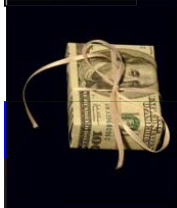
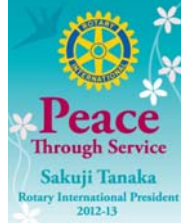




BERF Awards 10 K to Rock Hill Farms & The Plank Foundation Awards 10K in Honor of Tom & Gail Burch to the Mercy Hospital Foundation



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This was a surprise presentation to Gail and Tom Burch. Tom was in on it, and his daughters. Gail, a cancer survivor, was in the dark. In the background she is smiling big and gave a meek thank you as she was so surprised to receive this honor from the Plank Foundation to the Mercy Hospital Foundation.



Christie Swatzell listens to Frank Troppicio talk about his adventures in Africa. He spoke about two trips, one to Zimbabwe & then to Mozambique. The goal was to focus on Developmental Disabilities with their sister city in South Korea. They prepared for the trip for months to South Korea learning the customs , language, culture food and religion, only at the last minute have their trip cancelled.



Stephanie Weber, Executive Director of the Mercy Hospital Foundation said she has been coming to BERC for the last 11 years picking up donations for the Florence Wheeler Cancer Center from the Plank Foundation.

The BERF Foundation presented Nick Hernandez from Rock Hill Farms a check for \$10,000.00 presented by Dave Bass a Board Member of BERF. Nick felt truly honored to receive this and said it would be put to good use at Rock Hill Farms to help the ministry grow.

The team ended up in Africa, where they could speak English & Portuguese. They had a special group from Cal Poly who specialized in Developmental Disabilities to travel together, however people kept dropping out as the date for this trip was changed. This trip inspired the Taft Club and the SLO Club to work with RI on grants for a Braille writing machine and for refurbishing the 50 year old building for electricity & hot water. They met many other Rotarians in clubs in Africa that they still remain friends with today. Projects need to be sustainable for the future. We were encouraged to consider these matching grant programs from RI. Frank said they were able to perform Service Above Self the entire trip.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT BAKERSFIELD EAST

- 03/01/13 Speaker Ron Biglin and Melinda Westfahl– River Cruising and How to Pack Your Suitcase
- 03/02/13 PRLS—see Dan Urban.
- 03/08/13 Speaker Chief Executive Officer at Mojave Airport
- 03/12/13 Financial Literacy Awards Program & Scholarship Awards City Chambers 3:30
- 03/15/13 Speaker Larry Moxley- "His Life Experience"
- 03/19 Board Meeting
- 03/22/13 Speaker Sandy Morris, Bakersfield Police Department "Master Piece Living"
- 03/29/13 Meet & Greet No Speaker
- 04/04/13 All Club Meeting– Speaker Baseball's Roland Heeman & Mayor Harvey Hall
- 4/05/13 DARK
- 4/12/13 Speaker Jim Baldwin from BARK– Off Site Meeting



Supper Club

Cancelled This Week

Plan for Next Week @

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

March Birthdays

- Brazzell 7
- Amstutz & Spencer 9
- Kress & Hinse 11
- Coffee & Palmer 23
- Bass 27



FEBRUARY Rotarian Magazine Assignments

R. I. Presidents page—Terry Schroeffer
 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 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:

WILLIAM.GRESCO@SBCGLOBAL.NET
 DO BUSINESS WITH A FELLOW BERCER

BLASTS FROM THE PAST VIA FRANK GEDDES, PDG

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

"A good philosophy of life is better than riches and it serves at all times, in prosperity and adversity. Strange as it may seem, it was not the poor folks of the great cities who took their lives during the period of the Great Depression; it was the well-to-do; many of them were rich but they had no sufficient sustaining philosophy of life."

"One of the chief responsibilities laid upon the shoulders of man, be he young or old, is the responsibility of conserving his moral, mental, and physical resources and making the best possible use of them."

"It is just as easy to acquire the habit of speaking kindly as it is to acquire the habit of speaking unkindly."

Part 23: 1972/73— George Whiting

President

Presidential privilege was in full flower in 1972/73 as BERC traded Prez George Whiting's own daughter Lisa, sending her to Norway for the adventure of a lifetime as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. In return, the club somehow arranged for both Greta Benestaed from Norway and Liane Tegethoff from Brazil to take Lisa's place here. President George no doubt was quite pleased with the deal!

Speaking of The Prez, he spent the entire first 3 months of 1973 away from the club! Contrary to rumors that "President George simply quit because his skin is too thing and he can't bear the constant needling from the many barbed tongues of the vicious BERC members" and the recent campaign to "Bring Back Martin [Simon] has gained momentum (membership having doubled up to 2) and has succeeded," our future K.C. Sheriff had returned to FBI school for advanced training.

Also in '72/'73, there were well-attended barbeques with the North club in the Fall and the South Club in the Spring; the usual Rotary Suit Sale, Kids' Day, Ladies' Day, Charter Night, Competitors' Day, Lamb Feed, 4-club Golf Tournament, and Fireworks Sale activities; and several outstanding programs including a visitation to the Norris Road Fire Station during which a one-alarm fire report came in (!), a presentation by the Highland Interact club on "Interact in Action," and a baseball update from Major League umpire Bob Engel. Mike Cooper, then a Highland High student and Interact member was among the high school students for whom BERC made Rotarian vocational advisors available. The Scholarship Committee under the chairmanship of Joe Alexander awarded scholarships totaling \$1,400 to outstanding students from Highland & East High Schools and CSUB (1 scholarship per school). And new member Joe Hood devoted his entire initial free speech time to "a real commercial" for his insurance enterprise!

The College of Rotary Knowledge—

"Two very special awards of recognition are occasionally presented by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to Rotarians who render outstanding service to the Foundation. The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes significant and dedicated service by a Rotarian to promote Foundation programs and thus advance the Foundation's goal of better understanding and friendly relations among people of the world.

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award is presented to a Rotarian who has received the Citation of Meritorious Service and whose outstanding record of service to the Rotary Foundation reaches beyond the district over an extended period of time. Both of these select awards are presented for exemplary personal service and devotion to the Foundation rather than financial contributions. Only one Rotarian may receive the Citation for Meritorious Service in any district each year; the Trustees grant no more than 50 Distinguished Service Awards in any one year. A recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service is not eligible for nomination for a Distinguished Service Award until four full years have elapsed.

It is a very proud distinction for any Rotarian to be selected for one of these high levels of recognition by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation."

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

10 Interesting facts about diamonds

The word "Diamond" comes from the Greek word "Adamas" and this means "unconquerable and indestructible".
 Maybe we should be Bakersfield Adamas Rotary!! Instead of BERC we'd be BAR. Kind of appropriate considering our current president.

Diamonds worn in ancient times were believed to promote strength, invincibility and courage. **BERC Members**

The diamond is the hardest natural substance found on the earth. **Except the heads of some BERC Members**

Diamonds were first discovered in India and then in Brazil. **Not Chicago as originally thought**

Diamonds have very high boiling point of 8720° F. **This must be why Rotarians get along most of the time.**

A single diamond of two carats is worth more than twice as much as 2 one carat diamonds. **Throw that New Year's diet out the window!!**

Romans believed that diamonds had the power to ward off evil. **Such as polio perhaps?**

A law in Thirteenth-century France decreed that only the King could wear diamonds. **Larry, thank God we aren't in France**

Most diamonds found in nature are between one to three billion years old. **George, GOOD NEWS!!**

The ancient Greeks believed that diamonds were splinters of stars fallen on the earth. **Tonight this room is filled with diamonds!!**

Shine on ladies and gentleman, SHINE ON!!

This week in business:

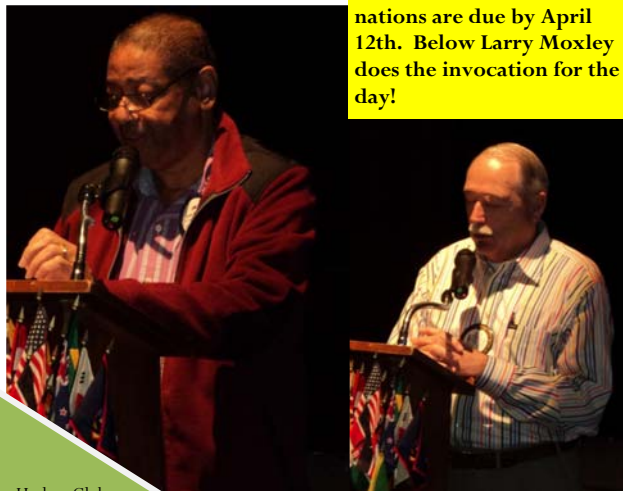
- Larry Moxley started us off in prayer and wasn't ridiculed by Madame President for his colorful striped shirt. George Palmer led us in the flag salute and Baynes Bank had us sing My Country 'Tis of Thee. Visiting Rotarians were announced by PP Susan Leedy. We had Stephanie Weber from the Downtown Club, Mercy Hospital Foundation Chairperson. Frank Troppicio our guest speaker, PP of the South Club and a very long bio of positions held in Rotary.
- The greeters today Jose Pereya & Bob Parker (who got tied up and greeted late). Guests of Rotarians were Dana Karcher, Steve's wife, Michelle Auriemma guest of the club for hopefully the last time.) Lloyd Plank introduced Lacy Selige from Wells Fargo Bank and Gail Burch, PP Tom Burch's bride. Nick Hernandez from Rock Hill Farms joined us again.
- Spouses Birthdays will be on the 27th Bud Leedy. When asked Susan said he is getting the septic tank pumped as a birthday present. Mardi Hinse is on the 28th- Hank being absent today as I am sure they are touring Europe.
- Anniversaries Barbara Tarpley is coming up on 34 years and she got her choice of 3 restaurants - she chose The Mark. Club Anniversaries- Hank Hinse on the 23rd for 36 years and Mark Ramsey on the 29th has been in the club for 5 years but was absent today. We had no Roto Lounge sponsor and the Supper Club is cancelled this next week.
- Tony Ansolobehere is nominated to the Board of Supervisors to be the County Assessor as there is a vacancy. Tony says no one else wants the job.
- Neither Andrea Covey (Mrs. No New Name Yet in Bora Bora) and Terry Schroepfer had their loud coats today!
- Tony Ansolobehere was awarded a sapphire for he now has 3 Paul Harris Fellows. George Palmer got 2 rubies as he's now contributed to 8 Paul Harris Fellows.

- Jim Williams reports that we have 4 silent auction items, 1 live auction item worth \$1750.00 & 2 worth \$1000.00 each. Call Jim to pick up items or bring them to Rotary.

- Doug Amstutz, PP gave some info about PERLS as he attended 13-14 years ago.

- 50-50 was won by Steve Gibbs with a Queen- \$15.00 out of the \$286.00

- Note: The Youth Financial Literacy donors are 2K from Bank of the Sierra, 2500 from Union Bank & 500 from Mayor Harvey Hall



Jim Williams updates us on the Youth Financial Literacy Program & Vino de Amore Silent Auction Donations are due by April 12th. Below Larry Moxley does the invocation for the day!

A few weeks ago the Harlem Globe Trotters trotted into the Ronald McDonald House & Scarlet Sabin and Barbara Tarpley got hugged!

Dr. Tom Larwood encouraged everyone to attend the March 8th meeting as he knows the speaker & says he's great!



CORRECTION; The article about Mike Crowe is another hero of Sandi Schwartz's but NOT the Paul Harris Fellow. Tony Pedferri is a CHP guy and from the coast.



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 Reminder Club

Assignments: 03/01

Greeters: Maxwell & Markovits

Flag Salute: Louey

Invocation: Lewis

Visiting Rotarians: Leedy

Front Desk: Tarpley & Watanabe

Find a Replacement or pay a fine!



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WE'LL BE ON THE WEB SOON

***“An unwatched pot boils
immediately.”***

H.F. Ellis