



# THE ROTO NEWS



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## This week's Program: Organ Donation

Our program was introduced by **Tom Burch** as Organ donation is close to his family. 8 years ago March 27 his daughter Heidi had a double lung transplant on 3/11/09. 101, 152 people were on a transplant list. On 04/03/09 101,500 people are waiting. About 28,000 transplants occurred last year from 14,000 donors. Our speaker Abel Hernandez is an Investigator for the Public Defender's office and was an Interactor in High School. He also had a double lung transplant 3 years ago. He speaks for the UNOS organization (United Networked Organ Sharing. The process of being on a list waiting to get an organ includes blood typing, bone density tests, insurance issues, psychologists interviews, surgeon visits. Generally people wait for 3-6 months. On June 10, 2006 he

was told he had 12-18 months to live as he had Idopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis- the same as Heidi Burch. He was fortunate and got his transplant within days of being on the list. There are 4 million registered donors in California. He now has added quality to his years and is waiting for grandchildren. He read portions of a letter to his donor which was a young 22 year old which was quite moving.



This week's speaker Abel Hernandez



Family and guests who have been touch by organ donations

### Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- 4.10 - Sheriff's Department Air Unit (**off site meeting**)
- 4.11 - 7:30 -11:30 Rotary Park - the second half planting
- 4.17 - Bakersfield Homeless Shelter - Don Clark
- 4.18 & 25 Senior Project - see Rena Kay Schrader
- 4.24 - Festa di Pasta - Bakersfield Art Museum (regular meeting **DARK**)
- 4.25 - District Assembly - CSUB
- 5.15 - Open House Ronald McDonald House

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**Club Assignments for April 10, 2009**

**Flag Salute:** Keith Bishop  
**Visiting Rotarians:** Dave Bass  
**Invocation:** Michelle Brown  
**Reception Table:** Sandra Larson, Bob Parker  
**Greeters:** Scott Begin, Jarrod McNaughton, Rachelle Towery

**Supper Club:**  
Sandrini's  
1918 Eye Street  
6 p.m.  
Call Dave Haynes 393-7204 to RSVP  
It's considered a make-up!!

**The Rotarian Magazine Assignments for April:**

**President's Message:** Mark Ramsey

**p30– Jarrod McNaughton**

**P 42 - Joe Hughes**

**p 48 - Christine Randall**



**FESTA di PASTA**

BAKERSFIELD ART MUSEUM

APRIL 24, 2009

6-10 p.m.

MUSIC, FOOD by TL MAXWELL'S, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE FOR TRAVEL PACKAGE WORTH \$10,000 (see Robt Vining for tickets)

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE SOUNDS OF The Token Oakies



Pictures from The Senior Project - See Rena Kay for details

**April Birthdays**

Johnson Jung 6th, Rena Kay Shrader 8th

Dan Urban 16th, Terry Maxwell 23rd

## Spring has Sprung...

The bell rang at 12:30 marking the 56<sup>th</sup> year of BERC where our theme is "Make Dreams Real." The Prez noted and asked us about April- (It's Magazine Month!). **Jack Saba** led us in *Prayer*, **Carole Cohen** stood in for **Jean Watanabe** for the *Flag Salute*. **George Palmer** led us in an inspired God Bless America. Our *Greeters*; **Oscar Baltazar**, the late **Karen McKinzie** and **Scott Begin** standing in for **Terry Schroepfer**. **Ron Biglin** was an unofficial greeter. The reception table was aptly handled by **Bill Lewis & Linda Wright**. **Susan Gill** announced the *Visiting Rotarians* by not asking them their favorite organ- but instead asking what they preferred the heart, brain or to have courage. Sheri Cornfunk, Educator preferred all 3.

*Guests of Rotarians*; included Niko 7<sup>th</sup> grader and Brock Burger 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Tracy Jones, Coworker of **Kelly Giblin**, Lorena and Marty Jones, liver transplant October & Scarlet (of Ronald McDonald's House at Memorial Hospital and Mark Sabin, heart transplant guests of **Tom Burch**. Then there was a guest of **David Coffey** who didn't show and didn't get announced... perhaps a fine is due?

Sitting at the *Head Table* was **Steve Gibbs**, Treasurer and **Tom Burch** who would later announce our speaker on Organ Donation. *Birthdays* were on 3/31 Vicki Burger- **Mike's** bride.

The Cioppino Feed on March 28 netted the West Club \$32,000.00 with their raffles as reported by **Carole Cohen**. Gail Burch got a Wii we were told. Everyone was encourage to participate in our silent auction for the Festa di Pasta and to sell tickets. We are in need of silent auction donations as that is where our funds for next year will be raised.

**Oscar Baltezar** was called on to

explain his picture on the front page of the Bakersfield California along with an additional page A3 picture. He had no pen, no hat and was asked to remember the 4 way test. The future will show a gold hat for him in any other pictures.

Two autos were found new at BERC- **Pam Mahan** has retired, has no wife to blame a new purchase on and got a hat anyway. We don't know what kind of car as she was too busy back peddling hoping to avoid a fine. **Karen McKinzie** let us know about her Mini-Cooper (no little people relation of **Mike Cooper's**. She got her second hat for this purchase and seemed happy to receive.

Then **Ron Biglin** got four pens for his vacation picture where he had no pins, nor did anyone else in the pictures- **Mike & Bette Cooper** and for Jerry Meade.

**Christine Randall** talked about having hat hair already and was asked about her article on Planet Rotary to which she had some recollection about the article and rather slide by without a fine.

Next week we are Off-Site at the Sheriff's Air Facility on Norris Rd. so don't come to the Veteran's Hall.



Mike Burger with his handsome boys Brock and Nikko

## Area Meetings

### MONDAY

**Bakersfield South**-noon  
Petroleum Club  
**Wasco**- noon  
Veteran's Hall on Poplar Ave.

### TUESDAY

**Bakersfield North**- noon  
Petroleum Club  
**Inyokern**- 6 p.m.  
Bernardino's

### WEDNESDAY

**Bakersfield West**-noon  
Stockdale Country Club  
**China Lake**-noon  
Heritage Inn  
**Shafter**-6:30 a.m.  
Shafter Vet's Hall

**Bakersfield Breakfast**-  
6:45 am

Petroleum Club

**Taft**- noon

Jo's Restaurant

### THURSDAY

**Frazier Park**- 5:30 PM

Los Pinos Restaurant

**Bakersfield Dntwn**-noon

Bakersfield Art Museum

**Tehachapi**- noon

Kelcy's Restaurant

**Delano**-noon

Kong's Dynasty

**Kern River Valley** - 6 pm

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### FRIDAY

**Bakersfield East** - noon

EB Veteran's Hall



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“And in the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”

*Abraham Lincoln*