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This week's Program: Bakersfield Youth Symphony

Regina Pryor (yes, she is John Pryor's daughter-in-law), who teaches music at Tevis and Thompson Junior High Schools, told us about The Bakersfield Youth Symphony. Auditions for the Youth Symphony were held in September, 2007. The leader of the Youth Symphony is Maxim Eschenovy, who comes to Bakersfield once a week to meet with the students. The students all take private lessons, as well. 34 of the 70 students in the symphony attend Stockdale High School.

In addition to several concerts in Bakersfield, the Youth Symphony will perform three concerts in Bakersfield's newest sister city, Buchon, Korea. Two concerts will be in the main concert hall, and a third concert will be a joint performance with high school students who live there. The students will stay with Korean families, so they can enjoy the culture of the country. Jim and Debbie Clark's daughter Jamie is a member of the Bakersfield Youth Symphony, and Debbie will be one of the chaperones on the trip to Korea. The cost of the trip is \$1,700 for each student, and they are raising money to help everyone afford the trip. One of the fundraisers involves California Pizza Kitchen. When a diner presents a flyer during certain hours, a portion of the proceeds go to the Youth Symphony. Contact Jim Clark to obtain a flyer. Several of the students played pieces for us, and words cannot do their performance justice.

Janet Kwon, a senior at Stockdale High School, plays the flute, piano, and cello. She is in All State Honor Band, Jazz Band, and the Wind Symphony at Stockdale High School. She gave a lovely flute solo, playing a piece called Fantasy, by a French Impressionistic composer.

Violist Wenli Mui is also a senior at Stockdale. Her brother, Byron, is a sophomore, and he plays the piano. Wenli has been in the Youth Symphony for five years. In college next year, she will be an engineering major. Wenli and Byron played Concerto in G Minor by Bruch.

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Janet Kwon from the Bakersfield Youth Symphony

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- 11.14 - Advanced Beverage
- 11.18- BERC Board Mtg. 6 p.m. Henley's (it's a make up)
- 11.21 - Buena Vista Water District - Harry Starkey
- 11.25 - BERF Board - 6 p.m. Carney's (it's a make up)
- 11.28 - **DARK**
- 12.05 - Christmas Luncheon

Club Assignments for November 14, 2008

Flag Salute: Terry Schroepper

Visiting Rotarians: Marv Denny

Invocation: Jarrod McNaughton

Reception Table: Dick Giles, Melinda Westphal

Greeters: David Coffey, Jean Watanabe, Kelly Giblin

Can't Serve ??? Find your replacement

Supper Club
 November 12th
Marie Callendars
 California Ave
 6 p.m
 RSVP to Dave Haynes 393-7204
It's a makeup!!!!

November Birthdays

John Wilson 7th

Frank Geddes 8th

Keith Bishop 9th

Susan Gill 25th

Larry Moxley 25th

Marv Denny 28th

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Angie Sway is also a high school senior. She will be playing a piano solo in the concert. For us she performed a different piece, Waldesrauchen, by Franz Lizt. Angie explained that this piece is "just something I am working on." Angie's fingers moved with lightening speed across the piano keys, producing the most amazing music – and this is on our old piano at the Veteran's Hall! And, she played this piece that she is "just working on" without sheet music!

It is truly unfortunate that there is no audio component to this report, as those who missed the performances by these students, missed something beautiful. But, they will be giving several concerts in Bakersfield, so all hope is not lost for those who can now only read about their music.



Wenli Mui and her brother Byron

This week in Business:

Visiting Rotarians: Jack Gotcher and Sheryl Chalupa from the Rotary Club of Bakersfield

Randy Rominger from the Visalia County Center Rotary Club

Guests: **Rex Brown** came with his wife, our fabulous Secretary **Michele Brown**, but he was introduced by **Ron Biglin**. **Debbie and Jamie Clark** accompanied **Jim, Karen McKinzie** brought her Mom, **Bethel Kordosk, Bill Gresco** introduced Highland High Interactors Nicole Hendricks, President, and Maria Lara and Kyra Hendricks.

Birthday: **John Wilson**: November 7 **Club Anniversary:** **Mike Burger** (three years)

Announcements : **Fernando Aguirre** reminded everyone to buy a turkey dinner to be served to those less fortunate than us, at the Boys and Girls Club. **Barbara Tarpley** did her part by contributing the 50-50 raffle proceeds to this event.

Terry Maxwell is a grandfather. His son Thomas's wife gave birth to a little baby girl, weighing 5 lbs., 3 oz. This is **Terry's** first grandchild, but he has four older grandchildren, courtesy of **Paula's** children. \$142 was donated for little **Madeline Rae Maxwell**, and **President Susan** decided **Terry** should multiply that by five, as this is his fifth grandchild overall.

Rotary Trivia: **Robert Vining** performed admirably in a game of Rotary Trivia, at times with a little help from his friends. **Robert** was sure that the first grant of the Rotary Foundation was a donation of monies to help other people, he just didn't know the specifics (it was a \$500 donation in 1930 to the Society of Crippled Children, which later became the March of Dimes). **Robert** did know that **Bob Parker** was president of BERC in 2001-2002, but he did not know the Rotary Theme for that year. But, **Bob** didn't recall the theme either, so who can blame **Robert**? (It was Mankind is our Business.) **Robert** correctly named our current International Director, birthday boy **John Wilson**. He stumbled just a bit when he said that President Zachary Tayler was our 14th President, but that may be from some poor guidance received from the peanut gallery. Tayler was our 12th President. **Robert** amazingly knew that Madame Curie discovered radium in 1867 (if this reporter understood the question and answer correctly). **Robert** did know that the significant thing about President Roosevelt's reelection in 1944 was that it was for a historic fourth term. (Now we have a Constitutional Amendment limiting Presidential terms to two.) The stunning answer to the last trivia question brought **Robert** up short, as it did everyone else. The first golfer since Ben Hogan to win four straight tournaments was Tiger Woods, in 1999, NOT Arnold Palmer or Jack Nicklaus. (Who knew?) **President Susan** gave **Robert** the hat he purchased by his performance in Rotary Trivia. She also commended him for his firefighting skills, in putting out the fire at his house, which was started by a welder who was doing some work on the house. **Robert** explained that the hero of that story was really his wife, **Sheri**, who put out the fire.

Next week's program: Advance Beverage. (**Susan** told **Bill Lewis** to be sure to let **Jane** know!)

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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