



# THE ROTO NEWS



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## Communication with Seniors - Forest Hagood

Forest Hagood, of Senior Care Connections, talked to us about the importance of communication between adult children and their aging parents. Most people want to live out their lives independently and in their own homes. However, many will need care in order to do this. When family members become caregivers, they can break down physically and mentally as a result of the physical and emotional strain. The old face of aging was isolation. The new face is

companionship.

To facilitate these difficult conversations between adult children and elderly parents, Senior Care has developed some conversation starter tools, which can be found at:

[www.4070talk.com](http://www.4070talk.com).

The first is to get started talking about the future before it smacks us in the face. Plan for the conversation, and stick with it, even though some people want to avoid the conversation. Find ways to ensure maximum

independence. Stay tuned in and be aware of changes suggesting a need for assistance. Know when and how and where to ask for help.



President Ron and Forest Hagood

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### Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- June 6 - Rotary Park Dedication
- June 20 - Bakersfield Community Theater - Scenes from Charlotte's Web
- June 27 - Demotion

**Worker Bees for****Flag Salute:** Michele Brown**Visiting Rotarians:** Tom Burch**Invocation:** Mike Griffin**Reception Table:** Carolyn Jackson, Robert  
Tidwell**Greeters:** Barbara Tarpley, Kelly Giblin, Rich  
Harger**Supper Club:****THURSDAY NIGHT****ETHEL'S CORRAL***Alfred Harrell Highway*

6 p.m.

RSVP:

Dave Haynes 393-7204

**May reading assignments from The Rotarian**

Page 54 - Susan Leedy,

page 58 (Polio) Michelle Brown, page 31-53 Mike Griffin

*This week in Business:* **Steve Richardson** avoided a fine by his diligence in discussing his Gin Fizz greeting assignment with co-greeter **Tony Ansolabehere**, who agreed to greet alone, and by working his butt off at the Pasta Feast the next week.

Somehow **John Fanucchi** escaped fine free after he forgot to take the book *Math Curse* to BERC Teacher of the Year Steve Garcia to autograph. **John** *promised* to bring back the autographed book next week.

**Ace Ventura Biglin** solved the crime of the theft of the Rotary bell almost immediately, discovering it under **David Coffey's** chair. **Sticky fingers Coffey** avoided a fine, but only because he scooted away from the meeting before the fines started flying.

**Mike Burger** started with a \$25 fine, which was increased to \$50 because he left his good friend and new member, **Mark Ramsey**, to man the reception table alone two weeks in a row. **Wayne Kress** rushed to **Mike's** defense, explaining that he had filled in for **Mike**. However, that was only for one of the two weeks. So, **Wayne** will pay half of the \$50 fine.

**John Fanucchi, Susan Gill, Chuck Gray, Dick Henderson, and Joe Hughes** were caught without their Rotary pins, so they were added to the list of those looking to get even with **Steve** and **Mike** someday.

**Announcements**

**Patty Baird**, widow of legendary BERC member **Jack Baird**, is in Mercy Hospital, recovering from a stroke.

**President Ron** read a nice note of appreciation received from one of the Law Enforcement Officers of the Year, John Billdt.

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**Ronces Labiano** is on a plane back to Spain, after graduating from Centennial High School Thursday night. She said she never thought she would spend a year in California, and now she has a family in California, as well as a big family around the world, in Rotary. **Ronces** and the **Cooper** family plan to stay in touch.

The Final Workday at Rotary Park will be on Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. Bring your crescent wrench and a phillips screwdriver to aid in the installation of benches and plaques.

**George Palmer** collected the books brought for the pyramid of 250,000 books for K-3rd graders at the International Convention in Los Angeles. Bring new books to the meetings for **President-Elect Susan Leedy** designee to take to the convention.



The Benches at Rotary Park

**Area Meetings**

**MONDAY**

- Bakersfield South**-noon  
Holiday Inn Select
- 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 Downtown**-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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**President Ron's** concluding thoughts for the remainder of the Rotary Year are dedicated to the Demotion Committee, beginning with:

***"Meanness don't jes' happen overnight!"***