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BERC greeters !!!



**He's checking it twice !!!!
(if you haven't signed his roster, God help u)**

A Big Thank You To:

Greeters: Gary Stanfill, & Kelly Giblin (standing in for Tony Ansolabehere)

Flag Salute: Dan Urban

Invocation: Glenn Paul Song Leader: George Palmer

Front Table: Bill Gresco & Vernon Varner

Visiting Rotarians:

Zack Scrivner - West

Guests:

Terry Foley (Susan Gill)

Birthdays:

None

Partner Birthdays:

None

Wedding Anniversaries:

None

Club Anniversaries:

None

Fines:

Debbie Moreno and Bill Lewis each received a \$5.00 fine for appearing “sans Rotary pins.” Mike Brazzell was separated from a \$10.00 bill for not having signed Bill Gresco’s roster.

Reminder: Anyone who has not signed Jarrod McNaughton’s roster by the beginning of next-week’s meeting will incur a \$25.00 fine. Wow!

Bob Parker received a whopping \$200.00 fine for making some “observations” about the income earned by those working in the travel industry. Apparently, those remarks did not sit well with President Ron. Dave Coffey learned that if you can’t fulfill a weekly assignment, it is a good idea to find a sub. Overlooking an invocation assignment cost him \$50.00. Oscar Baltazar learned the same lesson when he was fined \$25.00 for not fulfilling his 12/28 “greeter” assignment. It was a great day for the coffers!

Announcements:

Upcoming Meeting Highlights:

Next Friday, the 11th, marks the beginning of **East Rotary’s Great Weight Loss Challenge**. Teams will be formed, and the **biggest losers will win**. Now that’s a switch! The **January 18th** meeting will be held **off-site** at the **New Life Recovery & Training Center**, at 3501 Edison Highway. On Friday, **January 25**, Kevin Knudsen & John Mainland will enlighten us with a presentation on the Grand Jury.

Supper Club this week will be on Thursday at Ethel’s Old Corral on Alf Harrell Highway. Socializing begins at 6:00 p.m. Please let **Dave Haynes** know by Tuesday if you are coming. **393-7204**

Reminder:

Rotarian magazine assignments for this month are as follows:

Pg. 30 – Scott Begin (Guess he’s off the hook, having reported on his article at this-week’s meeting.)

Pg. 33 – Dean Carpenter

Pg. 46 – Frank Colatruglio

Speaking of “**Rotarian**” magazine assignments, **Scott Begin** did a fine job of reporting on his article, which indicated that **Bill Gates** has challenged Rotary to raise 100 million dollars, which his foundation will match! Funds will be used to complete the **polio eradication** project. There are still **new cases in Afghanistan, Kenya, India, and Pakistan**. **Publisher’s note: It’s Nigeria, not Kenya.**

Our **membership drive classification** this week is “**fire fighters**.” Invite one of those calendar guys to a meeting!

Please remember that if you cannot be present for a Rotary meeting assignment, it is your responsibility to find someone else to fill that duty! The cost of not doing so is rising!

Speaker’s Program: Jean Fuller, California State Assembly Representative – 32nd District.

Jean began by letting us know that her 2008 New Year’s resolution is to focus on remembering where she came from, her own past, and to continually bear in mind the wishes, thoughts, and feelings of the people that she represents.

Jean’s summary of what life is like as an Assembly member is to label it an “e-ride.” No day is the same, nor are the issues at hand. The current hot topic in California politics is the budget, and how to resolve the associated challenges. Be prepared for a long process, says she.

Many of our current budget problems are the result of past budgets wherein California used: one-time money to pay for on-going expenses; used “credit card” methods i.e., bonds that now must be repaid; and “the check’s in the mail” philosophy, that counted on certain revenue raising situations that never came to fruition.

Jean's personal philosophy is that politicians need to put personal and local desires aside, and learn to "say no" to costly, impractical, and self-serving government practices.

Her predictions for 2008 are that the water supply will be adequate, and that the health care bill will be set aside for now due to a number of uncertainties.

She would like to see the State cut expenses while improving revenue, possibly through implementation of tax incentives.

Her advice on the makings of a good Assembly member: Learn to say "no," be fair, be prepared to read a ton of material and digest the details, and use your life experience to guide you to what is right and away from that which is wrong.

Next Week's Program: Michael Wilkins – Glinn & Giordano

Our closing thought this week comes to us from Will Rogers: "There's people so excited over this election that they think the President has something to do with running the country!"

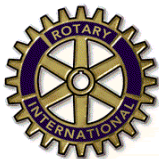
See you next week. We're saving a place for you, and if you're not there, it won't be the same without you!



President Ron and Assembly woman Jean Fuller

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Attendance IS Important!

Where To Make-Up:

- Mondays:*** Bakersfield South Rotary Club 12:00 noon, Holiday Inn Select
The Rotary Club of Wasco 12:00 noon at Wasco Valley Rose Golf Course
- Tuesdays:*** Bakersfield North Rotary Club 12:10 noon, 5060 California Ave 12th Floor
- Wednesdays:*** Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary, 6:45am 5060 California Ave., 12th Floor
Bakersfield West Rotary Club, 12:00 noon, Stockdale Country Club
Shafter Rotary Club 6:30 am, Shafter Veterans Hall, 309 California St
The Rotary Club of Taft, 12:00 pm, Jo's Restaurant, 510 Kern St.
- Thursdays:*** Bakersfield Rotary Club 12 noon, Bakersfield Art Museum, 1930 "R" St
The Rotary Club of Delano, 12:00 pm Kong's Dynasty, 2200 Girard
Frazier Park/Mountain Rotary Club 7:00 am, Dream Castle - Frazier Park