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The Week's Program: The Heart Hospital

Dr. Dennis Maddox is the Medical Director at the Bakersfield Heart Hospital and a Heart Specialist himself. He is a Harvard graduate ('77) and resides here in Bakersfield (since 1988) with his wife and four children. Dr. Maddox, along with 20 other cardiologists, formed the Heart Hospital over 9 years ago. The goal was to distant themselves (the doctors) from the large corporate entities to better fulfill the needs of the public.

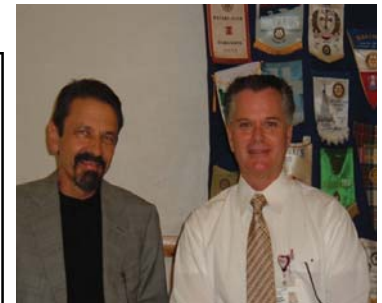
The Doctor is no stranger to Rotary; in fact, his first "official" interaction with Rotary came at the tender age of 10 when his father (a Rotarian) invited him to attend a meeting in 1957 to show off his Little League Uniform. Dr. Maddox was again re-introduced to the world of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF," when he was 30 for an associates' awards ceremony.

Dr. Maddox drew on these times of inspiration and explained that was the whole premise of the Heart Hospital. The design of the hospital was to be of public service, at a time when big corporate medical facilities were trading good medicine for big profits. Hospitals were being over crowded here in Bakersfield simply because hospitals would not provide the heart care necessary for their patients.

From the architecture, to the staff, to the beds that could be utilized as an ICU location, The Heart Hospital was designed around the patient. This was no easy task, however. The first step was to organize a group of competing doctors and make the ideology more important than any one individual. The second step was to combat all the bad press from the local Hospitals that saw a 47 bed Heart Hospital as a threat to their profit line.

Luckily they had a Rotarian as a friend and someone who knew the political battle field. Larry Moxley was a huge asset to getting the Hospital to open its doors. His advice and knowledge allowed the group of doctors to either circumvent hazards or successfully mitigate any issues that did arise.

Dr. Maddox displayed the ideology that all Rotarians hold true, and luckily there is a Heart Hospital here in Bakersfield thanks to that passion. It is always reassuring to see that doctors were willing to pull together to put the needs of many before the profits of a few. Thank you Dr. Maddox for the information, insight and the courage to put *your heart* into your work.



Dr. Dennis Maddox and Heart Hospital Representative Roger Sadberry

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

October 10: Ken Secor - Kern Transportation

October 11-12 District Assembly - Santa Maria

Club Assignments for October 10, 2008

Flag Salute: Karen McKinzie

Visiting Rotarians: Glenn Paul

Invocation: Judie Rolph

Reception Table: Mark Ramsey, Pam Mahan

Greeters: Dick Giles, John Fanucchi, William Gresco

Can't Serve ??? Find your replacement

Supper Club:

October 9, 2008

6 p.m.

Thursday nite

Bakersfield College

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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George and Sandra Larson at Sapporo East Rotary Club



Sandra with BERC flag in Japan



OOPPPS..... How did this picture get here???? **UCLA** loses to **Fresno State** !!!

Go Dogs !!!!!

This week in business:

Invocation: Sandra Larson, whom just returned from Japan. She didn't return empty handed. In fact she gave the President a Flag from one of the Local Rotary clubs from Japan.

Flag Salute: Kelly Giblin. **Song:** George Palmer- My Country is of Thee.

Greeters: Carolyn Jackson, Jack Saba, Bob Parker (filling in for Terry Maxwell)

Reception Table: Bruce Keith (filling in for Pam Mahan), Mark Ramsey

Visiting Rotarians: Susan Gill Introduced: Harley Pinson, Bakersfield Breakfast

Guests: Bill introduced that Jane was here; Tom Burch introduced Highland INTERACT: Kyra Hendricks, Victoria Nakadawa, Carlie Faulkner (VP), and Nicole Hendricks (President).

Announcements:

Dr. Tom Larwood announced his Daughter (Diana Larwood) just turned 50. Tom was "gifted" a beautiful Rotarian Cap by Madam President.

Glenn's B-day was actually on September 2nd.

Ron B. Announced he had sent info to all past Presidents to contact him with either a yes or a no on whether they would serve on the board.

Dave Bass reminded everyone we are still in need of volunteers at Noble school for reading helpers. 2 spots remain, let's show the Rotarian Spirit and contact Dave or Debbie Moreno to get signed up.

Vern Varner announced they had a successful turn out for the Joe Alexander Foundation's annual wine tasting. It was so successful they had to actual "kick" people out that wanted to stay until day light.

District Conference will be October 11-12th. Get your room now if you still can.

Rotarian Jeopardy: Ron Biglin was asked several questions to which he showed exemplary skills at either answering correctly or by knowing whom to ask for the right answer. He was asked very important questions like, "Where did Keith D. Bishop recently hail from?" And, "What year was OJ Simpson first acquitted of capital murder charges?" For all his knowledge, he was awarded (probably his 10th) the coveted golden Rotarian Cap.

50/50 drawing: Who won \$30.00????

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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***Life is not measured by the number of breaths
you take, but by the number of moments that
take your breath away.....***

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