



BERCers Free to Read Assignments in the Rotarian Magazine or Not!



We're Free to Choose

- **We're free to choose our character— the type of persons we become.** We can allow ourselves to be molded by others and our environment, or we can commit ourselves to self-development. We can become less than we're capable of, or we can become all that we're capable of.
- **We're free to choose our values.** We can let the media tell us what is, or we can decide for ourselves. We can base our standards on what others are doing, or we can base them on what we know is right and good.
- **We're free to choose how to treat people.** We can put them down, or we can lift them up. We can be self-centered and inconsiderate, or we can be respectful, kind and helpful.
- **We're free to choose how to handle adversity.** We can allow ourselves to be crushed, to give up and to feel sorry for ourselves. Or we can choose to look for a source of strength within us, to preserve, and to make the most out of what life deals us.
- **We're free to choose how much we'll learn.** We can look upon learning as an unpleasant duty or as a great opportunity for bettering ourselves. We can be close-minded or open-minded, we can be stagnant, or we can grow.
- **We're free to choose what we'll accomplish in life.** We can allow our circumstances or other people to determine what we make of ourselves, or we can choose our own direction and goals. We can be undisciplined and lazy, or we can be self-disciplined and hardworking.
- **We're free to choose our own belief system.** We can ignore our spiritual nature, or we can accept it as an important dimension of life. We can worship pleasure and the world's material things, or we can look for something that's ultimately more important and significant.
- **We're free to choose our own purpose.** We can wander aimlessly, or we can search for a meaning in life, and then live according to it. Morgan Clayton



Speaker, Morgan Clayton, President & Founder of Tel Tec left us with some words of wisdom, listed left. He got a helping hand from Tony Ansolabehere's aunt Oralee when Morgan was in high school, by supply Morgan with 3 changes of clothes (along with the other waitresses who saved their tips for 3 months) so he would have a change of clothes to do the dishwashing job he got to sustain himself since he was homeless after his mother's death. Bakersfield is known to be a giving community! Tony didn't know this about his aunt who is still living— guess what they'll talk about next? Morgan quoted Houston Clayton **"You have to want something out of life."** written in 1910 as his words of encouragement. Morgan shared his early life with us and has a very long list of membership on Boards in town, both past and present along with many awards. He has wanted something out of life and made it happen through his "We're Free to Choose" philosophy and given much back to Bakersfield. He instills this philosophy in all of his employees across Bakersfield to give the best possible service in the realm of security systems and monitoring.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT BAKERSFIELD EAST

- 05/03/13 Officer of the Year
- 05/10/13 Gin Fizz (?)
- 05/17/13 Speaker Jim Tague Energy in 21st Century
- 05/24/13 Meet & Greet No Speaker
- 05/31/13 Vocational Program— BERC High School Scholarship Project
- 06/07/13 Speaker Bryonn Baker, co-owner Interim Healthcare (fragile children)
- 06/12/13 Joint Board Meeting Dinner 5:30 @ Sandi Schwartz's House
- 06/14/13 Speaker Major General Whitehead-Shafter Minter Field
- 06/21/13 Speaker Jason Gall— Women's Polo Coach at CSUB
- 06/28/13 **Demotion**



Supper Club

Postponed for the Summer- see

Gary Stanfill 327-8476 or call his office leave a message with Meredith if you want to hook up.

May Birthdays

- Ramsey 1
- Westfahl 4
- Sabin 9
- Burger 17
- Begin 30



May Rotarian Magazine Assignments

- Page 16—Dean Carpenter
 - Page 40—Barbara Tarpley
 - Page 50—Michelle Brown
 - Page 80 —Terry Maxwell
- BE PREPARED**

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

Many a man's [woman's] outlook is different after he becomes a Rotarian. He learns to see opportunities for service at home and abroad."

"Rotarianism thrives in all places where men think and where men's hearts are large enough to include the cares of others."

"The grandeur of Rotarianism is in its future, not in its past. This is the matin not the vespers of Rotary. The call for penetrating, conscience responsive thought has never been more insistent since the birth of Rotarianism than at the present day. Men will arise to the call, and the leaders in the days that are to come will be drawn from the ranks of those who are most deeply concerned in the ethics and the philosophy of Rotary."

"Rotarians are the mainsprings of almost every kind of worthy endeavor."

"Rotarians are very much more favorably disposed toward action than they are towards words."

Part 32: 1981/82—

Larry Randanovich President

'81/'82 was the year BERC went to the dogs—equine-sized dogs that is. Glass man and nationally-known Great Dane dog-breeder Larry Randanovich took the helm and rid us once & for all of all that Texas jazz. While it isn't true that Larry's danes ate us out of house and home, we did lose the East Vet's Hall for some 90 days while a modern air conditioning system was being installed. No doubt new members Sheldon Freedman, Bruce Keith, & Ken Koop unwittingly helped pay for these improvements!

Notable events in '81/'82 included our Joe Alexander Scholarship Foundation reaching the \$25,000 plateau, thanks both to \$4,065 pledged by members and a matching check from Joe's firm, A-C Electric. Membership rose to 97 and the club inducted ten more Paul Harris Fellows. Our 59 PHF's and \$62,300 in Foundation contributions (no0t all of which came from Larry's famous "Pockets Across the Border" adventure made us a 6500% club. The Valley Fever Vaccine Project was then in progress with Dr. Tom Larwood playing a major role. BERC sponsored two (2) candidates for Rotary Foundation Scholarships, an outstanding feat not since matched. Former Prez (1972/73) and K.C. Sheriff George Whiting came all the way from his new home on the coast just to properly prepare the lamb for our annual Lamb Feed held at the home of "Big Al & Big Alice" Goodman. A "totally indescribable sport coat which came to Larry via Huber" was sold by the Prez for a whopping \$75, &

NOTE: This was the First Ugly Coat— Red, White & Blue.

The College of Rotary Knowledge—

"As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although every Rotarian's first responsibility is to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a broader view of international affairs. In the early 1950s, a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think globally. Here is what it said:

"A world-minded Rotarian:

- Looks beyond national patriotism and considers him/herself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace;
 - Resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;
 - Seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;
 - Defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech, and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want, and fear;
 - Supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere;
 - Upholds the principals of justice for mankind;
 - Strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal;
 - Urges and practices a spirit of understanding of others' beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will insure a richer, fuller life."
- That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!"

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

despite being appraised at "only a dollar-two-ninety-eight" by sartorial expert John Beresford. And the year ended in a very classy style with a "Rotary Ann Day" bash complete with lots of bubbly and most of the gentlemen resplendent in jackets ties.



Greg Braun, a Tax CPA with [CBIZ Accounting](#) wanted to celebrate with BERC that the Tax Season Is OVER!! So he sponsored the Roto - Lounge this week. His office is 5060 California Ave., Suite 800
325-7500

This week in business:

*** Richard Ramos was a greeter, Scarlet Sabin didn't get a replacement or the replacement was late. Bob Parker gave the invocation about wisdom, compassion and strength— not bad for the guy with all the money. Flag Salute was done by Dan Giordano since Jose is out of the country. The song was " My Country 'Tis of Thee" . Tom Burch first said we had no visiting Rotarians, but forgot our speaker Morgan Clayton, from the Downtown Club. Guests were Jennifer Pritcher from Kern Citizens for Sustainable Government. Mike Cooper was in and then out...hmmm. Andrew Ozanich joined us today. Terry Maxwell brought Lucy and Brodie his grandkids cause his birthday was on the 23rd. He's still celebrating. Mark Ramsey's is coming up on May 1. Spouses Birthdays were Raquel Markovits or the 26th and Dana Karcher on the 28th. Dana is in Missouri with family as part of her birthday wish. Aaron Markovits celebrated his wife's day on Wednesday. No Wedding Anniversaries, but Club Anniversaries were on April 30— Tony Ansolabehere and Kelly Giblin's 19th year, but Kelly was forgotten, again, and had to remind Madame President. On May 1st, Phil Franey will have 29years, Susan Gill 16 years and Dave Haynes 26 years. All were AWOL today, only Dave checked in as he was sick today. Here's where the Coat— Green Stinky goes from Dave Bass to Mike Cooper— Cooper being in and out of the meeting!**

- Sandi Swartz thanked everyone for their efforts on Vino Amore, but didn't cry as she doesn't have the total numbers yet. Her job was to "corral horses to get the event to happen." Starting in Sept of last year, meeting monthly, off for the holidays, and ten 2 times a month, and 1 time a week meetings at the end...lot's of work & planning!**
- NCAA Basketball Finals Payoff went to Quon Louey \$100.00, Wayne Kress got his \$400.00 today, but Steve Gibbs is absent so hasn't gotten his \$400.00. Madame President was glad that Bob Parker wasn't the winner!**



Cooper is just now eating and seems pretty proud of the coat!

- Jane Lewis got a new Baby Buick which cost Bill \$200.00. Melinda Westfahl "got green" with a previously owned Prius (sp?) so she paid \$200.00 (now we'll see how long it will be for her to get her savings with that extra \$200.00, she claims she will go from 18 mpg to 37-44 mpg.**
- Day Smith attended RYLA and after 4 days, 200 kids to council, mentor, etc. Said it was one of the best experiences in life he's ever had and is looking forward to the kids coming that we sent on June 7th. 2 letters from students who went were passed around, 1 was read aloud.**
- May 17th essays for the 4 Way Test are due.**
- Sandi Schwartz and Tom Burch reported on their reading assignments along with Roy Herman and Mark Ramsey, so no fines.**
- Greg Braun won the 50/50, but don't know how much he won, Bob Parker's keeping it a secret I guess as the pot is low!**

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: 05/03/13

Greeters: Leedy & Kress

Invocation: Keith

Flag Salute:

Watanabe

Visiting Rotarians: Jung

Reception Desk: Louey & Lewis

Find a Replacement or pay a fine!



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WE'LL BE ON THE WEB SOON

“The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.”

Unknown