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# Roto News

“Change to Grow With Rotary”

## Who Says Librarians Are Boring!

Rena Kay welcomed us to meeting number 10 and reminded us that September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. It is almost Fair Time as well. Oink, Oink.

Steve Gibbs led us in prayer and asked us to keep , Susan Leedy, Al Giblin’s mom, Jann Williams and Gail Burch, (she has a bad bug) in our prayers. Sandi Schwartz let us know that Richard’s mom passed away peacefully on Monday.

Tom Burch led us in the flag salute and Bruce Keith led us in song. We had one visiting Rotarian, Win Eaton, an attorney from the Downtown Club.

Guests include Pauline Larwood, Jenny Dierck’s daughter Kylee, Robert Parish, a retired dentist who went to school in southern California with Bruce Keith, Scarlett brought her new assistant, Alex (I did catch her last name) and Michele brought Lourdes Arrubla who works at Edward Jones and is interested in joining out club.

Madam Prez then Thanked the greeters,

Jenny Dierck and Phil Franey, and the reception table, Susan Gill and Danny Giordano.

Susan Leedy was the only Rotarian with a birthday this week, on Sept 17th, No spouses birthday, Only one club anniversary, Dave Sullivan, 2 years on the 20th.

Leslie and Wayne Kress celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary on Sept. 20th. When asked what they were going to do to celebrate, Wayne replied “Nothing he could talk about”.

Madam Prez announced that sadly Roy Herrmann left our club. He was given an opportunity to move back to Indiana and be closer to his family. She also reminded everyone to return their pledges.

Fernando gave us an update on all the club projects we have done in the past 3 months. # Clean-up Days, 1 Freeway clean-up, Backpack give –always at College Heights and the homeless center. He also let us know about upcoming events.

Mike Brazzell presented Rena Kay with the Glen T. Brown Community Service

Award that was awarded to our club by the Probation Dept, at a lunch Mike went to.

Christy Swatzell presented Rey Kay with a suck-up give and a photo of why she needed a piece of rope from a previous meeting. She used it as a close line on a cruise with her husband. Michele Brown also presented Rena Kay with a suck-up give, which included a pin that says “No Whining”. Rena Kay said that would come in handy around her husband, Richard.

Next week our meeting is a “Meet and Greet”, after we end we will walk the streets and pick up trash.

Michele Brown won both the 50/50 draw (\$15.00) and a second drawing for some homemade cookies made by Madam Prez.



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## Mandy Waters & Miranda Lomeli–O’Reilly

Mandy and Miranda are both with AFLE, Advocates For Library Enhancement. Miranda grow up in 29 Palms, a small town with no book stores, but it did have a library where she developed a love for books. Mandy is a librarian from Arkansas , where they have beautiful libraries. When she moved to Bakersfield she visited Beale Library and was very disappointed. There are no 21st century libraries in Kern County, (with the exception of Frazier Park). Our libraries have had no updates since the 1980’s. They are dirty, in need of repairs and outdated. Most counties spend \$25 per capita on their libraries, Kern County spends \$9, which is the lowest in the state. If we look at Fresno County ( a county very similar to ours) they have done a great job updating their libraries by increasing their sales tax 1/8th of a percent to fund the costs.

There are 24 Libraries and 2 Bookmobiles, with only 5 Librarians. The funds for libraries come from the general fund, which have been cut for decades. The libraries have been underfunded for years making it hard to attract people to work or even get people to visit libraries. Privatizing our libraries, which is what is being proposed, will not help, LSSI will only pay for staffing and books, but not for any modernization.

Other reasons to invest in Libraries; for every dollar you invest you get 10 back. People who go to libraries shop and eat near the library. Also if your property is near a library your property value goes up. For more information, please go to , kernlibraryadvocates.com.

### Birthdays

Susan Leedy—September 17th

### Spouse’s Birthdays

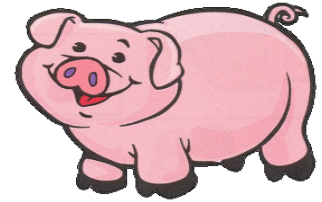
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### Club Anniversaries

David Sullivan—2 years on Sept, 20th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Leslie and Wayne Kress– 29 years on Sept 20th



## 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.

## 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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sept 25th following our Meet & Greet—Walk the Streets of Bakersfield and clean-up Chester Ave.

Sept 26th at 8:00am— Clean-up at the Bell Tower on Truxtun, with Twilight, West and Interactors. Bring gloves.

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.

Sept 28th from 8:00—3:00 Interact sponsored blood drive at East High.

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

Plank Golf Tournament—October 5th

Oct 10th—Williams School Clean-up at 8:00 am.

Oct. 27th—Ethics Team Competition Fundraiser @Chef's Noodle Bar from 6:00—8:00 pm.

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

"Firelight will not let you read fine stories, but it's warm and you won't see the dust on the floor." Irish Proverb

# 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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  - Family of Rotary.....:Jenny Dierck/Steve Karcher, Christy S.
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  - Officer Of The Year.....: Mike Brazzell
- IV. Community Service-Youth Services**.....Director: *Aaron Markovits / Day Smith*
- East High Interact.....:Tomeka Powell
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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

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• 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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