



BERC Members, while over the age limit, were anxious to apply for West Point after Rousing Speech!



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Guest Speaker Patrick Plugge (far right) & Stein Erickson recruiting officer in Bakersfield prepare Prez. Randall for service at West Point. As she dawns the "old glory stripped coat" she asks if this is a good start as a plebe. She is told that Duty, Honor and Country is the motto she must learn and that at West Point is where "Americans past & future intersect." She would have to go thru a recommendation process in order to get into the #1 private college in the nation. She must somehow become 17-19 years old and have the strength of mind, body and character to become a leader & officer.



BERC sent via the Darling's \$350.00 worth of backpacks (about 3 dozen) to Casa de Paz Orphanage. Frank Colatruglio went along to witness the outreach 30 minutes outside of Ensenada, Mexico. Currently 54 orphaned children live at this privately funded facility that is supported by the Ensenada Riviera Rotary Club. The elementary school that we support was closed on the Saturday, but arrangements were made to deliver the rest of the donations to the school. This is the 3rd year we have supported the efforts of the Ensenada Riviera Rotary.



Michele Brown, Branch Manager at Union Bank graciously sponsored the RotoLounge this week. She handed out the latest rates for their Money Market accounts which offer a better rate than most major banks. See Michele if interested.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT BAKERSFIELD EAST

- 02/01/13 Speaker Dan Klingengerger-- 2013 Labor Law Update
- 02/04/13 Vino Amore Committee Meeting 5:30
- 02/08/13 BERC DARK
- 02/09/13 Charter Night Diamond Jubilee Celebration
- 02/15/13 Meet & Greet No Speaker
- 02/22/13 Speaker Frank Tropiccio-- Rotary International
- 03/01/13 Speaker Ron Biglin and Melinda Westfahl-- River Cruising and How to Pack Your Suitcase
- 03/19 Board Meeting



Supper Club

Benji's on Rosedale Hwy
Wednesday

6:00 PM make RSVP **Gary Stanfill** 327-8476 or call his office leave message with Meredith

February Birthdays

- **Franey 5**
- **Parker 7**
- **Pereyra 14**
- **Swatzell 16**



FEBRUARY Rotarian Magazine Assignments

- Page 14 – John Wilson
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Page 27 – Dave Haynes
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Page 39 – Dan Giordano
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Page 80- Scarlett Sabin

Did you know that for years Cy Wade, founding member, he supplied who got what assignments? Now Dan Giordano, PP has taken on the assignment.

Looking for Sponsors for the Roto Lounge

Your business could do some marketing activities and socialize with fellow Rotarians. See Bill Gresco to set up a week for your sponsorship or e mail at:

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BLASTS FROM THE PAST VIA FRANK GEDDES, PDG

Harris' Homilies: Words of Wisdom By Rotary Founding Father Paul Harris

"Rotary has not grown by virtue of the fact that a suitable formula had been devised; it has become worldwide in its influence because of the untiring effort to extend it.

Hundreds of small cities and towns, all but dead so far as civic consciousness was concerned, took on new life after they organized Rotary clubs. Professional organizers were unnecessary. Every club had the impulse to pass on the idea which it had found so beneficial in its city.

With the speed with which a bolt of lightning might cleave the sky, the flash of Rotarianism spread from San Francisco to Seattle on the north and to Los Angeles on the south. In another brief space of time independent fires sprang up on the Atlantic and in the central West. The United States of America had capitulated to the demands of Rotary. Not content with this, the cause was urged ever onward. The Dominion of Canada and the British Isles gave way to the crusader's demands. Paris is ours and today the slogan is "On to Berlin, Vienna, then to the Antipodes." Like those of the Napoleonic forces, the ambitions of our conquest know no limitations save the limitations of the civilized world. Unlike the conquest of the Napoleonic forces, our conquest is, and will continue to be, in the interests of men and the principles which make for the practical idealization of trade."

Part 18: 1968/69, George Palmer, President

"Presidente Jorge started the first meeting with a bang and a fifth of July address. He acted as though he had been at the fifth too long." Thus, according to then-RotoNews Editor Bob Frapwell's account, began the "Reign of Remlap." Of course it wasn't a fifth of booze that had George so high. It was a fifth of nerve, the one all new presidents share!

1968/69 was a busy year, filled with activities both old and new. Two members' daughters traveled to Norway for ten months of study as a part of our then-active Youth Exchange program. While Judy Butterfield & Kathy Jeffery were gone, two Koreans studying under Professor Tom Akers at CalCot came here. Although East Bakersfield Interact had fallen to just 5 members as a result of graduation, BERC got busy recruiting and 16 new East High students joined the ranks. "In the interests of time," a new wall clock was purchased and donated to the County to be hung on the North wall of our meeting hall. There was a well-attended BERC luau in the fall followed by the Rotary Sui9t Sale, Competitor's Day, Children's Day, and Ladies' Day which all took place in the busy (!) interval between Thanksgiving & Christmas. Stockdale Country Club was the setting on 1/31/69, as BERCers celebrated the club's 'sweet sixteenth' birthday at the annual Charter Night. Valentine's Day '69 saw the ol' East Vet's Hall filled with pulchritudinous secretaries helping their bosses celebrate Secretaries'

The College of Rotary Knowledge-

"In 1978, The Rotary Foundation launched its most comprehensive humanitarian service activity with the Health, Hunger, and Humanity Grants program. The 3-H Grants program is designed to undertake large-scale service projects beyond the capacity of individual Rotary clubs or groups of clubs.

Since 1978, almost 290 3-H projects have been carried out in 75 countries, with an appropriation of more than US\$74 million. The objective of these projects is to improve health, alleviate hunger, and enhance human, cultural, and social development among peoples of the world. The ultimate goal is to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. The first 3-H project was the immunization of six million children in the Philippines against polio, marking the birth of what we now know as the PolioPlus program. As 3-H progressed, new projects, including nutrition programs, vocational education initiatives, food production enhancement, and polio victim rehabilitation, were carried out to help people in developing areas of the world. All 3-H projects are supported by the voluntary contributions of Rotarians through The Rotary Foundation."

*** From "The ABCs of Rotary" ***
By PRIP 1992/93 Cliff Dochterman

Day. A \$35/month/voyager savings plan was instituted under the stewardship of Jere Sullivan to insure that those who wanted to travel to the '71 R.I. Convention in Sydney, Australia would have the necessary funds to go [Ed. Note: I wish we'd had that for Melbourne '92 also!] And the year ended with a revolution- "a coup of the Peso Palmer Regime brought about by an 84-man junta of the Disgruntled, Poor, Mistreated, and Famished Rotarians at Execution Headquarters (the Police Pistol Range)!"

President George had one especially memorable experience not shared by any other BERC prez before or since. While George was presiding over the fortunes (misfortunes) of Bakersfield East, his dad, Oran Palmer from Bakersfield North was nominated as District 524 Governor for the 1969/70 Rotary year. True to form, our Remlap busied himself trying to put this bit of good fortune in the form of a "terse verse or a time rhyme." Sadly for posterity, Editor Frapwell did NOT choose to publish this last bit of George's doggerel!

This week in business:

- Dave Bass & Tom Burch greeted everyone and then Richard Ramos gave a nice prayer & we were asked to keep Terry Maxwell in prayer since his brother passed away. Scott Begin led the salute, Baynes led us in "My Country 'Tis of Thee" as George Palmer was sick. Tony Ansolebehere told us we had 2 Visiting Rotarians; Bob Laverne, Downtown, and Paul Cooper from Breakfast. Guests of Rotarians were; Lucy Kennedy, Terry Maxwell's granddaughter (almost 6 years old), Paul Cooper brought his daughter Amy 4.5 GPA Cooper and Riho Shinagawa, our Ambassadorial Scholar was here.
- Birthdays were announced and Sandra Larson on the 28th was absent, Dan Giordano on the 29th who was gone because of the STEPs program in Santa Barbara, and Terry Schropfer's birthday is on the 31st. Baynes led a big BD song to Terry and to Terry Maxwell's granddaughter. Spouse's Birthdays were Alejandro's wife Sandra on the 27th, he was missing, but Dan Urban was there to be reminded about Eryn's day on the 27th. He is taking her to see Le Miserable the movie.
- Anniversaries were the MIA Giordano's 42nd, Year on the 30th. The Larsons also MIA will celebrate 48 years on the 30th as well. The Giblins will celebrate 26 years on the 31st. But everyone was missing.
- Club anniversaries was PP Susan Leedy's 18th year in Rotary...she thought 17. Vernon Varner celebrates 22 years on the 31st, but was missing today.
- Dave Haynes has a new addition to his family—a great granddaughter Elliott Loretta, 6# 3 oz and 21" long. A total of \$98.00 was collected for him to open a bank account and match.
- Supper Club was changed back to Wednesday nights. Scott Begin never has been to a Supper Club night and didn't know it was a make up. Wayne Kress, PP knows all about the Supper Club for makeups, but forgets to make up.
- Steve Richardson is asking for sign ups for the Ethics & Leadership conference on March 12th from 8:00-12:00. He's been facilitating BERCs part in this program for the last 7 years. The program is celebrating it's 25th year this year.
- Reminder about Charter Night on February 9th and being Dark on the Friday the 8th. Sign Up ASAP! This will be the first time Hank Hinse has missed Charter Night in 37years!
- We had several members without pins; Dave Haynes, Day Smith, Phil Franey, Steve Richardson and a couple others for sure.
- The reception table was handled by Steve Kartcher and subbing for Jim Turner was Christy Swartzell.
- 50/50 was won by Terry Maxwell's granddaughter who got \$5.00 out of the pot this week.
- Dave Bass will lead the meeting next week as Madame President will be hunting down Oprah's house in Santa Barbara next week.



Honorary Member Hank Hinse, PP was getting an early start for his European cruise starting next week. First he has to take care of a major flood in his kitchen from a freezing pipe breaking beneath the kitchen floor. Big hole now!



Susan Leedy, PP is happy to take a back seat these days, far away from the podium to enjoy lunch with Carolyn Jackson.

Terry Schropfer seems happy to have the old red/white/blue coat vs the new green stinky coat!



Fascinating Facts about Westpoint; founded in 1802, lies 60 miles south of Washington DC on the Hudson River. Has been around for the 1846 War with Mexico 1860's Civil War about half of the graduates fought on the North and half on the South as officers, WWI there was a move to close the academy, 1919 Douglas Mc Arthur, superintendent at the academy saved it.

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 Downtown—noon
Bakersfield Art Museum
Tehachapi— noon
Kelcy's Restaurant
Delano—noon
Kong's Dynasty
Kern River Valley - 6 pm
Ewings
FRIDAY
Bakersfield East - noon
Starlight Theatre

BERC CLUB

Reminder Club

Assignments: 02/01

Greeters: Wilson & Williams

Flag Salute: Westfahl

Invocation: Urban

Visiting Rotarians:

Swartzell

Front Desk: Turner & Karcher

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WE'LL BE ON THE WEB SOON

***“As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee,
you boss will ask you to do something that will
last until the coffee is cold.”***

Unknown Author