



# THE ROTO NEWS



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## This week's Program: Bakersfield Rescue Mission

**Carole Cohen** introduced our speaker Don Clark who's bio is very impressive with 25 years in Journalism at such prestigious publications as the Boston Globe, TV Senior Anchor at Channel 29, BA from a college in Oregon, Theology degree at Northwest Christian College, Masters Degree at a college in Tennessee, a degree for Social Ethics from Harvard and a Doctorate at Summit Bible College. He came to Bakersfield 08-02-87, 22 years ago and is a member of the Downtown Club. Don started out talking about his boyhood memory of a desolate place called Bakersfield as he passed through. Then at the end of a 6 month unemployment stint, with one check left he had to decide between a terrific number 1 station KERM in Spokane, Washington or Bakersfield...hmm. It was Bakersfield. His wife needed a day to cry after he pray fully decided to come and he's not been sorry. He became a member of BERC and recounted his 7 years as a member here before going to the Downtown Club. He named names like **Moxley** who filled him in on politics, **Palmer** who he thought was president, but was Governor, **Hank Hinse**

who was president, **Lloyd Plank** who had class and put him in touch with people on a social level. **Phil Franey** who taught him about County Government and lastly he learned a lot about Bakersfield from the many program speakers here that he later featured in his news programs over the years. Don thanked BERC profoundly for making him feel at home to Bakersfield.

After all the thank you's he talked about his involvement with the Bakersfield Rescue Mission at the end of 21<sup>st</sup> street which has been here in town for 58 years. He thanked BERC for the purchase of the gazebos and let us know that light posts are available to put your name on for a donation of \$400.00. He talked about the unemployed, parolee, on the streets and the stereotype. He quoted scripture about "the least of these among us." They have 40 women right out of prison with drug charges in programs for a year for life training. The idea- why don't they just get a job was explored. Then he remembered **Gary Stanfill** who nominated him for the Man of the Year BERC award and got all sentimental.

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**This week's speaker: Former BERC member Don Clark and staff from the Bakersfield Rescue Mission**

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### Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- 4.24 - Festa di Pasta - Bakersfield Art Museum (regular meeting **DARK**)
- 4.25 Senior Project - see Rena Kay Schrader
- 4.25 - District Assembly - CSUB
- 5.15 - Open House Ronald McDonald House
- 5.15 - Frazier Park's 4-way test - Hodel's \$35.00/pp See President Susan for details

**Club Assignments for April 24, 2009**

**Flag Salute:**

**Visiting Rotarians:** *(we are dark)*

**Invocation:**

**Reception Table:**

**Greeters:**

**Supper Club:**  
**Bill Lee's**  
 1203 18th Street  
 6 p.m.  
 Call Pam Mahan 871-6431 to RSVP  
 It's considered a make-up!!

**The Rotarian Magazine Assignments for April:**

**President's Message: Mark Ramsey**

**P 42 - Joe Hughes**

**p30- Jarrod McNaughton**

**p 48 - Christine Randall**



**FESTA di PASTA**

**BAKERSFIELD ART MUSEUM**

**APRIL 24, 2009**

**6-10 p.m.**

**MUSIC, FOOD by TL MAXWELL'S, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE FOR TRAVEL PACKAGE WORTH \$10,000 (see Robt Vining for tickets)**

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE SOUNDS OF The Token Okies**

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He realizes that it was a turning point for him "when you are understood."

Next he asked Trisha Dalton to speak who is their Welcome booth person, who has returned for the second time after needing to recover for the second time in life. Charles Grimes who came from Georgia spoke and is 53 learning to read and do math. Came at 114 degree day and still has stayed. John Rathborn from Riverlakes Community Church, teacher at Miramonte High School teaches math along with 22-24 other volunteer teachers one on one.

The center operates 24 x 7 going from 42-16 paid positions due to volunteerism. On May 16 from 11:00-1:30 we are all invited to their Open House BBQ with live entertainment.

Only one question from **Phil Franey** regarding the percentage of vets. Don said 20-40% are Veterans.

**April Birthdays**

Johnson Jung 6th, Rena Kay Shrader/Robert Tidwell 8th

Dan Urban 16th, Terry Maxwell 23rd

***This week's business:***

**And the Bell Rang** at 12:30 for another jam packed BERC meeting. **President Susan** asked that we keep **Dave Haynes** in prayer for his surgery, **David Yoursek** for the loss of his son and **Kathryn Ferguson** who had to dash out to the hospital as her father is ill.

Visiting Rotarians were completed by **Steve Gibbs** who announced Pauline Larwood and Bill Simpson.

Guests were Betsy Beeker, friend of **Judie Rolph**, Dorothy, Trish, Charles & John Rathborn representing Bakersfield Rescue Mission.

Birthdays were **Dan Urban 16<sup>th</sup>** and **Bruce's Claudia Keith 13<sup>th</sup>**. Anniversaries were celebrated by the **Bass's**, thankfully reminded TODAY.

**Melinda Westfahl** had a club anniversary on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Michele Brown** needs a head count for attendees at the Festa di Pasta next Friday night....call her if you are going. Get tickets from **Sandi Swartz**. Raffle tickets from **Robert Vining**.

Thank you's were given by **President Susan to Bill, Jack, Jim & Kathryn** for continued planting efforts at Rotary Park last Saturday.

The Senior Project was reminded again by **Rena Kay Schrader** for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and a shirt was presented to

**President Susan** from the Rebuilding America of Bakersfield in case she or Bud show up to participate. A comment was made that the shirt was large enough for both of them. If they both show up, and additional shirt will be presented so they can double their efforts.

**Mark Ramsey** had a magazine assignment an astounded BERCers with his Marketing expertise after much encouragement from **President Susan** and let us know that on Jan. 1911, 112 pages were written by Paul Harris with the idea to share thoughts and ideas. Today there are 32 publications with 1.25 million magazines & publications going out to Rotarians. Not to be outdone, **Joe Hughes** stated that **Mark** used up all his time. He let

us know about Archbishop Desmond Tutu on page 42 which was a discussion about how the cold war and apartheid set the stage for Peace in the 70s and with the common enemies being unseated, they now lack focus and have no commonality and now more conflicts than ever in the region.

More fines were levied at **Dr. Tom Larwood**, for an article in the Bakersfield Life Magazine, but the **Prez** was hard put to get Pauline even though their pictures showed no Rotary pins. **John Fanucchi** also was spied up in a tux and no pin, but looked real "dapper."

Then a return of Know That Rotarian, well, sort of. **Doug Amstutz** was given 5 hats and 5 questions. He got to keep hats for questions missed. A little twist to the original game plan. The questions were;

1. BERC Pres. The year you joined- **Frank Geddes**- Buzz- Correct, you don't get to keep the hat.
2. RI President 1999-2000 (the year he was club prez) Gong- Wrong, **Doug** got as far as Italy, but couldn't even recall the first name. (It was Carlo- we still don't know the last name- but he got the hat.)
3. Where was the RI Convention last year? Singapore was the answer- Buzz- Correct, you don't get to keep the hat.
4. Where is the RI Convention this next year? **Doug** got the United Kingdom, but no closer. He said St. Andrews for a city and clearly that was Gong- (St. Andrew's is in Scotland- keep the hat.)

What is Bud Leedy's legal name? **Amstutz's** guess was Gong- Robert, Harold, he didn't know despite being invited to the wedding! Keep the Hat Jack! It is William... William Leedy.

So **Doug** short for Douglas got 3 hats!

**Glenn Paul** won the 50-50 and gave it along with \$100.00 bill to the Rescue Mission.

The Western Kitchen will continue to be our caterers as the majority of the Club voted for them.

***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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*“The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, “I’m from the government and I’m here to help.”*

Ronald Reagan.