



WESTWARD



A huge MAHALO to our leader, the **Big Kahuna Andy Stanley** for a masterful Rotary year to remember. It would be very easy to look back on 2020-2021 as a year of what could have been but, No Way, it's a year to remember for some amazing accomplishments and memories in true West Rotary fashion.

Kudos to **Robert Landis** for being the true mastermind behind the Covid 19 pandemic... why you ask? Very Simple... 100% Attendance for the year, thanks to Virtual Attendance. Whatever it takes, right Robert? Nonetheless, our president Andy gained a *Master's Degree from Carney's* in 2021 for Audio Video, so congratulations on this Andy. Also, a byproduct of this pandemic was it allowed **Randy Lee** to come out of his hibernation if only for 55 minutes at a time, virtually.



Fun Fun Fun... no way is West gonna let a little pandemic get in the way of this, as witnessed by well attended in-person meetings at Stockdale CC and mostly at *Wiki's* (Thank You **Rick & Ricki Peace**). Middle finger to the 'Rona as the President's Cocktail party and Charter Night happened as drinks were poured and fun was had by all in attendance. Perhaps maybe even a toast to Gavin Newsom occurred, or Not.





Priorities of West, Fun First but not exclusively as we aren't truly West without giving back to Bakersfield and our community. Via the *Bakersfield West Rotary Loren Stroope Family Foundation*, \$18,000 was gifted to the following local groups, Bakersfield Museum of Art, League of Dreams, Shar-on Corp, JJ's Legacy, and the Bristol House. Putting kids first, West Rotary supported West High School's Interact Club with a \$5,000 College Scholarship.



Randy Merriman continued an international project starting during the **Past-President Ex-King Tim Banks**, of gifting a rural Guatemalan hospital with an ambulance and medical supplies.

And lastly, upon the Big Kahuna's leadership, West gifted \$10,000 to the Bakersfield West Rotary

Foundation, \$3,500 to the Boys & Girls Club, and \$3,500 to Garden Pathways (Youth Mentoring), all of which hold a special place in our esteemed leader's heart.

West is only as special as our antics and our members. So pandemic be damned, when other philanthropic groups were shrinking, the Big Kahuna led the way and we indoctrinated 8 new members into West Rotary. Keep on drinking the Kool-aid and pass it around. We won't tell you it's spiked with West's special sauce. Congrats Andy on an amazing year. You deserve recognition, as well as some very special





Rotarians. They know who they are and certainly don't want to exclude anyone. But I'll add, for sure, you better watch out **Korinne Stanley** because for sure that little bromance bond between Andy and our Past-President Tim Banks might make a less strong First Lady a little jealous.



And lastly, no amazing president is truly amazing without the support from the home front, with patience, trust, giving of

all the time and sacrifice a president's fam makes during their tenure. Special recognition to the lady and family behind the Big Kahuna, **First Lady Korinne Stanley** and their three gorgeous little kids. Mahalo and a Big Thank You for lending us Andy for a year, Korinne!!!



Cheers to our Big Kahuna and wishing our incoming president to-be **Miss Kelli Davis** a magnificent year!!!