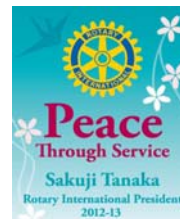




Diamond Jubilee Charter Night February 09, 2013



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Executive Assistant to the Governor awards Christine Randall, President her Paul Harris Fellow.



Bill Lewis got an early start by awarding his grandchild a Paul Harris Fellow!



Scott Begin's family awards a Paul Harris Fellow to their mother/mother in law with a very touching rendering of how great she was as a mom as they grew up!



President Elect-Sandi Schwartz is working her calendar for her year already!



RESERVED
President Christine Randall & Dave Nielsen
President and Mrs. Keith Stonebraker - North
President and Mrs. Jim Davis - Kern River Valley
President Elect Sandi Schwartz



Past President Ron Biglin was the Master of Ceremonies in his very white winter tux-lookin' good!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BAKERSFIELD EAST

- 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
- 03/08/13 Speaker Chief Executive Officer at Mojave Airport
- 03/15/13 Speaker to be Announced
- 03/19 Board Meeting
- 03/22/13 Speaker Sandy Morris, Bakersfield Police Department "Master Piece Living"
- 03/29/13 Meet & Greet No Speaker

OFFICERS

- President: Christine Randall
- Secretary: Alejandro Haiek
- Treasurer: Bob Parker
- Sgt. at Arms: Tom Burch
- Board Advisor: Larry Moxley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Administration: Michele Brown
- Membership: Scarlett Sabin
- Vocational Service: Bill Cresco
- Community Service: Jim Williams
- International Service: Baynes Bank
- New Generations: Aaron Markovits
- Rotary Foundation: Dan Giordano
- Past President: Dave Bass
- President '13-14: Sandi Schwartz



Supper Club
J's Rosedale Hwy
Wednesday, Feb. 13
 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

R. I. Presidents page—**Terry Schroepter** Page 14—**Jim Turner** Page 23—**Doug Amstutz** Page 39—**Christy Swatzell** Page 55—**Bruce Keith** with Ambassadorial Scholar **Rhio Shinagawa**
 Did you know that for years Cy Wade, founding member, he supplied who got what assignments? Now Dan Giordano, PP has taken

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BLASTS FROM THE PAST VIA FRANK GEDDES, PDG

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

"War cannot go on forever. Peace must and shall come. The years ahead reserve for Rotary a most difficult and arduous task. To heal the wounds of a war-ravished world; to substitute for hate, mutual understanding and tolerance; to create affection where rancor exists; to change enemies into friends and replace excited passion and armed struggle by goodwill and international peace.

This is the superhuman task we must undertake. This is a task in which Rotary will labor with all its strength, in spite of the fact that ... we have no instruments other than our principles, nor more strength than our enthusiasm. We are sure of victory because of the great faith that all of us Rotarians have in ... humanity." "Rotary is a miniature model of a world at peace, one which might advantageously be studied by nations. Rotarians believe that the universal application of tolerance and friendliness would bring about the international peace so earnestly desired by everyone."

Part 18: 1971/72, Rod O'Harra, President

Soon after his triumphant return from the R.I. Convention in Atlanta, Rod O'Harra, already Vice President of the Bakersfield Ad Club, assumed the reins as BERC's 19th President. He and the club bid a fond farewell to Youth Exchange student **Ann Samuelson** from Arendal, Norway who had spent a year with her BERC sponsors and her host families (the Jack Buttersfields, Bart Bartensteins, and John Nairns). All BERCers who took pride in the selection of PDG Jim Huber to be RI President Bill Walk's Personal Representative at the District 510 Conference in Vancouver.

Activities during "Wild Red's" year included a trip to the Rams-Chargers game, a successful Rotary suit sale (468 garments received for a net profit of \$1,426.65 which was split equally between the Boy Scouts and the YMCA), our 18th Charter Night party (several guests complained that the P.A. system made Emcee Tom Akers' words slur and drawl), a lamb feed at the Woolgrower's an exceptionally well-attended (80 reservations made/139 showed up) Secretaries' Day, an all-Bakersfield Rotary club's Rotary Information meeting, an interclub Barbeque and golf tournament, attendance at a Rotary Fly-In conducted by the Taft club and two Competitors' Days. A "bang bang time" was also had by all at BERC's first annual Rotary Fireworks sale—proceeds earned from sales at our booth on Edison Hwy were split equally between local youth projects and The Freedoms Foundation.

Rod's Reign of terror came to a just end on June 25th when "sheriffs deputies invaded the

The College of Rotary Knowledge—

"District Simplified Grants help Rotary districts provide short-term service or humanitarian aid that benefits a community. Districts can request a portion of their District Designated Fund for a grant to support one or more projects locally or internationally. District Simplified Grants are managed at the district level but must adhere to the standard eligibility guidelines for humanitarian grants."

"Volunteer Service Grants (formerly known as Individual Grants) support the travel of individual Rotarians and the spouses of Rotarians as they provide a needed service to a community or plan a needed project. Only active Rotarians and their spouses are eligible to travel. Spouses who are not Rotary club members but are qualified to serve may accompany a team, but these individuals may not serve as team leaders or travel without a team. Eligibility for travelers is based on a defined community need that can be met by the experiences and skills of the Rotarians/team and an understanding that the skills and experience are not available in the community. Also the service or planning activity must be planned before submission of the grant application. The award is a flat grant of US\$3,000 (for individuals) or \$6,000 (for teams of up to five members). The length of service is a minimum of 5 days for planning activities and 10 days for direct service activities, with a maximum of 60 days for both types of activities."
 *** From "The ABCs of Rotary" ***
 By PRIP 1992/93 Cliff Dochterman

Dictator's home and took him into custody with no opposition. In handcuffs and leg irons, Wild Red was moved to a portable cell at the Police Pistol Range where he was placed on public display. [In order to gain his release] the Dictator was forced to abdicate his powers in favor of a new government!"



PDG Wade and Roxanne Numora



This week in business: Sandi Schwartz's Paul Harris Fellow. See her face book page to read the article.

AN UNEXPECTED DETOUR

Michael Crowe and Fernando Barrientes share their inspiring stories of resilience and triumph after facing amputation.

MICHAEL CROWE
Bakersfield Police Department Officer Michael Crowe, 24, is the picture of health and fitness — from the waist up. His right leg is a symbol of the courage and determination of the indomitable human spirit, which Crowe never imagined a year ago that he would possess.

A Central High and University of Arizona graduate, with dreams of a career in law enforcement, Crowe is among the 1.9 million people in the United States who have had an amputation. "You have to retrain yourself to live again," he said of his 10-pound fully functional artificial limb.



It will be a year next month, on the night of March 22, when Crowe's life took an unexpected detour after hitting a seemingly insurmountable roadblock. His graduation from the police academy was the week before, and he was less than 24 hours from his first shift when a leading driver struck him as he was heading home.

Crowe and his motorcycle slid 200 feet. He was fine, he thought, with not so much as a scratch, until he looked down at his right foot. The ankle exploded upon impact with the car's bumper. "The first few weeks I was in denial," he said of just wanting to do what had to be done. He consulted with four out-of-town specialists about the odds of saving the ankle because all the ligaments were destroyed.

"The doctor said it is a coin flip as to whether you could walk again, even if the surgery to save the ankle is a success."

His best shot at normally was a below-the-knee amputation. His muscular right leg was amputated below the calf muscle two weeks later. Following the surgery, the swelling had to go down before the stump could be fitted with a prosthesis.

But the full impact of how his life had changed hit him in July, as he watched televised coverage of the Summer Olympic Games. Before the accident, Crowe was used to running a mile in seven minutes. "That's when I went into a deep depression and emotionally everything went crashing down on me."

Friendships were strained and tested as Crowe processed his anger and grieved the loss of his leg. As reality set in, he preferred sitting and spending time alone to sessions with a counselor.

Getting back on both feet took a team effort of physical therapists and heart-to-heart conversations with fellow amputees, like Bakersfield police Detective Dennis Eddy, who lost his leg in early 2008, following an on-the-job shooting. "Dennis gave me tremendous support," Crowe said of his colleague who taught him how to drive a car again.

"I was 38 at the time of my amputation. I don't know how I would have handled it at Michael's age. That is what makes his recovery so remarkable," Eddy said, amazed at how quickly Crowe bounced back. "I just let him know it is possible if he put his mind to it."

Crowe has paid that support forward by helping 35-year-old Ethan Perez of Bakersfield, who lost his left leg last fall. "What I am to Ethan, Dennis was to me."

"GETTING BACK TO WORK WAS THE BEST FEELING IN THE WORLD."



After two months of wallowing under a dark cloud of uncertainty, Crowe began talking to friends and put himself in the shoes of those far worse off than him. "There's other people, soldiers, marines," he said. "I had no excuse to not move forward. That's what I did."

He went to physical therapy three times a week, returned to the gym almost daily, and brushed up on what he'd learned in the police academy. His prosthetic, Tenor Townsend with Valley Institute of Prosthetics & Orthotics, said Crowe is one of the fastest recovering amputees he has ever worked with. "A lot of his hard work and willingness to put in the time at the beginning, along with his age and physical state really helped," Townsend said.

Now, the everyday tasks most people take for granted, Crowe does a little differently so as to live normally. "I take both legs to the side and make sure I have footing. I can't one-leg it out of the car anymore." And he takes showers lying on the floor.

Despite going through what he calls "hell" — watching everything go back to the way it was and considering giving up — patience prevailed. "If you can, make a light at the end of a tunnel, even if that means making short-term goals. I got through it on a week-by-week basis."

Crowe's goal was to get back to work.

Six months after that ill-fated trip home, he returned to active duty this past November. His fellow officers donated their sick time. "I owe them everything," he said. He has resumed running and playing football in the park with friends, and last year Crowe was invited to give a motivational speech for a leadership conference at Bakersfield College. "Getting back to work was the best feeling in the world!" (Continued on page 50)

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District Governor Frank Ortiz



Terry Schroefer our newly elected President to be in 2014-2015 and his First Lady Nina.



Dave is thinking, no more wine for you missy!



Having Way Too Much Fun

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: 02/15
Greeters: Smith & Schwartz
Flag Salute: Schroefer
Invocation: Schrader
Visiting Rotarians:
Sabin
Front Desk: Tarpley & Ramos
Find a Replacement or pay a fine!



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***“It’s always been and always will be
the same in the world: The horse does
the work and the coachman is tipped.”***

Author Unknown