



No President, No Speaker, No Fines Pretty Sweet Deal for Those at BERC Today!



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Ahh Yes –We'll be wearin' the green rememberin' our ole' wee one Jere Sullivan on the Ides of March 17th. May St. Paddy rise up and give ya a peck on the cheek for us one and all little Irish Elves at BERC!



PP Bruce Keith, Elodie Fouilhac, her daughter– 4 year old Lise Bonneval, and PP Hank Hinse. Elodie stayed with Hank & Bruce at times during her 10 months as a GSE experience between 1996-1997. She came from France and stayed with PP Tom & Karla Jadwin most of the of time. Karla was here today to visit with her again! Mellanie (from France) spent most of her time with BERC and lived with Bruce & his family at the same time that Elodie was in Bakersfield. Mellanie is also married with children. Bruce & Claudia went to her wedding in France.



Past President Kelly Giblin ran the meeting... She didn't have Larry Moxley to cover for her– No speaker, so decided to make it a fine free confession day & talked about a Ford Explorer in her near future.



PP Bob Parker was the sponsor of the Roto Lounge for the day. By way of announcement (as if we didn't know), he and Virginia (Gina) Lozano have been dating for 2 years now! **Bob says, "She is an E-Ticket Ride."**



Riho, our current GSE student had time today to give us a very detailed talk on her reading assignment in the Rotarian Magazine. In 1995 the very first Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Latvia, newly formed country away from Russia. This student spoke at 30 Rotary Clubs before graduating from Lynn University in Florida and then becoming the Secretary to the United Nations!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT BAKERSFIELD EAST

- 03/11/13 Ethics & Leadership Conference Kern High School District 7:30 AM Doubletree
- 03/12/13 Financial Literacy Awards Program & Scholarship Awards Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce 1725 Eye Street 3:30
- 03/15/13 Speaker Larry Moxley- "His Life Experience"
- 03/16/2013 Noble School Garden Club & Clean Up Day 8:00 AM
- 03/16/13 Twilight Club Luck Be A Lady Tonight Fundraising Night 6:00 PM Call 323-3441 for Tickets
- 03/19 Board Meeting 5:30 Carney's
- 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
- 03/16/13 Board Meeting 5:30 Carney's
- 4/19/13 DARK
- 4/20/13 Vino Amore BERC Fundraiser

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Supper Club

Rosa's

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

March Birthdays

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



MARCH Rotarian Magazine Assignments

Page 12—Sandi Schwartz polio update
 Page 14 Mike Brazzell
 Page 34 Jim Williams & Tom Burch—long article
 Page 45—Terry Schroepper

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BLASTS FROM THE PAST VIA FRANK GEDDES, PDG

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

"There are those who believe that the best assurance of peace between two neighboring countries is a row of fortifications on the borderland, though it has been repeatedly demonstrated throughout the ages that it will not work. One hundred unbroken years of American-Canadian friendship which has existed along three thousand miles of unfortified borderland discredits the case of those who proclaim the inevitability of war."

"The superiority complex is a great disturber of peace and unfortunately it is common to folks of all nations. The formula which we use during our travels is to take keen interest in the things the home folks value most and to draw no comparisons between their ways and ours unless expressly asked to do so... We try to find the beautiful rather than the ugly in the countries we visit."

"Love is mightier than hate. Give it one-half the advertising that hate has had, and there will be no more war."

Part 25: 1974/'75— Jack Butterfield, President

Jack "Mack Truck Bulldog" Butterfield, BERC's '74/'75 Prez, was a master of the art of the creative fine. Belovedly (?) dubbed "Butterfingers," President Jack took from the rick and gave to the poor in true Robin Hood style. What was less Robin Hood-like was his thievery from the not-so-rich (in exchange for his infamous "solid gold-colored telephone handset covers) which included most of the membership!

The '74/'75 year began with the presentation of the Rotarian of the Year honors to Past President and BERC's "Mr. Scholarships" Joe Alexander. Phil Felman, a graduate scholar whom BERC sponsored for a 1973/74 Rotary Foundation Scholarship at the University of Innsbruck Austria and Tom Coleman, member of the 1974 G.S.E. team that visited Scotland, have interesting programs that brought home the value of our Rotary Foundation contributions (BERC was recognized as an "1110% club" by R.I.) As the members bid a fond farewell to Brazilian Youth Exchange student Lieve Tegethoff, they welcomed home Joan Frapwell, daughter of Bob from her stay in Norway under the exchange program. During the year there were visitations to the Meadow's Field Tower, the new Rio Bravo Tennis Ranch, and Bakersfield College as well as an out-of-District Conference aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

The College of Rotary Knowledge—

"Since the late 1990s, Rotary International has been using the Internet to communicate with its members and showcase Rotary's many programs and activities. The official RI Web site at www.rotary.org also allows members to conduct Rotary business online -- from ordering publications to making contributions to The Rotary Foundation to registering for the RI Convention.

Through the Member Access feature, club officers can make changes to their club's membership information, and all Rotarians can register for the convention and make contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Using the Club Locator function, members can easily identify places to do make-ups. Rotarians can also use the site to order Rotary publications, videos, forms, and other supplies, as well as download an array of publications and firms for free, making it more convenient and less expensive for Rotarians to access Rotary materials. Language communities provide essential Rotary information in eight languages for non-English-speaking Rotarians and link to other language sites maintained by Rotarians around the world.

The RI Web site offers a vast amount of information, including the latest Rotary news. A visit to www.Rotary.org will be enlightening to all Rotarians." *** From "The ABCs of Rotary" ***

Closing out his high school days, future BERCer Mike Cooper assumed the Presidency of Highland Interact. Jack Baird was honored with appointment as Group 1 Rep. to the D-524 Nominating Committee for District Governor and Bob Frapwell led the GSE Team that visited Scotland. Future presidents Frank Geddes and Ted Jablonski were among the club's new members. And Tom "King Cotton" Akers managed to make up in more countries in one year than most Rotarians do in a lifetime!

Certainly a major highlight of the year was the chartering of the Rotary Club of Bakersfield West with BERC as the sponsoring Rotary club. Proud "father" Jim Huber actually enjoyed paying the \$10 assessed him for bringing this fine new offspring into the Rotary world! And another highlight was the nomination of Ray Rees as '76/'77 District 524 Governor.

This week in business:



- *Invocation today by Roy Hermann. We were asked to keep Leslie Walters in our prayers as her father passed away this week and Sandra Larson who's son in law also passed away.*



- *Flag salute was by Carolyn Jackson, Song by Remlap- GBA, Baynes- missing traveling with Christine this week? I didn't get the joke. Visiting Rotarians were missed by the late Alejandro, but included Robin Paggi, President of the Twilight Club. Guests were facilitated by Quon covering for Burch: Elodie Fouilhac and her daughter Lise Bonneval, Karla Jadwin spouse, South Club PP Tom, Guest of the Club Amanda Frank & husband Ryan came to check us out for potential membership. Doretha Poylas, Virginia (Gina) Lozano and Pauline Larwood.*



- *Birthdays, Doug Amstutz on the 9th, missing today. Hank Hinse on the 11th, who just got back from his 37th cruise to Europe. Today Wayne Kress was to be honored for his birthday too on the 11th, but was absent to be with his wife Leslie during this tough time. We did sing Happy Birthday to Hank. No spouses birthdays or Wedding Anniversaries. One Club Anniversary- Carolyn Jackson on March 8th- 11 years. (She is Kelly's BFF!)*



- *Dan Urban said last Saturday there were 18 persons at the BERC Basics.*



- *Jim Williams is desperate for silent auction items for the Vino de Amore which is 43 days away and counting. He has 4 live auction prizes totaling \$1000.00 each/or more. He has 18 silent auction items- value \$20-\$999. (Last year at this time, he had 75). He could use CASH - if you don't have time to shop!*



- *Bill Lewis talked about the Reading Program at Noble School for 3rd graders. They had a 226% increase in reading ability because of our efforts in the past. This was a Judi Rolph Special Thing as she was a school teacher after she was an Airline Stewardess, (yes in those days that's what she was called.) Sign up sheets will go around soon for the last part of this school year- Do it for Judi.*



- *Jimmie Soto did an impromptu Craft Talk on the Independent Living Center of Kern County as he is the Executive Director. He talked about how they help people with disabilities with job placement, assistive technology labs for the Deaf and teaching Braille using special equipment. They advocate on behalf of people who have barriers and who may be discriminated against. They assist people who can relocate out of nursing homes, and deal with power chairs and equipment for staying in the home. They are looking for Board Members. The word Handicapped comes from WWII vets getting a hand out by putting their caps out for change. Jimmie got to sign a book about the California Gold Rush- Riho just visited Sacramento via Amtrac to study California's History! She went to Hearst's Castle & the Grand Canyon too so far.*



- *Sandi Schwartz talked about a grant for \$2600.00 /match she's working with Dan Giordano to put together for all of the Clubs in Bakersfield for a truck for the Covenant Coffee House so that they can set up in Taft as well. Jerry Elkin arranged for a place at 216 4th St. to set up the 2nd location for them. The truck will have the Rotary Logo on it, just like the Houchin Blood Bank Mobile. She also explained that the Covenant House is not a religious organization. There will be a Car Rally that Jerry and Susan Leedy will be putting together, proceeds to go to the truck. Also- Sandi was fine free to announce her son will be doing his MBA at A & M.*



- *Two calls came into Gina Lozano (maybe from Bob) no fines. Christie Swatzell didn't get fined because the speaker was snowed in and couldn't get thru Tehachapi. There was a question as to why he couldn't fly since he was in charge of the Mojave Airport. He will come and speak another day. Quon Louey didn't bring the red/white/blue coat, fortunately no fine. Andrea brought the stinky green coat with ribbons, crystals and shell bead necklace from Bora Bora...Alejandro Haiek came late- so guess who got it? Kelly said he would look better in it if he had on the blond wig. He did find a wedding ring tucked into the pocket.*



- *The 50/50 drawing was won by Greg Braun as he drew an Ace- he got \$316.00!*



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: 03/15

Greeters: Gresco & Giordano

Flag Salute: Gill

Invocation: Giblin

Visiting Rotarians: Gibbs

Front Desk: Elkind & Denny

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***“Anything you lose automatically
doubles in value.”***

***Mignon McLaughlin,
The Second Neurotic's Notebook, 1966***