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This week's program: Mercy Beyond Borders

Carole Cohen introduced the Program Speaker Sister Marilyn Lacey, RSM. Sister Marilyn has a Masters Degree, works with the Catholic Relief Service, works with the Mercy Beyond Borders organization and lives in Santa Clara. The mission of Mercy Beyond Borders is partnering with displaced women and girls in Southern Sudan to alleviate their extreme poverty. The organization is providing schooling for over 800 girls. They are also working with women to create income producing enterprises. Since roads are being established and travel is increasing in Sudan, there are opportunities to set up roadside cafes and other travel support services. In response to the women's expressed desire for bicycles to make their travel faster and safer, the organization is supplying bicycles for 10 villages. Sister Marilyn's theme is that once you have experience with people from other countries, either in their country or in your communities, you start thinking of them as your neighbors. You may find more information in Sister Marilyn's book [This Flowing Toward Me: A Story of God Arriving in Strangers](#), and the Website mercybeyondborders.org



Sister Marilyn Lacey, RSM with Carole Cohen

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- 2.27 - Minter Field Air Museum
- 3.6 - San Joaquin Hospital (**off site meeting**)
- 4.10 - Sheriff's Department Air Unit (**off site meeting**)
- 4.24 - Regular meeting (**DARK**)
- 4.24 - Festa di Pasta - Bakersfield Art Museum

Club Assignments for February 27,2009

Flag Salute: Bill Trivitt

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Burch

Invocation: Dan Urban

Reception Table: Tony Ansolabehere,
Rachelle Towery

Greeters: Larry Moxley, Jim Clark, Rich
Harger

Supper Club:
 Renegade Room BC
 Tues Nite February 24
 6 p.m.
 Call Dave Haynes 393-7204 to
 RSVP by Monday noon
 It's considered a make-up!!

The Rotarian Magazine Assignments for February:

President's message: Dan Urban Page 29-38-Sandi Schwartz Page 39-44 Tom Burch
 Page 46 - Tom Larwood Page 52 - Kathryn Ferguson



SAVE THE DATE FOR **FESTA di PASTA**
 BAKERSFIELD ART MUSEUM
 APRIL 24, 2009

**MUSIC, FOOD by TL MAXWELL'S, SILENT
 AUCTION, RAFFLE FOR MEDITERRANEAN
 CRUISE WORTH \$10,000.**

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAYS TO THE
 SOUNDS OF ROBERT TIDWELL'S BAND**



The Plank Foundation's Lisa Plank with Friends of Mercy Foundation director Stephanie Weber and this years honorees Curtis and Jan Conway. This year's contribution of \$10,000 makes a total of \$90,000 The Plank Foundation has given to The Florence R. Wheeler Cancer Center

February birthdays:

- Ron Bivins/Phil Franey: 5th Bob Parker: 7th
 Bill Trivitt: 11th Oscar Baltazar: 15th
 Kelley Brown: 27th

This week in Business:

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS~ Our thoughts and prayers continue for the recovery of Nina Palmer and Judy Rolph.

President Leedy reminded us that the Rotary theme for 2008-2009 is "Make Dreams Real" and that February is "World Understanding Month".

INVOCATION ~ Marv Denny, FLAG SALUTES ~ Gary Stanfill, SONG ~ George Palmer

THANK YOU:

GREETERS ~ Carole Cohen , Dave Haynes, Pam Mahan

RECEPTION TABLE ~ Tony Ansolabehere, Rachelle Towery

INTRODUCTIONS:VISITING ROTARIAN ~ Quon Louey introduced: Mike Braun –Downtown Club, Tony Lusich- Downtown Club, Larry Tiller –Taft Club, Jack Gotcher- Downtown Club.

GUESTS ~ Bruce Keith introduced his son **Mathew**. **Lloyd Plank** introduced his guests: **Jan Conway, Curtis Conway, Patty Plank, Rusty Plank, Lisa Plank, and Stephanie Weber**

BIRTHDAYS ~ Oscar Baltazar (15th), Ira Cohen (15th), Kava Koop (15th), Helen Bass (18th)

ANNIVERSARIES ~ The Stanfill's (20th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carole Cohen – Rotarian Work Day at the Bakersfield Rescue Mission on Saturday February 21st from 9-12 AM

THE PLANK FOUNDATION – Stephanie Weber - Announced a donation to the **FLORENCE F. WHEELER CANCER CENTER AT MERCY HOSPITAL.** The donation was made in honor of **Jan and Curtis Conway** whose names will be placed on the Family Circle Wall. The donation was in the amount of \$10,000 which was generated from the **PLANK FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT** charity event. She also recognized the support of **Larry Moxley, Mike Cooper** and other **BERC members** who have served on the Board of the Foundation.

50/50 winner ~ Michele Brown

NEXT WEEK PROGRAM ~ James Whitehead, Minter Field Air Museum

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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“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.”

George Washington