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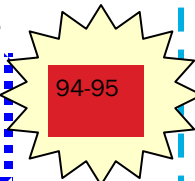
November is Rotary Foundation Month – Chungsam Doh former BERC President & PDG District 5240 Came Home to Give Update



We all learned some new things about BERC that we didn't know before, with the exception of some of the old timers- like PDG Remlap, well any member before 1994.

- Jim Huber sponsored Chungsam
- Oren Palmer was District 5240 Governor and his son, George Palmer welcomed Chungsam.
- 1989 Chungsam left Seoul Korea and didn't return for 15 years,
- 1994-1995 when Chungsam was President of BERC was the happiest year of his life.
- During his reign, George Ablin, & Jack Saba would see who could come in the latest to hear Chungsam say “how do you do in Korean.”
- July 1st 1994 3 new members- Quon Louey, Adam Smith & Richard Pelupessy. Cont. Pg. 3

Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East



NOVEMBER
 8- Veterans Day Salute
 15- PDG Wade Nomura Micro Credit Grants and Sister Districts
 16-Forensics Debate Team Event
 22- Adoption in Kern Co. Heidi Burch Idoux & Judge Susan Gill
 21- Brews & Ethics Team Meeting. BERC needs 2-6 members to join, 3 rounds, other clubs invited. Signed up are: Elkin, Karcher, Kress, words to be received in 2 weeks to study. How about you- feeling extra ethical lately- well here you go- a place to shine!
 28th- Turkey Day Happy Thanksgiving
 29th - Dark

DECEMBER
 6th - PDG Anil Garg coming to talk about upcoming NID he is forming to go to India
 8- Rotary Park Clean Up 9:00-11:00
 8-Holiday Extravaganza Melodrama Theatre 2:00 pm
 13 th - Christmas Lunch/ Bell Ringing
 14 th -Clean Up Rotary Park
 25 th- Christmas
 27 th- Dark
 29 th-Rose Float Work Day Pasadena See President Sandi for details

Oh- and then the “Cry Baby” got a pale green mug from Chungsam an original from 1994-95 give-aways he did that year!

Want to be a JUDGE ? Where? Bakersfield High- See our Prez who will put you in touch with the chair-





The Imagine Ballet

Is selling Poinsettia's as a fund raiser for \$10.00. They are in 6" Pots and stand 24" tall coming from Arroyo Grande. See Ron Biglin, PP for your order.



Roto Lounge Sponsor

Ron Biglin's Travel Business has Undergone a Change— Now Kern Travel

- *New Logo
- *New Location
- *Same Excellent Service



Tom Burch cleaning up weeds, moving roses and making it look good for all !

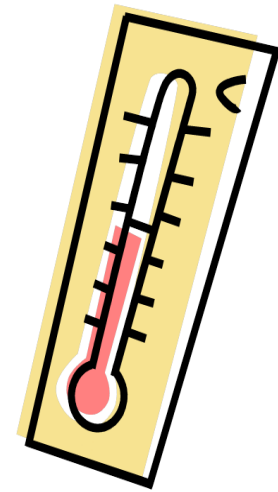


On Saturday the Garden Club and many parents were present cleaning up the school, planting flowers and being assisted by the East High & a couple of Garces High Interactors. So the Rotarians with the exception of Day Smith went on to Rotary Park and did the clean up needed to keep it looking good for all who pass.

East High Advisor Tim Horton and the Interact Club Kids. Tom Burch, PP, Ron Biglin, PP & Michele Brown in background at Noble on Saturday to help.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Did you know that your membership number is on your Rotary Magazine next to your name and address– on the label. As a new member it takes a while to get the magazine going, but when it comes, keep focused on the reading assignments to make sure, if you have an assignment, that you read that page assigned and be prepared to tell BERC about what you read if called upon by the President. For years Cy Wade, Charter Member made the assignments, but since his passing, PP Dan Giordano has taken on the responsibility.

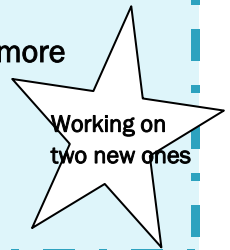
How We Doin'?

Active Members-70

BERC needs 4 more friends to bring

into the family

of Rotary....



Potential Membership Classifications

-Know Someone in the Following Professions?

- Infertility
- Inhalators
- Inns
- Insecticides
- Inspection Services
- Insemination
- Inheritance Tax Referee
- Info Storage & Retrieval
- Infant Supplies
- Information Bureaus

BERC's
Attendance
Score

Average is at
70%

See Andrea Loader if you've made up recently & have not recorded the make up. Attendance is Important!

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More Info We Didn't Know, Unless you were a BERCCer before 1994...

- In 1995 Mike Cooper and Dr. Tom Larwood launched the Valley Fever Project. That year BERC was awarded almost every award possible and we became the Black belt Club and Chungsam's demotion had to do with a toilet which Bob Parker had delivered eventually to his home to be used as a planter! The club turned over to Joe Lozano, known as Cuervo Lasagna for '96/'97.
- In 1995 was Rotary's 90th Birthday and the Moto was "Be a Friend."
- In 1997 Mike Cooper was Pres, Kelly Giblin was Sec. and Karen Skrable was Treasurer.

Keeping You In the Know...

Supper Club None Planned Yet- Watch for Announcements

If interested in dining and making it a make up meeting call Gary Stanfill 327-8476 or call his office leave a message with Meredith, or respond to Prez Sandi's e mail.

Assignments

All funds go to the Covenant House Coffee Truck Project!

NOVEMBER Rotarian Magazine Reading Assign:
Page 36—Susan Leedy
Page 36—Steve Karcher
Page 46—George Palmer
Page 51—Jean Watanabe

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK; 11/08/13

Greeters: Larson & Lewis
Flag Salute: Dr. Larwood
Invocation: Loader
Visiting Rotarians: Louey
Reception Table: Leedy & Michele Brown

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 Veteran's Hall**

Bakersfield Breakfast-6:45 am Petroleum Club

Taft- noon Jo's Restaurant

Twilight- 5:45 Bell Tower

Thursday

Frazier Park- 5:30 PM Los Pinos Restaurant-

Bakersfield Downtown-noon Bakersfield Art Museum

Tehachapl- noon Don Juan's

Delano-noon Kong's Dynasty

Kern River Valley - 6 pm Ewings

Friday

Bakersfield East - noon Starlight Theatre

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS November

7- John Wilson

8-Frank Geddes

19- Kelly Giblin

25-Susan Gill & Larry Moxley

28- Marv Denny



Don Clark paid \$5.00 to announce the Veteran's Order of the Purple Heart Ball on February 15th and suggests sponsoring a table. This is a dress up affair and tickets are coveted.

Good News Bad News Pass the Hat

- Marv Denny's Mt. home closes escrow next Friday so now he has money to invest with Doug Amstutz, PP.
- Susan Gil has tickets for the Boston Red Sox's opening Day April 5th.



\$3.00

50/50 won by PP Susan Leedy! Wow- Now she can take Laura to McDonalds

Rotary Park to the Left is Michele Brown who is laying down on the job to pick weeds, but rested her broken foot. Rena Kay is doing the bend over method and Ron Biglin is demoing the squat!



Tom Burch, PP made it to Richard Bean's Blog re; Wed. Clean Up Day-

Youth Exchange

"Rotary Youth Exchange is one of Rotary's most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. Beginning in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France, exchanges on Europe continued until World War II and resumed in 1946. In 1939, an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California, USA and Latin America. Since then the program has expanded around the world. In recent years more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary-club and district-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high school-age students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving high schools and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow students in their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students usually spend a full academic year abroad through the long-term exchange program. A growing number of clubs and districts are sponsoring

weeks or months. Approximately 36 percent of Rotary Youth Exchange students are hosted or sent by the clubs in the United States and Canada. European countries account for about 40 percent, and 12 percent come from Australia and New Zealand. Asian clubs sponsor 5 percent, and 7 percent come from Latin American countries. Over 70 percent of all Rotary districts participate in Youth Exchange activities.

A structured program of RI since 1974, Youth Exchange is a highly recommended activity for all Rotary clubs to enhance international understanding and goodwill. "**** From "The ABCs of Rotary" ****
By PRIP 1992/93 Cliff Dochterman

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

"This thought has come to me time and again when I think of the way men view my own work in Rotary. In the main, I have always been given more credit than is due me and in one respect I have been given very much more credit than has been due me. It seems to me there is a natural tendency to surround early Rotary with an atmosphere of mysticism. I have been credited with prophetic vision and with having been inspired to do a remarkable thing, with the possession of some extraordinary genius. There is nothing to it. There is only one thing that I have possessed in any unusual degree and that has been an abiding faith and quite a considerable degree of determination."

"Rotary was born of the spirit of tolerance, goodwill and service, all qualities which characterized New England folks of my boyhood days, and I have tried to interpret, so far as lies within me, that faith to other men."

Donation Request

BERC will be donating can goods to the Wesley United Methodist Church for **Thanksgiving**.

Please consider making a donation by providing can goods or making a pledge by signing your name and listing a pledge amount below. The Foundation will bill your account.

Dry rice, Dry beans, Pop top cans (Chili, Stews, Raviolis or other similar foods), Top ramen, Tuna, Canned chicken, Vienna sausage, Canned fruit, Pasta (all types), Pasta sauce, Cereal, Canned veggies, Peanut butter, and

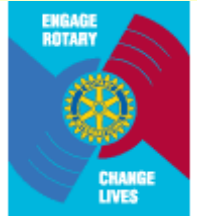
The Loader family came out to pick weeds and move roses. It was hefty work...and a great view of the 8 year old trees donated and started by Dr. Jim Clark, planted 8 years ago when the park was started.



Long Time BERC Friends Joined Today to Hear Chungsam Speak & to Say "Hi" Since he Moved to Carlsbad.



Patricia Huber Graffius, former wife of Jim Huber one of the Founding Members of BERC.



The Rotary Foundation started with a total of \$26.50 and now has a total of \$800 Million in assets!

Two ways to give:

Paul Harris Fellowships and Annual Giving Pledges at the beginning of the year.

After 3 years 50% goes to the District & 50% to the Project Awarded.



PDG Frank Ortiz brought his wife Scottie as well to greet our Prez Sandi Schwartz and to see his pal Chungsam.



Dan Giordano, PP receives a **District 5240 Meritorious Award** for his work with Matching Grants that requires many hours working with clubs to write and submit the proper work to receive grant awards. Kudos to our own Giordano!!



It was Dan Giordano, PP's day with the award for Meritorious Award. He is the 19th person to win this award in our zone 5. There are 150 selected each year out of 23 districts that make up 60,000 Rotarians. The last person at BERC to win this award in 1995 was PDG Frank Geddes.

Meeting Started as Usual with Prayer by Bruce Keith, PP and a Reminder about PP Dave Haynes Hospitalization

(He came home Sunday)

Good Prayer BERC....

Geez- Sandi doesn't know how to present her club, it's Rotary Club of Bakersfield East, the screen is oops, oh well, I'm not the Governor anymore.

Left to Right:

President Sandi, Bruce Keith, PP, Chungsam Doh, PDG, & Frank Ortiz, PDG. Are all standing as the meeting is called to order by ringing the now infamous bell...we learned that Chungsam started the tradition of ringing the bell to get everyone's attention with a wooden gavel. The bell over the years has gone missing and then mysteriously returned....even the Prez's at the time didn't know where it went!



Sunae Doh was asked by Chungsam & PDG George Palmer to lead sing God Bless America, Chungsam played the piano to a happy crowd!

Who Did What This Week:

Greeters: Kelly Giblin, PP & Dan Giordano, PP.

Invocation: Bruce Keith, PP

Flag salute: Carolyn Jackson

Song Leaders: Remlap, & Chungsam (The Dynamic Duo) accompanied by Sunae Doh singing God Bless America

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Burch– standing info Wayne Kress– Don Clark from the Downtown Club classification Media Promotion came to see Chungsam.

Visitors/Guests: Bryan Olgaby, PDG wife Scottie Ortiz, Pat Huber Graffius, Patty Giordano, Pauline Larwood & Dennis Swatzell. David Castro from Chase Bank is a Guest of the Club introduced by Jerry Elkin and Dana Karcher the “Tree Lady “was here too.

Reception Table: Michele Brown & Melinda Westfahl.

Head Table: Chungsam Doh, PDG, Frank Ortiz, PDG and Bob Parker

Day Smith read the poem to the right that was written by Brian King Rotary Foundation Chair.



Member Birthdays: John Wilson on the 7th MIA today.

Partner Birthdays: None

Wedding Anniversaries: Dennis & Christy Swatzell 40 years on the 3rd.

Club Anniversary: Quon Louey 19 years Nov. 1, Larry Moxley 29 years Nov 1, MIA today, and PDG George Palmer 52 years on Nov 3

A CHILLING HALLOWEEN TALE

Written by: Brian King, The Rotary Foundation

Once upon a Rotary year-y, while I pondered, growing a bit leery,
Over whether every Rotarian, would give \$100 or more.

My mind raced, now more wary, suddenly what I saw was terribly scary.
More so than ghosts or monsters or something rapping at my chamber door.

It was the image of a child, paralyzed, crawling on a dirt floor.

Only this and nothing more.

Ah, but this child I did not know, as she pained and suffered so.
Would not someone else see she was not left upon that dirty floor?
Rapidly my fear turned to sorrow for this child may have no tomorrow.
She was just another crawler, helpless and always to be poor.

Leaving it to someone else, leaves her on that dirty floor.

Nameless and alone forever more.

More images now, my fear grew stronger; hesitating then no longer.

Poverty, illness, hunger and so many victims of conflict and war.

So many living a nightmare, with whom our good fortune we can share.

No water or food or one to care; no education, for millions no open door.

No opportunity; no bright future, neither nor.

Darkness there and nothing more.

Who will help those in need; this desperate call who will heed?

“Sir," said I, "or Madam", truly your support I implore;
Every Rotarian, everywhere, help end this chilling tale if you dare,

help those in great despair, in our backyard and on another shore.

‘O the ways you can help are so many, please do explore.

And change the life of a child—forever more!

And every Rotarian, with no hesitation, responded without consternation,
giving every year \$100 and even more.

And the children’s eyes have all the seeming, filled of hope; and dreaming;

their smiles now beaming, as Rotarians’ generosity there was an outpour;
And the lives of millions with so little to live for,

shall be lifted—forever more!



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