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Former First Ladies Still Lookin’ Good in Their Christmas Best!



Patricia (Jim Huber) Graffius– President 53-54 Charter Member District Governor

Virginia, (Ginny) Lozano– Joe President 96-97

Marcella Yoon– Henry Jr. Charter Member

Every Friday during October and November of 1952 James W. Huber and Henry Yoon, Jr. were meeting with Dick Griffin (daughter Melinda Westfahl), Malcom J. Little and Albert J. Malouf. These 5 purposed names of men they thought would make good Charter Members to start a Rotary Club– approved by RI on Dec. 23, 1952. This was an all male organization until 1988. Jim Huber sponsored Penny Geddes as the first woman member of BERC.

Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East

DECEMBER

- 17th Board Meeting @ the Prez’s 5:30–
- 20th Meet & Eat NO SPEAKER
- 25 th- Christmas
- 27 th- Dark
- 29 th-Rose Float Work Day Pasadena
- See President Sandi for details

JANUARY

- 3rd Dark



PP Larry Moxley hosts the Christmas Luncheon, & is a “handsome prop for everyone’s enjoyment.”



PDG Hank Hinse, Honorary Member comes to see us every now & then, brought Mardi too. Bob Parker, PP, knows how to make the girls smile....especially since he is Daddy War-bucks- all the time winning the 50-50 drawing!



District 5240 Governor McClanahan gave some sound advice about letting Rotary be a part of their college experience and Prez Sandi made a commitment to hook them up wherever they plan to go with a Rotoract Club, but if one didn't exist, she'd help them start one!

Remember we celebrate the Birthday of Jesus Christ.

Have fun with all the pretty wrapping, the lights, the parties and the toys....never forget who made it all possible, the little baby boy. Born in a stable, a humble birth so you and I could have a savior to represent us when it's time to leave the earth.

Keep Christ in Christmas rks



Highland High School Students in the Interact Club pose before their presentations; Douglas, Anthony & Clara.



"We used to use our car keys as bells, until we started to come to the Country Club for the Christmas Party." The Valle Parking guys keep the keys, so now we have to use bells.
Quote: George Palmer, PDG



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

How Are We Doin'?

Active Members-71

BERC's

Attendance

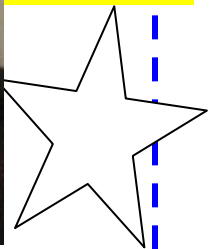
Score Average is at 70%

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

GOAL 74

BERC needs 3 more friends to bring into the family

Working on one new one



Bryan Oberg brought his wife Mikela and business partner Chris Thomas to see him become a BERC member and receive his pin, plaque and sign up list today- remember to sign everyone or pay a big fine- choice is yours!



Meet Douglas who attends Highland High School. He is the president of the Interact Club and gave us an update on some of the projects they are working on and the Senior Citizens giveaway fun!



Governor District 5240 Jack Mc Clanahan came to give his kind words and to see our newest member installed at BERC, making us at 71!

Bryan started working for fellow Rotarians already and has done family photos for Andrea Frank & gave Imagine Ballet \$2000. in extra shots- that's doing business with a



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...

DECEMBER Rotarian Magazine Reading Assign:
NOT RECEIVED. So Nov. are still good- be prepared!

Page 36—Susan Leedy

Page 36—Steve Karcher

Page 46—George Palmer

Page 51—Jean Watanabe

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK; 12/20 /13
Greeters: Jean Watanabe & Doug Amstutz
Flag Salute: Tony Ansolabe-here
Invocation: Baynes Bank
Visiting Rotarians: Dave Bass
Reception Table Scott Begin & 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

Tehachap- noon Don Juan's

Delano-noon Kong's Dynasty

Kern River Valley - 6 pm Ewings

Friday

Bakersfield East - noon Starlight Theatre

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December

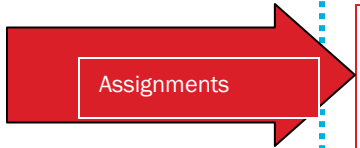
2- Dean Carpenter

18- Christine Randall

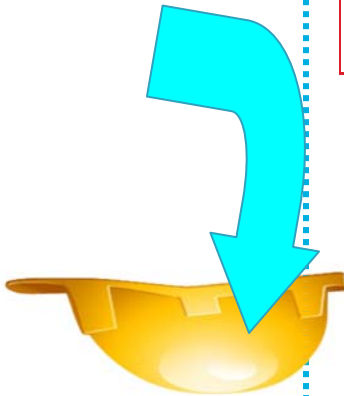
24- Gary Stanfill



There was a whole table full of underwear and clothes for the kids at the Jamison center who arrive most times with what they have on- and no change of clothes to go out or home!



All funds go to the Covenant House Coffee Truck Project!



50/50 Drawing was not held due to the Christmas Celebration!

There is a total of \$402.00. All that is needed is an ace to pick up the whole pot!

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PASS THE HAT- Didn't Happen this time, but the Reception Did at the Bakersfield Country Club



Melinda Westfahl and Gail Burch Greeted Guests and accepted the underwear for the Jamison Center.

RIBI

"The structure of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) forms an interesting chapter in our history. In 1914, after Rotary expanded across the Atlantic to Great Britain and Ireland, a British Association of Rotary Clubs was established as part of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. During World War I there was little contact between the international clubs, and the British association held the small number of Rotary clubs together in Great Britain, Ireland and a few other European communities.

Following the war, a new Rotary International Constitution was adopted in 1922 that established the principle that whenever a country had 25 Rotary clubs it could become a "territorial unit" and thus have a representative on the RI board and receive other specific powers. The clubs in Great Britain and Ireland

immediately petitioned for and received the status of a "territorial unit." No other group in the world made such a request or received that status.

In 1927, RI terminated the territorial unit concept and organized Rotary clubs by "areas" of the world. However, all of the "rights, privileges, and powers of existing territorial units" were forever protected and perpetuated. Thus, RIBI has continued to function as an independent unit of Rotary International, subject to certain approvals by the RI Constitution.

The RIBI form of administration is uniquely appropriate to Great Britain and Ireland because of geography, language, tradition, and custom. Because of this historic relationship, RIBI maintains a slightly different administrative structure from all the other Rotary clubs and districts in the world, even though it is a full member of Rotary International."

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

"Though the annual budget of today may seem large, it is nothing compared to what it would necessarily be were it not for the fact that thousands of Rotarians, not alone in America, but throughout the world, are giving their best efforts in the interest of the movement without any compensation other than the satisfaction they find in advancing a movement which to them holds great hope for a better world, a neighborly world."

"Rotary International has been extremely fortunate in many ways but especially in its selection of presidents. It would require many volumes to record their contributions to the movement, to estimate their loyalty, their devotion, the sacrificial spirit they have so splendidly manifested, and to adequately describe the leadership they have given to the movement."



BERC has been ringing bells for the Salvation Army Corp for years now...on the day of our annual Christmas Party. Aaron Markovits, left to right, Dean Carpenter, Scarlett Sabin, and then the whole clan and friends of Quon Louey. It's a wonder anyone can get out of Albertsons!

Who Did What This Week:

Greeters: Terry Schroeffer Pres Elec, and Prez Sandi as well as PP Tom Burch taking pictures

Invocation: Jim Williams. Prez Sandi asked that we remember Christy Swatzells' twins to be and for Susan Gil's Sister who would be in surgery during the luncheon. Jim reminded us of other religions and Rotary rules as well as saying Merry Christmas at the end and Shalom.

Flag salute: Melinda Westfahl led the civilian salute.

Song Leaders: PDG, George Palmer took hold of the mike and before Baynes Bank could utter a word at the end of the flag salute- someone (who shall go nameless as not to embarrass) started singing God Bless America- like this person was reading Baynes & George's minds?

Visiting Rotarians: Our District 5240 Governor Jack McClanahan

Visitors/Guests: Terre & Jean Crisman Guests of the Club. Interact Advisor from East Bakersfield High- Tim Horton, Highland High- James Maddox who brought Daisy, Guadalupe & Julio-Garces High- Tonya Abbott who brought Nico, Claire & Cameron,

Reception Table: Melinda Westfahl

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 Third & Final

Announcement for Year 2015-2016:

BERF BOARD: Barbara Tarpley & Michele Brown.

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

PRESIDENT ELECT/ELECT 2015-2016:

Rena Kay Schrader.

At the Christmas Luncheon someone motioned that the nominations be closed hearing no further nominations and Dan Giordano, PP, seconded the motion, all BERCers were in favor and the motion car-

* News Tid Bits *

- Christy Swatzell started becoming a grandma to twins at about 6:00 AM today...she doesn't know the names yet!
- All Interactors received the 4 way test coins and pins from the Prez.
- Jack Zimmerman of the Bakersfield Country Club was thanked for the wonderful luncheon along with his staff, some who have been serving BERC for many years now!
- Master of Ceremonies- Larry Moxley said that, "We should love each other all year long."
- Melinda Westfahl & Michele Brown were thanked as they headed up the Christmas Luncheon Committee.

PP, Tom Burch takes pictures of PP Dave Bass and Former First Lady Helen Bass, as he always does for Rotary. When ready they'll be handed out at the next meeting reception table!





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TO:

OFFICERS

President: Sandi Schwartz

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

Past President: Christine Randall

Program & Demotion Chair Barbara Tarpley

PR Chair: Mark Ramsey

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