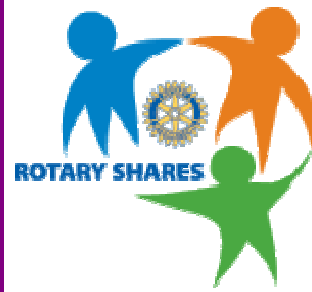


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John Wilson initialing Bill Greso's Roster... Have you said hello yet?



President Ron with head table and speaker Larry Moxely

A Big Thank You To:

Greeters: Scott Begin, Michele Brown, & Tom Burch

Flag Salute: Carolyn Jackson

Invocation: Bruce Keith

Song Leader: George Palmer

Front Table: Karen Skrable

Visiting Rotarians:

Don Simpson – Downtown; Cecil Martin – Breakfast Club

Guests:

Sharon Adams (Carolyn Jackson); Gail Burch (Tom); Sandy Yurosek (Dave)

Birthdays:

Kelly Giblin – 11/19; Susan Gill & Larry Moxley – 11/25; Marvin Denny – 11/18

Partner Birthdays:

None

Wedding Anniversaries:

Robert & Sheri Vining – 11/18 (18 yrs)

Club Anniversaries:

Joe Hughes, Dave Yurosek, & Carole Cohen – 11/17 (1 yr.); Quon Louey – 11/18 (13 yrs.);
Pam Mahan & Greg Braun – 11/21 (10 yrs.)

Announcements:

Carolyn Jackson joins the ranks of other “**major donors**” to the **Rotary Foundation Bequest Society**. By including the Foundation in her **estate plans**, Carolyn is able to help Rotary carry out worldwide programs that improve living conditions for needy families, increase food production & water programs, provide immunization & medical treatment, and open new channels for the flow of international understanding, and brighter hopes for peace. Dan Giordano presented her with a lovely crystal plaque, a major donor Bequest Society pin, and a set of wings for her smaller donor pin. **Congratulations, Carolyn!**

Rotary Foundation chair person, Sandi Schwartz, outlined a number of ways for BERC members to contribute to the Foundation: Your contribution to the **Polio Plus Partners Program** covers the cost of publicizing information regarding the when & where of vaccine distribution. Another avenue is to contribute \$1,000 and become a **Paul Harris Fellow**. If those two ideas are not for you, choose to **become a benefactor** & include the Foundation on your life insurance policy. **Jean Watanabe** chose that route & was presented with a shiny new set of wings to add to her Rotary pin. **See Sandi** to discuss options & to determine which one works best for you. She’ll be happy to arrange a payment plan to suit your finances.

BERC’s annual Christmas luncheon will be held on **12/14 at Bakersfield Country Club**. Festivities begin at **11:30 a.m.** with socializing followed by scrumptious prime rib. (If you would prefer a vegetarian entrée, note this next to your name when you sign up.) **Members are free, guests are \$35.00 each, & sign-up sheets are available at the next two meetings.** See **Susan Gill** if you have further questions.

Please keep **Susan Leedy’s family** in your thoughts and prayers. **Susan’s mother** has taken a turn for the worse.

Fernando Aguirre did an outstanding job of coordinating the “**Give A Gobbler**” program to benefit the **Boys & Girls Club**.

Johnson Jung contributed 50 turkeys & other BERC members contributed a total of 44 more. (Does that number include **Larry’s turkey**?) Dinner was served on Saturday 11/17, and Fernando will update us on the results at our next meeting.

No supper club this week!

Rotarian magazine assignments for this month are as follows:

Sandi Schwartz – pg 32; **Karen Skrable** – pg 36; **Lloyd Plank** – pg 38;

Greg Braun – pg 40.

Kay Schrader reminded us to choose a name from the **Senior Santa Program, a BERC community service project**. To simplify shopping, each name is accompanied by a wish list. Please place gifts in a gift bag – **do not wrap** – and bring them to our **11/30 meeting**. **If you need a name**, call or e-mail **Kay**, and she’ll provide you with one along with that individual’s wish list. How much easier can it get?

Christine Randall delivered an outstanding “craft talk,” leaving us all impressed by the technology currently available to court reporters. In case you hadn’t heard, Christine has been a **Certified Shorthand Reporter** for the past 26 years. She runs her own firm and provides reporters for civil litigation matters. Her **three children** have graciously presented her with a total of **three grandchildren**, and in case you’re curious about who they resemble, she just happens to have pictures. Thanks, Christine!

Kent Pryor informed us that our membership drive classification for this week is florists. We all know a few and have more than likely used their services. (It’s either that or the dog house.) Why not invite yours to one of our meetings?

Fines:

Tom Burch discovered that Caribbean travel is pleasant but can be expensive. He was assessed \$100.00 for having a great time. (?) He tried to impact the \$ amount by presenting Ron with a Jamaican Bobsled Team shirt. Apparently, it was a no go and the fine stands as is. The hardworking chair person of our membership committee was assessed a \$100.00 fine for failing to color in two new members on our “Memberometer.” Will these horrendous transgressions never cease?

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!

Our **nominating committee** chairperson, Larry Moxley, announced current nominees for the **2008-2009** Rotary year.

Foundation Board – Robert Vining & Carolyn Jackson

BERC Board – Tony Ansolabehere, Linda Wright, and John Wilson

President Elect Designate – Tom Burch

The committee is also **open to additional nominees** for any of these offices. Please **see Larry** to enter your suggestions.

Speaker’s Program: Larry Moxley, Bakersfield East Rotary Club member.

If Larry is a “throw-away speaker,” (his words), we need many more of the same. As a member of Valley Baptist church, Larry has traveled the world assisting orphanages, building churches, & sharing the Gospel. A man of determination and principle, Larry likes to travel “where others haven’t,” and has put his life on the line to do so in remote areas of the Amazon, Mexico, India, Nairobi, Kenya, Tanzania, and Kosovo. His upcoming April trip, the destination of which he cannot reveal at this time, will take him to a Communist country. Having spread the Gospel in Muslim countries where such activities are punishable by death would seem to indicate that he is well equipped to handle whatever may come his way. After all, a guy who hangs out in the company of crocodiles can’t be afraid of much.

Larry’s presentation included scenes from villages, towns, and desert locations to which he has traveled. The glimpse that he provided us into the lives of the local residents of these areas left us all speechless not to mention considerably more aware of and grateful for the blessings that we share in this country. Thanks, Larry, for the amazing works that you perform around the world. We are proud to have you in our club!

No meeting on 11/23. Happy Thanksgiving and see you all on 11/30. If you’re not there, it won’t be the same without you!

Closing Thought: “We wander for distraction, but we travel for fulfillment.”



**A “fun” picture of Pres Ron and Tom (suck up !)
Burch**

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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, Holiday Inn Select

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