

Roto News

"Change to Grow With Rotary"



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The FBI Takes over Meeting

Today the meeting was started with a thank you to the BERCers who turned in their pledges and also a note that September is Basic Education & Literacy Month in the Rotary World.

Dean Carpenter led with a thoughtful prayer, Tom Burch was absent but the pledge went forward. The song "Proud to Be An American" was sung along with the Lee Greenwood video playing the tune. Song sheets were helpful. Visiting Rotarians were only one Sal Deville from New Jersey, David Coffee was nowhere to be found to introduce. Cambria Bank was introduced by proud Dad- Baynes visiting from San Diego State and mumbled her standings in a sorority organization. Helen Bass Past President's Dave's wife was present along with Dana Karcher, Steve's main squeeze.

Melinda Westfahl was glad to be back from Jury Duty on a criminal case...she wasn't happy about viewing autopsy photos. Greeters were Julie Womack stepping in for Michele Brown and several others wandered in as Mike Burger was absent and had not asked anyone to fill in for him. The same for Frank Colatruglio who was sup-

posed to be at the Reception Table. Good Ole Melinda stood by until Gary Creott came to man the table.

The 10th was Jim Williams Birthday. Nina Palmer will be on the 14th along with Paula Maxwell's Birthday. On the 17th Susan Leedy is to have a Birthday. Steve Gibbs announced that she is doing well and still has chemo treatments to endure but will be back ASAP. Says "hi" to all.

Bruce and Claudia Keith will celebrate on the 14th also, their 46th wedding anniversary. Bruce says she is due a lot for putting up with him all these years!

A missing Michele Brown was to announce a Bunco night for Financial Literacy Fund Raiser, we don't know the date and neither did President Elect Jim Williams. Rotary International Literacy Day was Sept. 8th!

PP Bob Parker discussed again the Plank Foundation Golf Tournament on October 5th. See him for sign up sheets or T sponsorships.

No one present was willing to admit they came last week when we were dark, or they all were really good and communication from Membership Director Jimmie Soto worked! The following people had turned their pledges in two

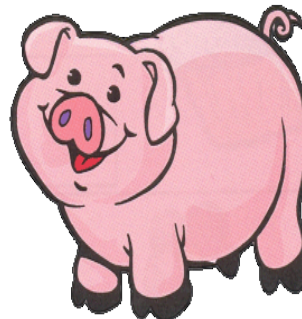
weeks ago and got a cookie for a treat: *Those that were absent today missed out on the Star Cookie from Smith's Bakery

Bob Parker, PP
Aaron Markovits
*Christy Swatzell
Amanda Frank
*Jennifer Dierck
*Tom Burch
*Lloyd Plank
*Michele Brown

Rotarian Reading Assignment was actually read by Steve Karcher regarding Heroin and prescription drugs.

A thank you note was received as a check was given to the Ronald McDonald House for \$12,108.35 in July for the previous year's VINO Amore fundraiser.

The 50/50 drawing netted Sandi Schwartz a big \$4.00 today. She attempted to give it to our speaker Joel Burns Head of the FBI in Bakersfield, to which he politely declined.



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Joel Burns—Head of the FBI in Bakersfield

Joel has a double bachelor in Political Science and Sociology and a masters in Homeland Security. He served in the US Army for 8 years, first in Military Intelligence then moved over to Army CID at Fort Hood, TX. Deployed to Iraq in 2004. Joined the FBI in early 2010 and was first stationed in New Jersey working international terrorism. He moved to Bakersfield in 2014 and currently he is the Joint Terrorism Task Force Coordinator for the Bakersfield FBI office.

Joel had a video presentation about and explaining the terrorist history or evolution that's led to ISIS or ISIL he used the term interchangeably. He took many questions from the audience, but a few he didn't have clearance to speak about. The bottom line is that we all need to be vigilant to be the eyes and ears around us as their limited number of agents can't be everywhere. The laws on privacy – First Amendment Rights make it difficult to act on some situations. There must be a verbalization of an action that is being planned by an individual. They can say they are all for being a terrorist, it's only saying that they are going to go to do the thing that is a crime.

Birthdays

Jim Williams—September 10th
Susan Leedy—September 17th

Spouse's Birthdays

Nina Palmer—September 14th
Paula Maxwell—Also September 14th

Club Anniversaries

None

Wedding Anniversaries

Bruce & Claudia Keith—46 years on September 14th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julie Womack is still looking for volunteers for the Noble School Reading Program

Bunco for Youth Financial Literacy—September 26th, 4:00 at the Moose Lodge

Joe Alexander Elegant Evening of Wine—September 26th, 6:30. Contact Vernon Varner for tickets.

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

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



Let Us Never Forget

Rotary Elevator Speech

“ It’s a leadership organization made up of local business, professional and civic leaders who meet regularly, get to know each other better, form friendships, and through that, are able to get things done in our community and around the world.”

Practice saying this, we should all know what to say if anyone asks us what Rotary is.

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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