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This Week's Program: Harry Starkey and Kern's Water Supply

Scott Begin introduced our speaker, Harry Starkey a Downtown Rotary member.

Harry went to Highland High (outstanding Basketball player while there) and then went on to Cal Poly where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has 20yrs experience as a water professional and currently manages the Berrenda Mesa Water District. Harry loves outdoor sports and is very competitive in swimming, cycling, running and tennis. He also said he has a picture of Scott Begin in a speedo, we all voted to let that picture stay lost.

Harry began his talk with a quote, "You never know the worth of water until the Well runs dry".

Harry told us that 2008 has been a **CRITICALLY DRY YEAR** and things aren't looking any better for 2009 so far. In August of 2007 the Wanger decision crippled our efforts to give water to the farmers and other areas. The Delta Smelt fish which they are claiming is endangered is the root of most of their restrictions.

The Governor has given the OK to a \$140 million project to design the Peripheral Canal. Pre 1900 we were nothing more than a marsh. Within 50-100 yrs we will have an Earthquake or Flooding that will cause the levees in the Delta to disintegrate. This will cause ocean water to flood in and salt water will be unusable to us. The So. Delta is where Berrenda Mesa's water comes from and there are thousands of pumping operations coming out of the Delta presently.

We are in an Estuary Crisis with 30% of our water supply lost this year. The restoration efforts have failed and the last one cost 8.5 billion. There are approx. 1.4 million Delta Smelt and the stressor areas are both problems we must address.
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Scott Begin with speaker Harry Starkey

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

11.25 - BERF Board - 6 p.m. Carney's (it's a make up)

11.28 - **DARK**

12.05 - Christmas Luncheon - Stockdale Country Club

12.12 - Holiday Safety - Bakersfield Police Department

12.19 - Bakersfield Museum of Art

12.26 - **DARK**

Club Assignments for December 5 , 2008

Flag Salute:

Visiting Rotarians:

Invocation:

Reception Table:

Greeters:



Christmas Luncheon

Supper Club:

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY



November Birthdays

John Wilson 7th

Frank Geddes 8th

Keith Bishop 9th

Susan Gill 25th

Larry Moxley 25th

Marv Denny 28th

My apologies forgetting to add Kelly Giblin here who's birthday was the 19th

The Rotarian Magazine Assignments for November

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The climate change and the different fish species are root causes of the decline in our Delta. Un-screened diversions are causing the mortality problems of the Smelt fish.

Our current situation is that our Water supply reserves are depleted and farmers are worried. One farmer in Harry's district is pulling out 1,000 almond trees and another is pulling out 1,000 grape vines in the wine country of Hwy 46.

On December 15th a judge is expected to decide on what we will do next with our current water problems. The Water Districts are not expecting good news. To keep posted on what is happening now and in the future please checkout the website www. Sustainable delta.com There are interesting articles and most of the current discussions and decisions being made are on this website. Harry also pointed out that all the Districts are trying to work together and though things are really tough, he believes the Districts will do their best to help each other out.

Reporter Kelly Brown

This week's business: President Susan began the meeting by reminding us all that it is Foundation Month. Any questions just ask Sandi Schwartz, she's our Chairperson. She also announced that our Caterers have resigned and therefore we are looking for a replacement.

Reminder: December 5th meeting will be our Christmas Luncheon at Stockdale Country Club and our December 12th meeting will be at the Petroleum Club.

Invocation – Gary Stanfill (standing in for Ken Koop), Flag Salute – Wayne Kress

Song – George Palmer , **Greeters** – Bruce Keith standing in for Sandi Schwartz, and thank goodness for the stand-ins like Gary Stanfill because a couple people didn't even show. (con't page 3)

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Introductions: Visiting Rotarians – Jack ??? (Airports) Downtown Club, Don Simpson (Civil eng) Downtown Club, Cecil Martin (Hillcrest Mortuary) Breakfast Club

Birthdays – Kelly Giblin (11/19) she was on a surprise Birthday trip

Anniversaries – Robert and Sheri Vinning (18th)

Club Anniversaries – Carole Cohen, Joe Hughes and David Yurosek (12th) Quon Louey (18th), Greg Braun and Pam Mahan (21st)

Carole Cohen – Thanked everyone who are volunteering to help serve at the Kidz Club Thanksgiving dinner this Saturday.

Carole also showed us wooden toys that a gentleman makes for Christmas every year. He was gracious enough to donate 80 of them to our Christmas Luncheon for our Toy drive. There were trucks, race cars, airplanes and submarines.

Vernon Varner – reminded us of the Christmas Luncheon at Stockdale Country Club December, 5. Please bring an unwrapped gift and we were urged to think about the 12-18yr old kids who they have the greatest need for gifts. Board games and Gift cards were mentioned as good gifts. This year we will be giving our gifts to the Henrietta Wilder Child Guidance center and CASA.

Ron Biglin as Chairman of the Nominating Committee announced nominations for President 2010-2011 and nominees for the BERF and BERC Boards.

Pres. Elect Nominee – **Steve Gibbs** BERF Board Nominees for a 3yr term as Directors – **Terry Schropher** and **Gary Stanfill**. BERC board Nominees for Directors – **Carole Cohen, Bill Trivitt,** and **Steve Richardson**.

New Hat Club members this week were **Mike Griffin** (for not coming back from Cambria to be a Greeter), **Oscar Baltazar** was in the newspaper w/out his Rotary pin. However, we do want to congratulate Oscar for becoming a Partner at CB Richard Ellis, we understand though that he is still working on a raise. Try negotiating that before saying yes next time..... **Dick Giles** because he sent his BERF dues to the wrong address and did not bother to put a stamp on the envelope. See what retirement does to you, the brain shrinks.

Trivia game was played by **Karen Skrable** and needless to say she got herself into the Hat Club too.

Who is the Top producing Turkey manufacturer – (Minnesota) there were over 46 million turkeys eaten last year. 1st Macy Parade – 1924 1st NFL game on Thanksgiving Day – 1934 Detroit and Chicago Pilgrims voyage lasted how long? 66 days What year was the 1st Thanksgiving? 1621 Who was the 1st Governor of Plymouth? John Carver What was not on the 1st Thanksgiving menu? Beef How many feathers does a mature Turkey have? 3500 How fast can a Turkey run? 25 miles an hour. How fast can a Turkey fly? 55 miles an hour.

Craft Talk: **Terry Maxwell** told us about his newest Restaurant opening March 2009 in Paulson, Montana. They have a population of 5,000 and the restaurant will be called Maxwell's on Main Street. The building was built in 1908 and will look a lot like the one here on the inside. Terry says he has no plans to leave us, they just wanted another place to go and have bought a small house there too. I think he stressed small so we would not be so inclined to be house guests. You can see the progress of the new restaurant at his place downtown. He has books in the lobby showing the newest restaurant. Congratulations to Terry and Paula on their new venture.

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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Happy Thanksgiving