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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM:

VOCATION AWARDS

BERC Vocational Service Director **Sandra Larson** provided some remedial training on this area of Rotary service. A vocation is defined as someone's work, job, or profession, especially a type of work demanding special commitment. Vocation in the Rotary sense of the word can be seen from this quote provided by Sandra:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world"

Sandra formed a Vocational Service Award Committee with **Kelly Giblin and Tom Burch**. They solicited nominations for Vocation Service Awards, and the four honorees were presented with awards.

Kelly Giblin received a Vocation Service Award in 1991 from the North Bakersfield Rotary. **Kelly** was nominated for the award by Attorney Tom McIntosh, and **Kelly** will never forget how touched she was by this award, because it vividly communicated to her that she is important to and appreciated by her law firm, LeBeau, Thelen.

The first Vocational Service Award was presented to Sylvia Galaviz. **Karen Skrable** described Sylvia as a take charge person with an incredible work ethic. Sylvia is loyal, caring, and indispensable. In addition to being **Karen's** valued employee, Sylvia is **Karen's** friend. Sylvia gratefully thanked **Karen** and the Club for the award, which she dedicated to **Karen**, who she said is a joy to work with.



Vocational Service Director Sandra Larson with presenters Kelly Giblin and Tom Burch

Lorena Gutierrez, who works with **Kay Schrader** at National Health Services, Inc. (NHI), received the second Vocational Service Award. **Kay** explained that she had seen Lorena grow into her leadership role as a senior "MA" managing 35 employees. Lorena is firm, kind, level-headed, and a good listener, and she makes decisions that are ethical and moral.

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

April 25 - Foundation Presentations

May 2 - Law Enforcement of the Year - Dave Haynes

May 9 - Gin Fizz - Home of Gary and Evie Stanfill (morning meeting)

May 9-11 Attn RV'ers - BERC Campout Quail Valley (1 hour North) \$30./nite. See Ron for details and to RSVP. Bar b q/potluck Saturday. Day campers welcomed.

Worker Bees for 04.25.08

Flag Salute: Pam Mahan

Visiting Rotarians: Dave Haynes

Invocation: Mike Brazzell

Reception Table: Mike Burger, Mark Ramsey

Greeters: Jarrod McNaughton, Karen Skrable, John Fannuchi

Supper Club: 4/23/08
 Moma Rumba's
 Eye Street at Wall Street Alley
 6 p.m.
\$25.00 pp (not including alcohol/tip)
 Call Dave Haynes 393-7204

Pasta Feast 2008

May 17, 2008



Sell Your Tickets
Invite your friends

Rotary Foundation Thought of the Week: The Rotary Foundation was started with a gift of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas in 1917– the left over profit from the International convention that year. Earlier the same year, Rotary's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, suggested the creation of just such a fund. The very first grant made by the Rotary Foundation was to the International Society of Crippled Children. The idea of international service has grown. Just in the last 20 years, Rotary has contributed over US\$600 million to the polio eradication effort. Thanks to everyone in the club who has supported this program. Make your annual gift today!!!

See Sandi Schwartz for details about giving to the RI Foundation.

"We won't always know whose lives we touched and make better for our having cared, because actions sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What's important is that you do care and act" Charlotte Lundsford, volunteer

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The third Vocational Service Award was presented to Christine Hettinger, who has worked with **Bob Parker** for several years. **Bob** nominated Christine for the award because her work ethic has improved every company she has worked for. He is very happy she is working at Carneys, while she is also starting a mortgage banking firm. Christine was clearly moved by the award, and she stated, "Wow! It's nice to be appreciated!"

Alma Reyes was not present to receive her Vocational Service Award. Alma balances her work as **Pam Mahan's** Office Manager at Stockdale Floor Company with her responsibilities for her large family, a husband, two children,



Awardee Sylvia Galaviz, Karen, Kelly



Awardee Lorena Gutierrez, Tom, Kay



Awardee Christine Hettinger, Bob, Kelly

This week's Business: Visiting Rotarian: Steve Fuller, Rotary Club of Bakersfield

Guests: Keith Bishop accompanied Jack Saba, Austin Stapley from the Highland High School Interact Club

Birthdays: Terry Maxwell, though he wasn't with us to celebrate

Club Anniversaries: Ken Koop – 7 years, Dan Giordano – 9 years (not 10, as Dan surmised), Jean Watanabe – 13 years

Announcements: Austin Stapley updated us on the activities of the HHS Interact Club. They enjoyed a big success with their coin drive, collecting \$1,000 to send to the victims of the San Diego fire. They had an Angel Tree to provide Christmas presents to children, and they provided Easter Baskets to the same families.

\$145 was collected to start Jim & Debbie Clark's granddaughter, Marley Fern Scott, off in the right direction. **President Ron** challenged Jim to multiply the contributions tenfold.

Ron shared good news about Stan Lewis. He is at UCLA, where they have determined that the cancer is contained in his esophagus. Surgery to remove the cancer will occur soon.

Steve Richardson reported on his third term as chairman of the Business Leadership and Ethics Conference. There was a good turnout from the school district and BERC, making the event another success.

Bill Trivitt reminded people to sign up for Pasta Feast Children's Games sponsorships, and work shifts.

Fernando Aguirre reported that 73 people showed up for Rotary Work day. Kern County Supervisor Michael Rubio and County staff were very appreciative, as a project that was anticipated to last all day was instead completed in 2 ½ hours. **Fernando** called for volunteers for the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 20 in Lamont.

Kay Schrader is the Chair of the Senior Committee, which is comprised of **Carol Cohen, Tom Burch, Fernando Aguirre, & Judie Rolph**. They donated \$1,000 to the Bakersfield Police Department Assistance League, to purchase whistles and reflective armbands to be worn by seniors when they walk in the early morning on in the evening. Sandy Morris from the Bakersfield Police Department gratefully accepted the contribution. She explained that BERC contributed greatly to the Christmas for Seniors project, where 694 homebound, isolated low-income seniors were provided with gifts and interaction with students. When **Kay** called to ask Sandy if she would like a \$1,000 donation for the Seniors program, Sandy responded, "Yes! That's like asking a woman if she likes to talk."

Quon Louey reported on his Rotarian Magazine reading assignment about the different ways Rotary Clubs all over the world are integrating technology into their clubs – interactive videos, new member blogs, and on-line bulletins.

On May 3, 2008 we will be planting flowers and other plants at Rotary Park on Panorama Drive. Save the date and don your gardening clothes to come help!

Area Meetings

MONDAY

Bakersfield South-noon

Holiday Inn Select

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 Downtown-
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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“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson