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This Week's Program: Minter Field

President Leedy introduced the speaker **James Whitehead**.

James graduated from the University of Illinois where he also qualified for a professional Pilots Certificate. From the age of eight, his desire was to become a pilot. He was the first black pilot in the Air Force. He retired from the Air Force with the rank of Major General. He has 6000 flight hours in the military and 9000 civilian flight hours as a TWA Airline pilot. He presented information about his experience as a U2 high altitude reconnaissance aircraft pilot. Most of the U2 missions were very highly classified and were flown at altitudes above 60,000 feet.

He talked about his experience with racial prejudice during his time in the military service and with TWA Airlines. He is active in talking to young people about the formula that was the basis for his success. Don't let anyone deter you from going after what you want to do. Barriers are either perceived or real. If they are real, accept them and then find a way around them. James is a Rotarian and is making a contribution by taking his message to the youth in our community.



Speaker James Whitehead with esposa di Presidente Susan.... BUD !!

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

3.6 - San Joaquin Hospital (**off site meeting**)

3.17 - BERF Board - Henley's 6 pm

3.18 (change in routine date) - BERF Board - Carney's 6 pm

3.21 - Workday at Rotary Park - bring your shovels, trowels, and wheelbarrows

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 March 6,2009

Flag Salute: Kelley Brown

Visiting Rotarians: Ron Biglin

Invocation: Hank Hinse

Reception Table: Erik Hoogstad, Bob Parker

Greeters: Kay Schrader, Robert Tidwell, Ken
Koop

Supper Club:

Mexicali Downtown

Wednesday March 4th

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 AWAY TO THE SOUNDS
OF ROBERT TIDWELL'S BAND

March Birthdays

Mike Brazzell 7th Doug Amstutz/Jack Spencer 9th Hank Hinse/Wayne Kress 11th

Joe Hughes 18th David Coffey/George Palmer 23rd

Linda Wright/ Dave Bass 27th

This week in Business: INTRODUCTION ~ President Leedy welcomed the attendees with theme of “Make Dreams Real”

INVOCATION ~ Dan Urban FLAG SALUTE ~ Michele Brown SONG ~ George Palmer and Jarrod McNoughton

THANK YOU TO: GREETERS ~ Larry Moxley and Jim Clark RECEPTION TABLE ~ Tony Ansolabehere and Rachele Towery

INTRODUCTIONS: VISITING ROTARIANS ~ Tom Burch introduced: Rich Litchfield – Eugene Oregon, Don Simpson - Downtown

GUESTS ~ Mike Cooper introduced his guest Benjamin Christian
President Leedy introduced her husband Bud

HEAD TABLE ~ Michele Brown, Tom Burch and SPEAKER James Whitehead

BIRTHDAYS ~ Kelley Brown (27th) Bud Leedy (27th), Mardi Hinse (28th)

ANNIVERSARIES ~ The Tarpley’s (24th) CLUB ANIVERSAIES ~ Bruce Keith (27th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STEVE RICHARDSON ~ announced that the Leadership and Ethics Conference will be held at the Double Tree Hotel on Tuesday the 3rd of March at 7:30 AM

FESTA di PASTA – Michele Brown – Requested help from BERC members to find sponsors and auction items for the event - Please contact Carole Cohn or Karen McKinzie regarding sponsors. The tickets for the \$10,000 Mediterranean Cruise are available for \$100 per raffle ticket.

OFF- SITE MEETING ON MARCH 6TH ~ Jarrod McNoughton - the meeting will be at the SAN JOAQUIN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL – Please meet in the lobby and you will be directed to the meeting room – lunch will be from MAXWELL’S

WOUNDED HEROES FUND – James Whitehead encouraged members to attend the “A Salute to Our Local Heroes” dinner being held at the KERN COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS on Sunday March 1st from noon until 4 PM. The event will raise money to help injured military personnel.

BERC Rotary Park Project ~ President Leedy noted that Jim Clark and son Jacob had planted roses at the Park on February 7th. Obviously, they are in need of CAPS to be appropriately protected from the elements for future outdoor events. Therefore, Jim Clark received two Rotary caps and was consequently inducted into the CAP Club. Jim announced that a BERC Workday is planned to plant 6000 plants at the park on the 21st of March.

ROTARIAN MAGAZINE ARTICLES – Kathryn Ferguson was well prepare and made an excellent report on her assigned article from the Rotarian Magazine. Tom Burch presented information about the Rotary International Polio Vaccination Project that was contained in his assigned article.

50/50 winner – Phil Franey

NEXT WEEK ‘S MEETING ~ OFF- SITE SAN JOAQUIN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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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“Success is to measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed”.

Booker T Washington