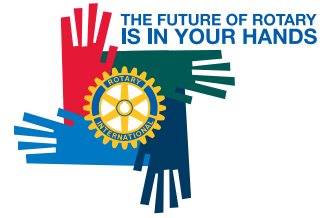


# S P O K E



**MARCH 11, 2010**

**THIS WEEK  
PROGRAM CHAIR  
KURT WINGATE**

## **SOLAR POWER**

The development of solar power projects within Kern County is “heating” up. For obvious reasons, we are ideally situated to these types of programs and **Jake Thone** will provide an informative program on this burning topic of interest.



**MARCH 4, 2010 MEETING**  
LYNN BLYSTONE, EDITOR

Members entered the meeting area to the dulcet sounds of the Stockdale Christian Middle School Wind Ensemble (SCMSWE). Pleasant table conversations were interrupted by **President Duane Keathley** calling the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. **Major Daniel Abella** said grace and **Darlene Liesch** led the flag salute. For the first time in this editor’s memory (since 1965) the members were asked to sit instead of stand for the song as SCMSWE conductor **Gary Scudder** had the Ensemble perform a beautiful piece In Honor of the Fallen memorializing those in military service who had fallen in battle.

**Sergeant-at-Arms Steve Illingworth** handled introduction of visiting members and guests. President Keathley introduced the head table.

### **GOOD NEWS...**

Good news announcements were led off by **Lynn Blystone** announcing his retirement as Tri-Valley Corporation CEO after 29 years to be succeeded by new member **Maston Cunningham**. **Holly Culhane** announced that former Bakersfield Rotary President **Daphne Harley** was coming out of her retirement to join Holly’s P.A.S. HR services business. **Don Clark** advised that a time capsule buried 50 years ago at Gresham, Oregon High School remains lost since no one can now remember where it was buried. **Colleen McGauley** noted that the current class of CASA graduates were among the best in her 16 years. **Major General (Ret.) Jim Whitehead** reported that the gathering in

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

March 18 **Ready to Start**  
Larry Reider

April 1 **TBA**

March 25 **DA Office**  
Lisa Green

April 8 **Steve Ruggenberg**  
Cheryl Barbick

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support of the Wounded Heroes was a success and encouraged everyone to take a brochure to continue their interest and support in this fine organization serving military casualties and their families.

## PROGRAM



At that point president Keathley turned the meeting over to **Program Chair John Houchin** who detailed the achievements of the SCMSWE about to perform for us. **Gary Scudder** heads the music department at Stockdale Christian and holds an M.A degree in music from California State University, Fullerton

where he also taught, as well as faculty service at Biola University. In addition he has been educating young musicians for 30 years in clinics, summer camps, lessons and as a music director at Whittier Christian Elementary School. His performance career includes a 13 year stint leading the Disneyland Saxophone Quintet.

Gary currently directs an award winning music program for K through 8 at Stockdale Christian and maintains a private teaching practice that includes students of various ages and abilities through his own curriculum which he writes and publishes.



THE SCMSWE has one of the best reputations in the State of California. This year, seven of these musicians made the honor band of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association of which two were sixth graders. Also this year Stockdale Christian had eight musicians make the California Directors Association All State Honor Band. Stockdale Christian has also won the Biola High School Invitational Band Competition five times, yes, middle school students competing against and winning in high school events. The SCMSWE recently performed with the Dallas Brass Band entertaining more than 2,000 at the Bakersfield Convention Center.

The SCMSWE then performed a number of tunes from traditional to avant guard demonstrating their amazing range of capability as well as entertaining the club members. In all, a most enjoyable luncheon meeting.

## 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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