



# THE ROTO NEWS



VOLUME 56, ISSUE 10

SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

## This Week's Program: City Manager Alan Tandy

Larry Moxley introduced our speaker Mr. Alan Tandy City Manager of Bakersfield. Mr. Tandy has been in City Management since 1973 and has been our City Manager since 1992. He showed a Power point presentation and gave us an overview of our State Budget and Potential Impact.

He mainly went over the TRIP budget which stands for Thomas Roads Improvement Program. Bill Thomas while still in office was able to get our community \$630 million for road improvements. We had not seen any Road help \$\$ for over 30 yrs before this plan was put into affect. Thomas made sure that the City had control of this budget, not Cal Trans and other entities. The catch is that we have to come up with \$400 million of our own monies in order to be able to use the \$630 million. It is a tough road we must trek but Mr. Tandy is optimistic about our future and road projects are already in progress.

After a 7 hour City Council mtg last week they decided to raise a couple fees to help with the \$400 million needed. 1. Traffic impact fees that are charged to new homes and Businesses will be raised. 2. PG&E pays a fee for using access ways to our roads. This will go up 1%, and of course I'm sure we will see it in our own PG&E bills. Mr. Tandy knows that he can't make everyone happy but, he also knows we need these monies desperately in order to improve our roads.

Some of the projects he discussed were Fairfax/178 frwy is 50% complete and a cost of \$29 mil. 7<sup>th</sup> Standard/99 frwy in progress at \$17 mil. Hwy 58 will be extended but of course this is still a controversy topic but when complete will be a \$700 mil project.

178 frwy will also have another bridge at Morning Dr and Morning Dr will extend out. (no projected date as yet) Oak/24<sup>th</sup> st will be a bridge that goes over and helps with traffic. Mohawk will extend thru Truxtun and over the river to Rosedale hwy. Allen rd bridge is under construction as we speak. There is plans for a Youth baseball park on Stockdale/Jewetta and a 170 acre Sports Village. Also, the Federal Courthouse would be next to the beautiful Central Park walkway.  
(con't page 2)



City Manager Alan Tandy with Mr. Moxley

### OFFICERS

President: Susan Leedy  
 Secretary: Michele Brown  
 Treasurer: Steve Gibbs  
 Sgt. at Arms: Hank Hinse  
 Board Advisor: George Palmer

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Administration: Tony  
 Ansolabehere  
 Membership: Jean Watanabe  
 Vocational Service: Sandra  
 Larson  
 New Generations: Linda  
 Wright  
 Outreach: Carole Cohen  
 International Service: John  
 Wilson  
 Past President: Ron Biglin  
 President Elect: Tom  
 Burch

### Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

September 26 - John Noland - John Noland - Report from Kuwait  
 September 27 - Joe Alexander Wine Tasting Event  
 October 6 - The Plank Foundation Golf Tournament - see Mike Cooper for details  
 October 11-12 District Assembly - Santa Maria

**Club Assignment for September 26 , 2008**

**Flag Salute:** Tom Larwood

**Visiting Rotarians:** Vernon Varner

**Invocation:** Kay Shraeder

**Reception Table:** Steve Richardson, Kelly Giblin

**Greeters:** Jim Clark, David Haynes, Karen Skrable

**Can't Serve ??? Find your replacement**

**Supper Club:**

September 24, 2008

*Mexicalli Downtown*

*631 18th Street*

*6 p.m.*

RSVP Dave Haynes :393-7204

Take advantage of this, it's a make-up !!!!!!!

**September Birthdays**

Jean Watanabe	6th	Carole Cohen	15th	Steve Richardson	23th
Dick Giles	11th	Cy Wade	16th	Tom Burch	27th
Chuck Gray	12th	Susan Leedy	17th	T. Glen Brown	21st

**The Rotarian Magazine Assignments for September**

Page 32– Bruce Keith

page 36– Frank Colatruglio

page 42 &46 - Larry Moxley

(from page one)

Mr. Tandy also showed us the Mill Creek Project which is along Central Park. You must see what has been done thus far, just beautiful. It will be a mile and half walkway when completed and over \$10 mil. It will extend from Golden State Hwy to California Ave. This project will take years to complete but well worth the wait. Bakersfield Redevelopment Comm. Is working on cleaning up Baker st.

The old Mesa Marin Softball fields will be re-vamped and soccer fields placed there too. There is so much more going on that I encourage you to checkout the City web page for all the details. The last question, asked if the County was helping and yes they are giving \$130 mil. Larry Moxley wanted us to know that the City council feels Alan Tandy is the hardest working and best City Manager we have ever had.

***This week in business:***

Invocation – Tom Burch (for Fernando Aguirre), Flag Salute – Greg Braun, Song – George Palmer

Greeters – Rich Harger, Dan Giordano, Ron Biglin, Reception Table – Kelly Giblin and Bruce Keith

Introductions – Our President Susan Leedy stepped in for the missing Ron Bivens . We had one visitor today Mr. Ken Secor from the West Club.

Rotarian Birthdays – Carole Cohen (15<sup>th</sup>), Cy Wade (16<sup>th</sup> and a big 94 this yr), and our own Pres. Susan Leedy (17<sup>th</sup>).

Anniversaries – Keith's (14<sup>th</sup>), Kress's (20<sup>th</sup>)

Club Anniversary – Bob Parker (16<sup>th</sup>)

Announcements :The Fall BBQ was at the Cooper's home on Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> and fun was had by all, so I hear.

The Joe Alexander Scholarship Foundation's Elegant Evening of Wine Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

**Buddy Walk – October 4<sup>th</sup> (still looking for two teams)**

**Plank Foundation Golf Tournament October 6<sup>th</sup> (All teams are full, but helpers always welcomed)**

**District Conference October 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Santa Maria**

Carole Cohen asked everyone to bring Halloween Candy for the Kidz Club big Halloween event. Please bring bags of candy these next two weeks or you may leave a donation at the back desk in the basket.

Kudo's to Tony Ansolabehere for Interactive Web Page he has created on our BERC website. We are so hi-tech now, won't the others be jealous!

Kelly Giblin bought a new car and tried to play it down, just because it was a new fuel efficient car. HA!! President Susan wouldn't let that happen, so Kelly is now sporting a new BERC Hat. Very fashionable I must say for a \$100 donation.

Bill Lewis had so much fun on our Wine tasting trip in Paso Robles that there was evidence left behind. Some people never learn and we have a picture to prove it. Bill looked like one of those Klingons from Star Wars. But of course we always knew he wasn't from around here. He now has a beautiful \$100 picture of himself and he drove people home after this picture. WHOA!!!!

Dave Bass was the chosen one for President Susan's Trivia moment. He was asked 5 or 6 questions and gave Bill Lewis as the answer to all of them. Not sure what he was thinking, but \$100 later he was sporting a real cute BERC hat.

Then Dave announced that he is still in need of Noble school Reader's. He said the clubs efforts last year as weekly reader's boosted the kid's skills by over 200%. Please be a part of this wonderful cause to help our children of today be better adults tomorrow. He still needs Wed AM and Thurs AM readers.

Today was the day to VOTE on a proposed By-Law change that Ron Biglin again read today before the vote. The new By-Law change was accepted with a 2/3 majority of 34 members. We had 48 members in attendance and needed 32 yes to pass the proposed change. You had to be present for your Vote to count. If you would like another copy of the By-Law change please ask our Secretary for a copy.

Chuck Grey won our 50/50 drawing of \$63 and gave it back to BERF, what a guy!!!

**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

Ewings

**FRIDAY**

**Bakersfield East** - noon

EB Veteran's Hall



Bill Lewis receives a "fun photo" from the wine trip

Carole Cohen needs candy or cash for the Bakersfield East Kidz Club  
Please bring (unopened) single serving packaged candy to the next two meeting or give Carole \$\$ to buy candy



ROTARY CLUB OF  
BAKERSFIELD EAST

P.O. Box 2383  
Bakersfield, CA 93303

---

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[WWW.BAKERSFIELDDEASTROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.BAKERSFIELDDEASTROTARY.ORG)

---

*“Too bad that all the people who know how to  
run the country are busy driving taxi cabs and  
cutting hair”*

***George Burns***