

Roto News

Bakersfield East
Rotary
Club



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“Change to Grow Rotary”

Madam President welcomed everyone to the 5th meeting of Bakersfield East Rotary with Root Beer Floats. Getting everyone on a sugar high before the meeting.

Jose Pereyra was supposed to lead us in prayer, he was a no-show so Baynes was happy to step in for him.

The reception table was manned by Christine Randall and Wayne Kress, who was filling in for Mark Ramsey. There was some confusion as to greeters and we ended up with 3, Jenny Dierck, Mike Brazzell and Brian Oberg., (who left his family vacation to fill in for Mike Burger).

None of the changes were communicated to Rene Kay, making her feel like a flustered pig in a mud hole. I smell some fines coming!

Steve Gibbs lead us in song with GBA.. Tomeka Powell introduced our one visiting Rotarian, Jim Darling from West. Aaron Markovits introduced 2 guests from the Rotaract Club, Vice President, Alex Dominquez & Secretary, Kristen Woods. They wanted to thank us for giving their club 125 backpacks to be given to Williams Elementary.

Tony Ansolabehere celebrated his birthday on Aug. 5th, he didn't do anything special, just stayed home. Party Animal!

Spouses Birthdays included, Mikela Oberg on Aug. 2nd, and Melinda Gillette ,(Frank Colatruccio's main squeeze), on Aug. 3rd.

Mike and Nita Brazzell celebrated 20 years of marriage o the 6th and Steve and Li Gibbs 22 years on the 7th.

For those that follow Facebook, Steve really knows how to celebrate an anniversary, flowers, homemade cookies , dinner and a trip out of town!

In other news, we watched a power point showing Sunni Amstuz' activities since her hand surgery and the many uses of duct tape. Sandi Schwartz announced via email the Africa has been POLIO FREE for 1 year.

Amanda Franks was put on the spot for not wearing a Rotary Pin at the Homeless Shelter .She was filling in for “The Big Pig”, Rena Kay, and mentioned having a bad hair day (excuses, excuses). The club voted to give her a pass on a fine, however Amanda wasn't

wearing a pin at the meeting either. She found one in her purse, but said it didn't go with the silver jewelry she was wearing! Past President came to the rescue and offered her multiply pins. Hopefully this doesn't happen again or Madam Prez says the fine will be as bis as the “Piggly Wiggly Store”.

Scott Begin, who has been missing in action for weeks, gave Madam Prez a huge suck-up gift, which seemed more like he cleaned out the trunk in his car. The gift included a clean camp blanket, 2 patches, a green t-shirt, a leather project key chain and a rope for learning to tie knots. (Which Christy Swatzell requested to take on her River Boat Cruise next year planned by Ron Biglin). Scott was going to include a Speedo for a swim challenge, but decided to surrender them at another more appropriate time.

PP Terry Schroepfer made a correction to Rena Kay's power point about the acronym PRLS. He was fined for embarrassing the Big Pig, but proved he was correct, so the fine was reversed providing he didn't win the 50/50. But he ended up winning \$10 anyway.

PRLS– Practical, Relevant, Leadership, Skills.

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Josiah Castro / Lauren Paulson

Josiah Castro

Assistant Athletics Director for Annual Giving

Since joining CSUB as the Assistant Athletics Director for Annual Giving in April of 2014, Mr. Castro's primary goals have been to increase awareness of, and membership to, the Roadrunner Scholarship Fund. He has successfully managed the fund, including donor stewardship, event coordination, and implementation of new fundraising initiatives. These initiatives, such as student-athlete phone-a-thons, have helped increase membership by over 400 new members during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Castro believes in a culture of Thank You, making sure donors know that their support is appreciated is key to continuing and growing support. He also believes that philanthropy is not about what someone gives, but the fact they give. Lastly, he believes in the cause — providing an education to a student that also happens to be an athlete.

Lauren Paulson

Major: Nursing
Year: Sophomore | Sport: Water Polo | GPA: 3.90

She is a scholarship athlete. Earned a 4.0 in her first 2 quarters here at CSUB. Was named academic All-American.

Member of a community service based sorority. Local Bakersfield family. Never played on a HS team. Only played for the Bakersfield Water Polo Club.

August

Aug 14th—Juanita Buck, Rotary House Retreat

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

Aug 28—Johb Harte, Photo Journalist

September

Sept. 4— **DARK** for Labor Day

Sept. 11—Open

Sept. 18th—Mandy Waters, Kern

County Libraries Future

Sept. 25th—Meet & Greet

Birthdays

Tony Ansolabehere—Aug. 5th

Spouse's Birthdays

Mikela Oberg—Aug. 2nd

Melissa Gillette—Aug. 3rd

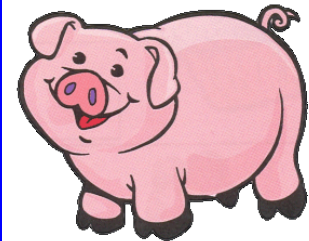
Club Anniversaries

Honorary member Patricia Graffius—Aug 1st , 20 years

Wedding Anniversaries

Mike & Nita Brazzell—20 years—Aug. 6th

Steve & Li Gibbs—22 years—Aug. 7th



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	Aurietta	Bank	Bass



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

August 22nd Angels game to help end polio.

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

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.....: _____
- 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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