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National Adoption Day-

Judge Susan Gill (right), PP Tom Burch (center, Proud Grandpa) & then Momma- Heidi Burch- Idoux (left)



Read on page 4 about the touching story of how Heidi & her husband Pat were able to adopt the baby boy now called Thomas after Grandpa.

Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East

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
- 17th Board Meeting @ the Prez's- Call to say if you're coming!
- 25 th- Christmas
- 27 th- Dark
- 29 th-Rose Float Work Day Pasadena See President Sandi for details

NOVEMBER

- 28th- Turkey Day Happy Thanksgiving
- 29th - Dark

God Bless America & Thank Him for Our Many Freedoms !



Do you know what the festival of lights is all about? It fell on Thanksgiving 2013





Note: There will be a change of date for the Charter Night. It will be held, but on a different date and venue.

Don't forget to bring children's underwear/socks to the Christmas Luncheon for the Jamison Center.

No One Sponsored the Roto Lounge This Week

Thanksgiving
*For each new morning
with its light,
For rest and shelter
of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*
—Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882)



This is a guest of Richard Ramos, her name being - Terre Crismanshe owns- Marty's Bookkeeping, and seemed happier than her picture to be at BERC today!



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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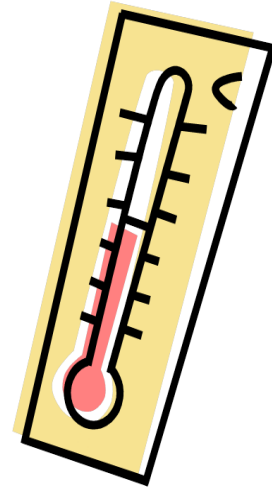


BERC Takes 2nd in the Ethics and Brews Challenge against CSUB Philosophy class which took 3rd. And the Twilight Club, which took first and now they have bragging rights!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Potential Membership Classifications-Know Someone in the Following Professions?

- Music Instrument Rentals
- Myofunctional Therapy
- Nail Salon Supplies
- Narcotic Detection Service
- Nature Products
- Natural Childbirth
- Mutual Funds
- Natural Gas
- Musician
- Name Plates
- Nail Salon Owner
- Music Organs
- Weather Forecasters
- Turkey growers
- Equestrian Enclosures



How Are We Doin'?

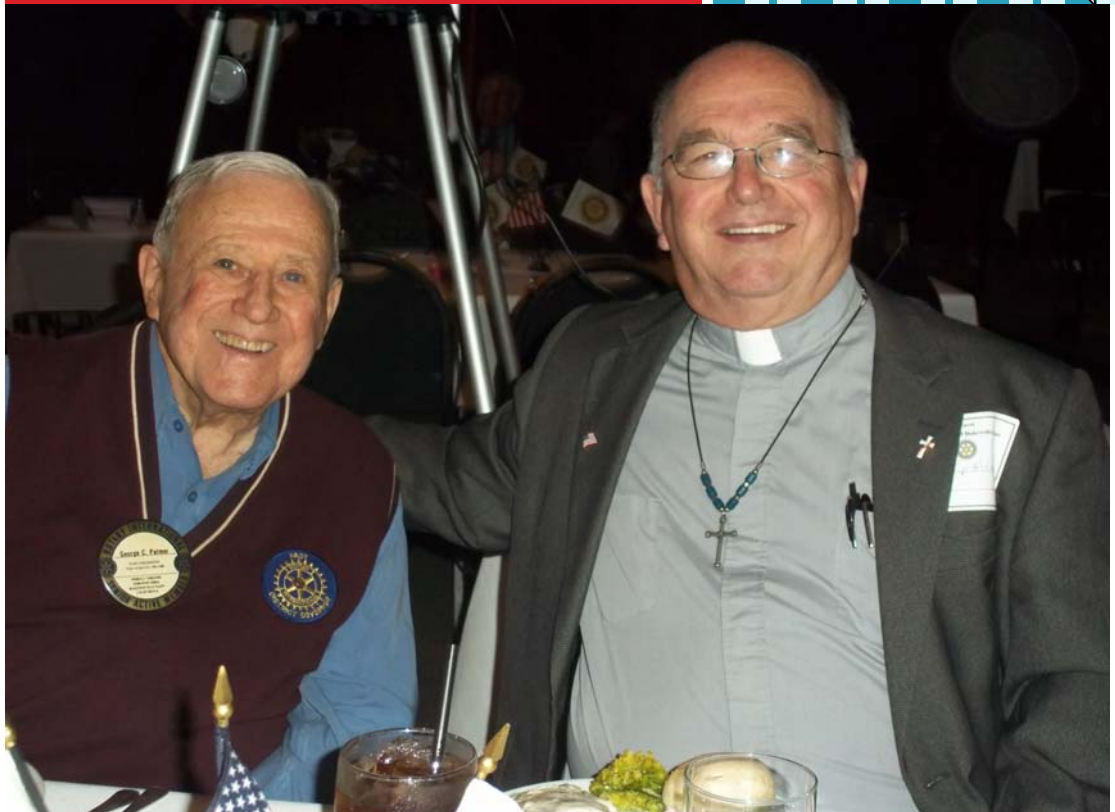
Active Members-70

BERC needs 4 more friends to bring

into the family

of Rotary....

Working on two new ones



PDG George Palmer brought to BERC Skip Hill formerly from Taft now a Deacon at the St. Luke's Anglican Church and may be interested in joining BERC. Help George IGNITE Skip enough to want to be a member!

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.

Keeping You In the Know...

NOVEMBER Rotarian Magazine Reading Assign:

- Page 36—Susan Leedy
- Page 36—Steve Karcher
- Page 46—George Palmer
- Page 51—Jean Watanabe

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

Tehachapi- 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

Assignments

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK;
11/29/13

NO MEETING ON FRIDAY

All funds go to the Covenant House Coffee Truck Project!



Facts About Adoptions- cont. from page 1

- Private Adoptions can cost from \$10,000 to \$50,000.
- Heidi had Jane Lewis as an advisor for her adoption.
- There was stacks of paperwork to be filled out.
- Interviews a many.
- Studies of their household.
- Inspections of the house & lives.
- They babyproofed their house before having a baby in the home.
- The law requires that there be a crib even before a baby arrives as well as a car seat.
- There were 27 hours of required classes to take prior to the adoption be complete.

\$13.00

50/50 won by
Guest of the Club
Brian Olgby

There is a total of \$392.00 before the win of \$13.00. All he needed was an ace to pick up the whole pot!

Functional Literacy Programs

"An estimated one billion people -- one-fourth of the world's population -- are unable to read. Illiteracy of adults and children is a global concern in both highly industrialized nations and in developing countries. The number of adult illiterates in the world is increasing by 25 million each year! In the United States, one quarter of the entire population is considered functionally illiterate.

The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read are denied personal independence and become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty and the loss of human feelings which give meaning to life. Illiteracy is demeaning. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social and personal development. Illiteracy is a barrier to international understanding, cooperation and peace in the world.

Literacy education was considered a program priority by Rotary's original Health, Hunger and Humanity Committee in 1978. An early 3-H grant led to the preparation of an excellent source book on the issues of literacy in the world. The Rotary-sponsored publication, "The Right to Read," was edited by Rotarian Eve Malmquist, a past district governor from Linkoping, Sweden, and a recognized authority on reading and educational research. The

book was the forerunner of a major Rotary program emphasis on literacy promotion.

In 1985 the RI Planning and Research Committee proposed, and the RI board approved, that the Rotary clubs of the world conduct a ten-year emphasis on literacy education. Many Rotary clubs have surveyed the needs of their community for literacy training and have developed projects to meet those needs. Some clubs provide basic books for teaching reading. Others establish and support reading and language clinics, provide volunteer tutorial assistance, and purchase reading materials. Rotarians can play a vitally important part in their community and in developing countries by promoting projects to open opportunities which come from the ability to read. For example, Australian Rotarians developed Lighthouse For Literacy projects in four schools in Thailand. The project's innovative teaching method proved so successful that the Thai government adopted it for all the nation's schools. Other Rotary clubs have used this model to develop literacy projects in Bangladesh, Brazil, South Africa, and other countries."

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



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

"One evening I went with a professional friend to his suburban home. After dinner as we strolled about the neighborhood, my friend greeted by name various tradesmen at their stores. This reminded me of my New England village. The thought came to me, why not in big Chicago have a fellowship composed of just one man from each of many occupations, without restrictions as to their politics or religion, with broad tolerance for each other's opinions? In such a fellowship could there not be mutual helpfulness?"

"The most urgent need at the present stage in the development of Rotary is not "more clubs " nor "larger clubs"; it is the evolution of a truer and stronger philosophy."

"It is not only necessary to the permanency of the success of Rotary that its philosophy be idealized and standardized. It must also be practicalized and trued."

"Rotary presents even now after several years of existence and after all of its wonderful growth, many problems which reach to the very center of its being, and the rarest of opportunities for definite constructive work."

"There could have been no time more opportune than the beginning of the twentieth century for the genesis of such a movement as Rotary, not any city better suited than virile, aggressive, paradoxical Chicago in which to nurture it."



**Dark Next Friday
November
29th....Don't Forget
or you will be all
alone at Starr's**

Who Did What This Week:

Greeters: Mark Ramsey & Christine Randall, PP.

Invocation: Scarlet Sabin did the honor.

Flag salute: Steve Richardson did a snappy salute.

Song Leaders: all present, but Steve Gibbs, PP decided on GBA.

Visiting Rotarians: None, as Pauline Larwood is no longer with Downtown Club and is Dr. Tom Larwood's better half.

Visitors/Guests: Terre Cisman, Guest of the Club and Richard Ramos who owns Marty's Bookkeeping, Bryan Oberg, Guest of the Club & Dave Bass, Jane Lewis, Bill Lewis's better half, Skip Hill, George Palmer, PDG guest and Guest of the Club, Gary Create, Mental Health guest of the Club and Doug Amstutz, Gail Burch, Tom Burch's first lady and their Son in law Pat. & Madame Prez's son Drew, dgt in law Rifka, Payten (8 yrs. old), gnd dgt & the 14 mo. old screamer, Xavier Downey. Drew was or is a Major in the US Army and also in the Aero Space Program (outer space)

Reception Table: Michele Brown & Richard Ramos. Head Table: Bob Parker, PP Rotarian of the Year, Christy Swatzell, Community Chairperson, Tom Burch, PP & Rotarian

Member Birthdays: Susan Gill & Larry Moxley share the day on the 25th. Marv Denny's Day is on the 28th.

Partner Birthdays: Jeff Loader on the 26th. Marilyn Sullivan on the 27th.

Wedding Anniversaries: None

Club Anniversary: Steve Karcher one year on the 30th

Jack's Closet



Please continue to bring in suits, shirts, ties, shoes and luggage as you can so that Jack's Closet will be full and at the ready for men needing to interview or to go off to work. Thank you already for what has been donated in Jack's name!

Nomination Committee Makes First Announcement for Year 2015-2016:

BERF Board: Barbara Tarpley & Michele Brown.

BERC Board: Aaron Markovits, Day Smith & Steve Karcher.

PRESIDENT ELECT/ELECT 2015-216: Rena Kay Schrader.

Next opportunity to nominate from the floor will be December 6th with the final vote on December 13 at the Christmas Luncheon.

- News Tid Bits-
- Scott Stanley bought a house in 2007 in Ensenada, Mexico and sold it finally so was able to buy a new home that closed escrow, so he paid the pot!
- A card came from PP Dave Haynes, says he's doing pretty well and thanks for the flowers.
- Christy Swatzell announces that we have still the need to have volunteers to pass out dictionaries.
- Steve Gibbs & Quon Louey have 30 students at Centennial High that will be helping with the bell ringing.



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**Consider bringing someone
into the "Family of Rotary"**

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Secretary: Andrea Loader

Treasurer: Bob Parker

Sgt. at Arms: Tom Burch &

Mike Cooper

Board Advisor: Larry Moxley

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Administration: Michele Brown

Membership: Richard Ramos

Vocational Service: Rena Kay Schrader

Community Service: Christy Swatzell

International Service: Ron Biglin

New Generations: Aaron Markovits

Rotary Foundation: Dan Giordano

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Program & Demotion Chair Barbara Tarpley

PR Chair: Mark Ramsey

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