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“Hooter in the House” at Bakersfield East Rotary Club

Today’s speaker was Debbie Kroeger with the California Living Musuem (CALM). Her entire talk was done while holding an adult great horned owl on her arm. CALM has a collection of rescued native animals. Over 15,000 children visit the museum each year as part of their life science curriculum. Debbie has also been visiting schools where budget cuts have eliminated the schools ability to fund the field trips. CALM is raising \$2.5 million for a new exhibit building for the bobcats and coyotes. Currently the bobcats and coyotes have to share space in the reptile building.

The owl drew a large number of questions. Here are a few of the facts brought out:

The great horned owl doesn’t have any horns, just feathers. They live around 20 years in the wild. His eyes take up 1/3 of his skull. He can’t move his eyes, but he can turn his head 270 degrees. His eyesight is equivalent to a human using binoculars. He can hear the sound of a mouse walking in the grass at 100 yards. He has soft feathers so that he doesn’t make any noise when he flies.



**Debbie Kroeger and
Calm’s ambassador: the
great horned owl**



**“A Red Hot Time”
Charter Night February 7
Bakersfield Country Club
Cocktails : 6:30 p.m.**

**RSVP: Bill Trivitt 665-8556 (by January 31st)
Black Tie optional**

Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- 01.27 - BERF Board - 6 p.m. Carney’s - 6 p.m. (It’s a make-up)
- 01.30 - Kern County Airport - Teresa Hitchcock
- 02.06 - The Creation of Nanavut and its legislature - Susan Aiken
- 02.07 - Charter Night - Bakersfield Country Club
- 02.13 - Roman Egypt - Dr. Robert Yohe
- 02.14 - Rose Planting at Rotary Park 8 a.m. - Panorama Bluffs

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Club Assignments for January 30, 2009

Flag Salute: Carolyn Jackson

Visiting Rotarians: Dick Giles

Invocation: Scott Begin

Reception Table: Carole Cohen Kathryn Ferguson

Greeters: Dave Bass, Linda Wright, Quon Louey

Supper Club:
BJ's Brewery
 10750 Stockdale Hwy
 6 p.m.
 Call Dave Haynes 393-7204 to
 RSVP
 It's considered a make-up!!

The Rotarian Magazine Assignments for January:

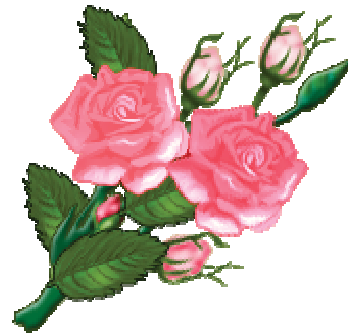
President Message - Keith Bishop pg 31-32 -Wm Gresco

pg 36-37 -Joe Hughes Pg 39-40-Karen McKinzie Jarrod McNaughton (failed)

Steve Richardson (failed) Pg 50-51 Robert Tidwell



Please keep Stan Lewis and Judie Rolph in your thoughts and prayers. Stan is our beloved "Noodle Man" who has donated countless hours and noodles to make our Pasta Feast so successful. He is an honorary member of our BERC. He and Judie have both battled cancer and hospice has been requested to step in to help the family with Stan's care.



Spend Valentine's Day volunteering at our Rotary Park planting roses

8 a.m

Bring your shovels, and wheelbarrows and dress warm.....

Share Rotary with your kids.....all working hands are welcomed

This week in Business:

President Susan Leedy rang the bell promptly at 12:30 pm. She then asked our thoughts and prayers for Judie Rolph, Stan Lewis, and Nina Palmer.

Terry Schroepfer led the invocation, David Coffey led the flag salute, and George Palmer led us in “God Bless America”.

Susan thanked the greeters - David Coffee and Pam Mahan. She also thanked the reception table – Carol Cohen and Kathryn Ferguson. Steve Gibbs was also supposed to be a greeter but was unable to due to work conflicts. He was fined \$50 for failure to appear.

Dean Carpenter introduced visiting Rotarians Arnie Johanson and Pauline Larwood from the downtown club. There were no guests.

Birthdays: Sandi Schwartz and Pauline Larwood on the 20th, and Pat Skrable on the 18th. Club anniversaries – Terry Maxwell on the 21st.

Dave Haynes announced that supper club this week would be at BJ’s on Stockdale Highway at 6pm on Wednesday.

Foundation Chair Sandi Schwartz presented Jarrod McNaughton with his Paul Harris Society wings for his commitment to send \$1,000. annually to The Rotary Foundation. She also updated us on the recent news that Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has presented TRF with another \$255. million in addition to their \$100.million and TRF increased their matching funds from \$100 million to \$200. million by 2012. To date TRF has raised 71 million in their challenge. The theme continues that we will end polio once and for all..... DG Anil Garg heads up another delegation from District 5240 leaving for India on January 27th for an NID. Let’s keep them in prayer.

Jean Watanabe announced the membership category for the day – carpet store. This was Pam Mahan’s designation until her recent retirement.

Signup sheets were passed around again for Charter Night on February 7th.

President Susan Leedy also announced that we are looking for three alternates for the Ethics Conference on March 3rd.

There were no craft talks this week, just fines. The first fine went to Jarrod McNaughton for failing to read his assigned Rotarian article. Ditto for Steve Richardson.

Mike Brazzell got hit for his new BMW convertible. The well worn excuse that it was actually his wife’s car received the usual repudiation.

Then President Susan took a mass market approach to fines, the Rotary Pin check. As expected, she was able to fine a large number of club members all at once. Pleased with her success, she proceeded on to the program.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Doug Amstutz, \$34.

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

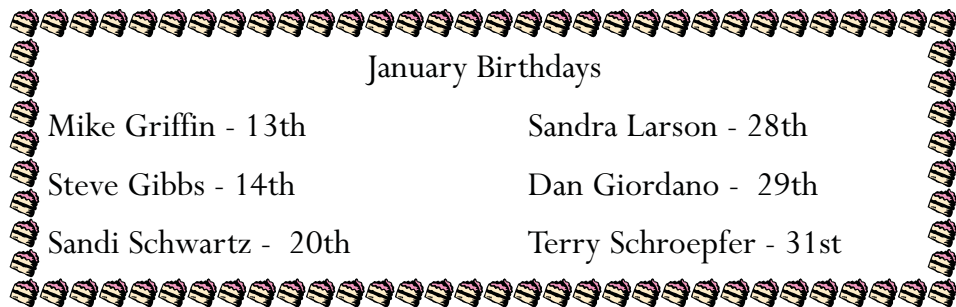
- Petroleum Club
- Taft**– noon
Jo’s Restaurant

THURSDAY

- Frazier Park**– 5:30 PM
Los Pinos Restaurant
- Bakersfield Dntwn**-noon
Bakersfield Art Museum
- Tehachapi**- noon
Kelcy’s Restaurant
- Delano**—noon
Kong’s Dynasty
- Kern River Valley** - 6 pm
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FRIDAY

- Bakersfield East** - noon
EB Veteran’s Hall



January Birthdays

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| Mike Griffin - 13th | Sandra Larson - 28th |
| Steve Gibbs - 14th | Dan Giordano - 29th |
| Sandi Schwartz - 20th | Terry Schroepfer - 31st |



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**“A day without laughter is a day
wasted”**

Charles Chaplin