of the Mojave Air & Space Port, Witt is the force behind the Mojave Desert's primacy in the space business, as home to Virgin Galactic, Scaled Composites, Masten Space Systems, Firestar Technologies, XCOR Aerospace, Orbital Sciences L1011 Star-gazer, Interorbital and other space-related start-ups. Witt has been directing the expansion efforts of the Mojave Air & Space Port since 2002, dealing with everything from road and water system upgrades to runway, taxiway, lighting, communication, security and ground and air route flow with FAA regulators, commercial builders and state and county planners.

In June 2004 FAA AST designated Mojave Air & Space Port the nation's first inland spaceport. It played host to the world as Scaled Composites qualified and won the \$10- million Ansari X PRIZE. The desert and the spaceport have witnessed scores of spaceflight successes along with numerous educational failures.

In September 2012, the Commercial Spaceflight Federation announced that it elected Witt as the next Chairman. He was nominated and elected by CSF's Executive Board of Directors, whose members span the industry. The mission of the Commercial Spaceflight Federation is to promote the development of commercial human spaceflight, pursue ever-higher levels of safety, and share best practices and expertise throughout the industry. The Commercial Spaceflight Federation's member companies, which include commercial spaceflight developers, operators, spaceports, suppliers, and service providers, are creating thousands of high-tech jobs nationwide, working to preserve American leadership in aerospace through technology innovation, and inspiring young people to pursue careers in science and engineering.

Birthdays

Quon Louey—Aug. 10th
Michele Brown - Aug 22nd
Vernon Varner—Aug 22nd

Spouse's Birthdays

None

Club Anniversaries

Gary Stanfill—37 years on
Aug. 18th

Wedding Anniversaries

Chrtine Randall & Dave
Neilson—Aug 16th

Jim & Jann Williams— 21
years on Aug 22nd

Bryan & Mikela Oberg— 7
years on Aug 23rd



BERC Club Assignments

Greeter	Greeter	Flag Salute	Invocation	Visiting	Reception	Reception
Aug. 21st Stanfill	Swatzell	Sullivan	Urban	Watanabe	Westfahl	Williams
Aug. 28th Wilson	Womack	Aguirre	Amstutz	Auriemma	Bank	Bass
Sept. 11th Brown	Burger	Burch	Carpenter	Coffey	Colatruglio	Creott
Sept. 18th Dierck	Franey	Frank	Gibbs	Giblin	Gill	Giordano
Sept. 25th Gresco	Jackson	Jung	Karcher	Keith	Kress	Lifquist
Oct. 9th Markovits	Maxwell	Moxley	Oberg	Parker	Pereyra	Powell
Oct. 16th Ramsey	Randall	Richardson	Sabin	Schroepfer	Schwartz	Smith
Oct 30th Sorci	Soto	Stanfill	Swatzell	Sullivan	Urban	Watanabe



Three Seasons Dinner Group

Starting Sept. 01 and ending Dec. 31, 2015

Group 1

- 1) Dave and Helen Bass
- 2) Steve and Li Gibbs
- 3) Jose and Gracie Pereyra

Group 2

- 1) Rena Kay and Richard Schrader
- 2) Steve and Dana Karcher
- 3) Roy and Glenda Hermon

Group 3

- Sandra and Richard Schwartz
- Bob Parker and Gina
- Michelle Brown

Some guidelines:

Number one on the list starts first.

The idea is to get to know one another and dinner can be anything you like to do. Usually the host provides the main dish and the others can bring salad or dessert. You may also do the whole meal, anything goes. Its casual and a good opportunity to socialize with each other. Meeting at a restaurant could also be an option.

Just have a good time, that's the whole idea. Once number one has hosted then number two and three can follow. You have 4 months to complete 3 dinners. You can also invite others to join your group, the sky is the limit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 29th—PRLS, Holiday Inn in Bakersfield

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

Plank Golf Tournament—October 5th Rotary World Peace Conference—January 15th & 16th, at the Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA Lean more at: 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.....: _____

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- 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.

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- 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**

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- Highland High InterAct.....: Brian Oberg
- Garces High InterAct.....: Scarlett Sabin
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- Joe Alexander Scholarship Foundation Liaison.....: Aaron Markovits
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- 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

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• 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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