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This Week's Program: The Rotary Foundation

Rotary Foundation chair Sandi Schwartz gave an overview of what The Rotary Foundation (TRF) does world wide to meet it's mission to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Knowing that everyday 26,000 children die under the age of 5 around the world mostly from preventable causes, Rotary is there to help. Eradicating polio, providing surgeries for issues like cleft palate, flaccid leg syndrome from polio, netting to prevent malaria, measles vaccine, The Rotary Foundation is funding medical programs and equipment.

Knowing that the best insurance to independence for children is the basic education skills to survive and provide for their families, The Rotary Foundation's hard work will provide healthy educated children and end the cycles of disease and neglect. The eradication of Polio has been in effect worldwide with the collaborations with the World Health Organization and UNICEF. The Rotary Foundation is currently working feverishly to match the \$100 million matching grant from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. (It has been reported that we have attained 30 million dollars since January 1, 08. We have three years to match the grant.)

The Rotary Foundation provides funding to help rebuild after catastrophic events such as hurricanes and earthquakes. Rotary Foundation is every member, every club and every district's responsibility to fund and keep the good works in progress.

This year BERC must raise at least \$16,800.00 to complete President Susan's commitment for the Club to District 5240. There are many easy ways for members to contribute to TRF. Please contact Sandi to review those avenues. (Please keep Sandi in the loop if you are making contributions to TRF. Let her help you fill our the forms since they are tricky)

Paul Harris Fellowship Awards is a way to recognize a member, a family member, a friend, a sibling. For every \$1,000.00 you send to TRF, you will be given 1,000 recognition points (\$1.00/pt) to have a PHF award to give. There are many ways to do that. Contact Sandi if you are interested. Charter Night is a beautiful celebration to give these awards out.

Finally, the only way the club is currently structured to give to The Rotary Foundation is through individual contribution. None of the foundations who support BERC give to The Rotary Foundation from their budget. Let's make Susan's goal a reality. President Susan at the end of the Sandi's talk pledged \$1,000.00 toward a PHF. Thank you Susan and Bud!!!



Speaker Sandi Schwartz and her family in Eugene, Oregon watching University of Oregon beat UCLA !!! Go Ducks!!

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- 10.24.08 - State Assemblywoman Jean Fuller
- 10.31.08 - Halloween surprise
- 11.07.08 - Bakersfield Youth Symphony
- 11.14.08 - Advanced Beverage
- 11.21.08 - Harry Starkey - Buena Vista Water District

Club Assignments for October 24, 2008

Flag Salute: George Palmer

Visiting Rotarians: Michele Brown

Invocation: Lloyd Plank

Reception Table: Tom Burch, Bruce Keith

Greeters: Robert Vining, John Wilson, PDG Jack Spencer

Supper Club:

October 22, 2008

T-Bones Steak House

820 District Blvd (cross-street Gosford)

6 p.m.

RSVP Dave Haynes :393-7204

Take advantage of this, it's a make-up !!!!!!!

October Birthdays

Carolyn Jackson 6th Barbara Tarpley 11th Debra Moreno 13th William Gresco 14th

Greg Braun 21st Ken Koop 26th Richard Harger 26th Tom Larwood 31st

The Rotarian Magazine Assignments for October

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This Week's Business: Invocation: Melinda Westphal (filling in for Linda Wright) **Flag Salute:** Sandi Schwartz

Song: George Palmer with guest voice Jarrod McNaughton- God Bless America **Greeters:** Quon Louey (*MIA*), Scott Begin, Keith Bishop **Reception Table:** Pam Mahan (filling in for Bruce Keith)

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Burch Introduced: Dave Plivelich, Ben Taft and David Morton from Downtown club; Larry Tiller from Taft; LJ Corby from Bake North.

Guests: Bill Trivitt introduced his wife Michelle; Terry Schroepfer introduced his associate Jeff.

Head Table: Steve Gibbs, Treasurer; Bill Trivitt, Program Chair; Sandi Schwartz guest speaker.

Birthdays: Debbie Moreno turned 13 on the 13th and Bill Gresco turned 14 on the 14th.

Anniversaries: The Westphal's (11th)

Club Anniv: Mike Cooper (12th- 25 yrs), Tom Burch (16th- 16 yrs), George Palmer (16th- 47 years).

Announcements: Dave Morton (Downtown Club) invited us to attend their annual (and only) yearly fundraiser- Rocktoberfest. And for FREE!!!! It is October 30th; call President Susan for your free tickets and info.

Kay Schrader announced the annual Senior **Santa Program Community Service Project**. Last year we helped deliver needed and fun Christmas gifts to over 680 Bakersfield Senior Citizens. Please help the elderly this season by donating essentials like bath towels and 2-ply toilet paper; and fun stuff like large print crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. This program is sponsored by the Bakersfield Police Department.

Madam President just arrived back from Ireland. The luck of the Irish and the help of The Chamber of Commerce allowed her and her husband to walk the lush grounds of Ireland. **Pam Mahan** and **Gary Stanfill** also benefited from the Chamber's Annual Business Program Abroad. Pam returned with Susan's bag lunch; which consisted of Guinness, Guinness, more Guinness and a bottle opener. Gary brought back a little singing Leprechaun for Madam President to remind her of all the fun she *did not* have. "Wink, Wink."

Board meeting next week: October 21st, 2008 at 6:00pm at Henley's

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BERC TRIVIA: Fernando Aguirre was picked on this week, no doubt since he was partially responsible for Madam President’s “award” of two new Rotary Hats. Fernando did pretty well. He knew that Mother Teresa was awarded the Noble Peace Prize in 1975, and knew all three countries still afflicted with Polio. However, had some tough questions when it came to Baseball and/or Einstein. So all in all, he is sporting a new Rotary Cap.

Lots of Fines: Madam President “issued” **John Fanucchi** his cap from last week for having TOO many “fill-in’s” for him. Madam President awarded **Keith Bishop** a cap for asking **George Palmer** to make a speech for his club anniversary. What was Keith thinking? Doesn’t he know that George sings so well because of all that hot air? Our fill in President from last week, **Larry Moxley**, was awarded a hat for being in Madam President’s spot last week when he should have been in bed resting his feet. He apparently put us all at danger by driving his car from the passenger side to get to the meeting. **Debbie Moreno** was fined for plugging her business, The Chamber of Commerce. Be careful when you say, “The Chamber,” it may cost you a cap. “The Chamber.” And finally, Madam President took her two hats this week from last weeks meeting. No doubt, her and Bud will look great in them with their matching shirts- and yes, they do- per the picture enclosed. “*The Chamber.*”

Bill Trivitt introduced our guest speaker: **Sandi Schwartz**, who needs no introduction.



President Susan and First “Dude” Bud in their **matching** shirts and now BERC caps!!!! (courtesy of ace reporter Keith Bishop)



This is the candy collected by Carole Cohen and the members of BERC for the Bakersfield East Kidz Club.

Thanks to all who contributed candy or \$\$\$



Bruce Keith and Sandi Schwartz hosted the GSE team from Thailand. During their stay, they got to see ice hockey for the first time, the giant Redwoods of the Sequoia’s and Basque food at Benji’s. What a great group and a wonderful weekend. Thanks to Bruce for his organizing!!

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



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*“Never take life seriously.
Nobody ever gets outta’ here alive
anyway.”*



The Rotonews Supplement "THE FIFTH PAGE"



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Publisher Note: "The Fifth Page" will be a supplement to the Rotonews. It will contain educational material from various contributors. The Rotonews has simply outgrown itself and depending on the reporter, there is not enough room for important articles. I will be happy to take ideas from you, write the article if you want. Please share with me your thoughts regarding this supplement
Sandi Schwartz, Publisher

Bakersfield East Rotary's Noble School Update President-Elect Tom Burch, contributor

Hello fellow BERC members...

I wanted to provide you with an update on our Noble school project:

- We are continuing to provide "Noble Readers" (for those of you not familiar, the readers sit for an hour a week and listen to the children read) It's a very rewarding experience for both the readers and the students, some studies have shown that this simple act has raised many of these students from the bottom of their age group to near the top (or beyond!)
- At the beginning of school this year we provided:
2400 pencils, 800 pink erasers, 155 boxes of crayons, 600 binder type pencil pouches, 150 binders, 250 spiral bound notebooks
- During the past few weeks, we provided Target gift cards which will be used to purchase prizes to promote all students reading.
- We will purchase 144 dictionaries from the Rotary Dictionary Project which will be given to incoming 3rd graders.
- We will hold a 4 way test essay contest after the first of the year.
- Last year we provided benches and a table for their serenity garden
- This year we provided the funds to allow them to plant flowers and some permanent plants in that garden.
- I have volunteered some of our strong backs for a work day, to clean up, paint out graffiti etc. (date TBA)
- We are going to purchase and plant a tree in front of the school to replace one which died.

- Last year the kids were watering the plants and flowers in the serenity garden by hand, because it didn't have a sprinkler system. I'm working on that as a project for us to do as well.
- In addition to all of the above, we provide funds to purchase enough books to give each child a book of their very own.
- As most of you are aware, the weekly speaker's gifts are books for the Noble School library.

Of course... every time we show up for any of the school functions, we're treated like royalty. On family reading night during the spring last year, it took Mrs. Sanchez 3 or 4 minutes to introduce me (I was only mildly embarrassed!)

In front of the school, there are 2 "Supported by Bakersfield East Rotary" signs, and in their multi-purpose room is a banner which says the same thing

Thanks to all of you for all you allow me to do to help this school. (they love us!)

Tom Burch

(Editor's note: I have asked each of the Directors on the Board to submit a report of how your dollars are working on various projects that for lack of time are not mentioned at the regular meetings. When it seems as if you are emptying your pocketbook endlessly for Bakersfield East Rotary, you deserve to see where those dollars are spent. Hopefully, you will understand what an impact you make with that money to our community and our world. "The Fifth Page" is a perfect way to get that information to you. I welcome all of you who are in charge of projects in our club to send me your reports to publish. Sandi Schwartz)