

S P O K E



**NO MEETINGS
DECEMBER 24 AND
DECEMBER 31**

JANUARY 7, 2010

DECEMBER 17, 2009 MEETING
JEFF JOHNSON, EDITOR

**THIS WEEK
PROGRAM CHAIR
STEVE SANDERS**

**TOWNSEND
DESIGN**

Townsend Design is a leading manufacturer of orthopedic braces. Patients from around the world and from all walks of life have achieved enhanced mobility and physical performance by using our patented bracing technology. **Rick Riley** will present the program.



Twas the week before Christmas

Twas the week before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a Rotarian was stirring, not even a mouse
All Rotarians were seated all snug in their chairs
While visions of food and good friends danc'd in their heads
When out in the hall there arose such a clatter
We sprang to our feet to see what was the matter
When what to our wondering eyes should appear
But our dear President without any peer

With a stride so quick and lively
We knew in a moment it must be **St. Keathley**
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name
Now, **Turner** (invocation), now **Whelden** (pledge), now **Hannick**
(song)
To the top of the podium to the top of the wall
Now dash away dash away dash away all

Now chief elf **Joe Drew**
Told a story about the Children's Medical Center we all knew
And that the Waterman Foundation wanted to give them a lift
By making a generous \$40,000 gift

As we drew up our heads and turned around
Up the podium St Keathley came with a bound

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U P C O M I N G P R O G R A M S

January 7 **Townsend Design**
Steve Sanders

January 21 **Managing People**
Holly Culhane

January 14 **Social Marketing**
Dave Plivelich

January 28 **State of the City**
Alan Tandy

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His eyes how they twinkled his dimples how merry
I thought he was going to talk about a cherry
But to our amazement it wasn't to be
He just confirmed our new Board and President elect nominee
With a wink of his eye and a twist of his fingers
He turned to the screen to show pictures of our Bell Ringers

St. Keathley had elf **Scott Johnson** introduce our speaker
Mr Jack Vechil of NASA Dryden Flight Center
Down from outer space Mr Vechil came with applause
But we knew for sure he wasn't Santa Claus
He told us about stars and earthquakes and fires and such
And for us old Rotarians it was way too much
He spoke many a word and went straight to his work
And filled all our stockings with badges and button, then turned with a
jerk
And laying a finger aside of his nose
And giving a nod, up to Edwards he rose

Now St. Keathley sprung to the dais, to his club gave a whistle (bell)
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle
But we heard him exclaim, ere he strode out of sight
Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night.



AREA MEETINGS

MONDAY

Bakersfield South - Noon
Petroleum Club

Wasco - Noon
Veterans Hall on Poplar Ave.

TUESDAY

Bakersfield North - Noon
Petroleum Club

Inyokern - 6:00 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 a.m.
Petroleum Club

Taft - Noon
Jo's Restaurant

Bakersfield Twilight - 6:00 p.m.
T.J. Maxwell's

Interact - 2:40 p.m. BHS
Auditorium #301

THURSDAY

Frazier Park Rotary - 5:30 p.m.
Los Pinos Restaurant

Bakersfield Downtown - Noon
Bakersfield Art Museum

Tehachapi - Noon
Kelcy's Restaurant

Delano - Noon
Kong's Dynasty

Kern River Valley - 6:00 p.m.
Ewings

FRIDAY

Bakersfield East - Noon
Veteran's Hall

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