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No Pics This Week,
Gang. *Must have
been the moon.*

-Editor

And Another Great Friday of True Leadership It

Was.... President Elect Designate Maria Berntson and Robert Vining greeted us this week, and President Bob Parker called the meeting to order. Terry Burley gave the invocation after commenting on the small attendance stating that our missing members had better be attending Good Friday services, and each had better bring a note from his or her priest. George Palmer, assisted by Jan Blake and accompanied on the piano by John McWhorter, led us singing "God Bless America". Ralph Bartel led

the flag salute. President Bob asked us to keep Evelyn Stanfill in our hearts and prayers as her mother past away last week.

Introductions, Etc.... Tom Burch introduced visiting Rotarian Dr. Tom Reese, formerly of Bakersfield, now a member of Rotary Club of Kihei Sunrise, Maui, Hawaii, who was passing through, on his way to Holland. Guests this week were Steve Karcher's wife, Dana, and club guest was Mary Sue Franklin. Vernon Varner reported that he and Janis are offering their box at Centennial Garden for the hockey game on Friday, April 5th, with 18 tickets available at \$50.00 each. Proceeds will benefit the Joe Alexander Fund. Jack Spencer announced that Supper Club this Wednesday, April 3rd will be at Cafe Med, 4809 Stockdale Highway, and that reservations are definitely needed! President Bob read a letter from Richard Hector, director of the Valley Fever Project, who thanked us for the \$13,000 we sent over the past few months. He told us that the first phase of the project has been completed, with 22 participants enrolled from the Tucson area.

Terry Burley, BERC Director of Membership, reminded us that although our 80% attendance is the highest in years, we are still required to make up missed meetings. Since there is a Rotary meeting every day in Bakersfield, this should prove to be an easy task. (Supper Club and Board of Directors meetings also count as make-ups.) Ron Biglin announced that those going on the Hanford Trip on Saturday, April 6th, need to be at the Amtrak Station at 3:00 p.m with a photo i.d. The train leaves at 3:45 p.m. and he reminded us that if we haven't already done so, "Pay up!" Ron also told us that in response to last week's request, Kerry Lockhart has generously offered to furnish all tables and chairs needed for Pasta Feast for as long as it exists. Melinda McKean told us that tickets for the 50/50 drawing are available and that they would be a nice addition to any Easter basket. Karen Skrable announced that there are still a few squares available at \$20.00 each for the NCAA pool. Winners share \$1,000 and BERC receives \$1,000. Roy Cullipfer presented his signed roster and received his blue badge.

President Bob called on Mike Cooper to report on his Rotarian Magazine assignment. After feigning amnesia, Mike did a good job of reporting that Rotary is missing the boat with new Rotaractors, and that there are forty Internet Rotary Clubs worldwide. When Prez Bob called on Johnson Jung for his report, Johnson asked, "What is Rotarian Magazine?" and was promptly fined \$25.00. Hank Hinse was asked to tell us about his trip to Holland, but since he hasn't gone yet, it was a pretty short report. Larry Moxley, who dressed himself this week in a shirt that was a cross between a beach ball and an Easter egg, neglected to wear his badge and was fined \$10.00. Larry retaliated by telling us that President Elect Kelly Giblin will preside over a "true year of leadership", then announced that he and Kelly have put together a quick trip on May 18th to visit a Mexicali orphanage and are looking for people interested in accompanying them.

The program..... Gary Hoetker introduced our speaker, Dr. John Karlik, from the UC Cooperative Extension, who spoke to us on "Green Plants and Air Quality". Direct effects include cleaning the air and removing ozone and sulfur dioxide, and indirect effects include providing shade and lowering air temperatures. It has been shown that pollutant emissions from power plants can be lessened by the presence of trees. High levels of ozone cause stippling, mottling and chlorosis of leaves, and those problems are of great importance in Kern County agriculture. In addition to crop damage and yield loss, high ozone levels also cause eye irritation, coughing, and reduction in pulmonary function and physical performance. Dr. Karlik ended his talk by answering questions and received a donation from BERC to his favorite charity, Kern County 4-H Clubs. President Bob then adjourned the meeting with..."We are all travelers in the desert of life, and the best we can find in our journey is an honest friend."

**CLUB ASSIGNMENTS
FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 5th**
 Greeters: Dick Giles, Lyn Scales, Jim Clark
 Invocation: Gary Hoetker
 Flag Salute: Susan Gill
 Visiting Rotarians: Jan Hensley

Announcements.....

Wed. Apr. 3	Supper Club - Cafe Med
Fri. Apr. 5	Pasta Feast Kick-off
Sat. Apr. 6	BERC Hanford Train Trip
Sat. Apr. 6	West Rotary Fund Raiser - Ciopino Feed (Letty Hall - Garces)
Wed. Apr. 10	Supper Club - Olive Garden
Fri. Apr. 12	Kevin McCarthy - Community College System
Wed. Apr. 17	Supper Club - Tam O'Shanter
Fri. Apr. 19	Dr. Donovan Robb & John Stark - Cal. State Family Business Institute, also GSE team from Mexico
Sat. Apr. 20	District Assembly - Cal State Bakersfield
Tue. Apr. 23	BERC Board Meeting 6pm - Kelly Giblin's Office
Wed. Apr. 24	Supper Club - Woolgrowers
Fri. Apr. 26	Dr. Michael Ault - Middle East Crisis, also Secretaries Day
Sat. Apr. 27	District Assembly - Santa Barbara
Fri. May 3	Jim Malouf - Coronor's Report, also Officer of the Year Award
Fri. May 3	North Rotary Fundraiser - Dinner at the Derby (Seven Oaks)
Sat. May 4	Pasta Feast at Stramler Park
Fri. May 10	Judge Bill Stone
Fri. May 17	Roy Ashburn - Kern County Business
Fri. May 24	Directors Reports
Tue. May 28	BERC Board Meeting 6pm - Kelly Giblin's Office
Fri. May 31	Fire Chief Steve Gage - Gound Zero
Fri. Jun. 7	Sharon Powell - Employers Training Resource
Sat. Jun. 8	District Awards Celebration - (Gov. Demotion) Paso Robles
Fri. Jun. 14	TBA
Jun. 23-26	Rotary International Conference - Barcelona, Spain
Fri. Jun. 21	Sandy Blaylock - What is your personality telling others?
Fri. Jun. 28	Demotion (Who really knows?)