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The Meeting Of
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BERC members and their guests were welcomed to the Pasta Feast Kick-Off luncheon by **Pam Mahan** and **Fernando Aguirre**. The front table was handled solo by **Tom Burch** who did an admirable job meeting and greeting everyone, while **Susan Leedy** provided wine to any takers. **Jack Saba** provided a thoughtful invocation which was followed by the musical duo of **Remlap and Larson** who led members in song.

Mary Jo Pasek, Darin Blunt and Cheryl Biggar were visiting from the Breakfast Rotary Club and selling pink wrist bracelets in support of the Relay for Life. Guests of Rotarians included "Gary's (**Stanfill**) Girls"; Patti Giordano who was introduced by **Karen Skrable**; **Dona Faz's** friend and co-worker, Lyn; and none other than former BERC member, **Duane Meyer**.

President Dan announced that **Terry Maxwell** will soon be celebrating his 52nd birthday! Phyllis **Bivins**, wife of **Ron**, is also having a birthday. **Jean Watanabe** is observing her 11th anniversary as a member of BERC on 4/21. She is probably going to observe the occasion with a huge party and invitations are in the mail.

Earl Absher was awarded his blue badge and has to be one of the speediest people in the Club for getting his roster signed and getting rid of the red badge. Welcome and congratulations, **Earl!**

Steve Richardson presented a Craft Talk on his job as a loan officer at Borrego Springs Bank. He described his job as one that he enjoys immensely. He is involved with commercial real estate loans in a program that is designed to help small businesses with growth and development.

Fernando Aguirre announced that the Food Bank has purchased approximately 5,000 pounds of food thanks to the generosity of Rotarians and the community at large.

Pasta Princess, Jane Lewis, then introduced the Pasta Feast 2006 committee. Those who were present stood and were acknowledged for their hard work. She announced that approximately \$30,000 has been raised through the hard work and dogged determination of **Wayne Kress** and his band of Merry Men: **Oscar Baltazar, David Coffey, Vernon Varner, Phil Icardo and Scott Bourelle**. **Susan Gill** spoke about the Children's Activities and asked for sponsors for that event. Raffle donations were requested by **Annette Bazzell**. Tickets were given to all members by **Sandi Schwartz**. Call **Sandi** for additional tickets. **Kelley Brown** was not present to lead the traditional Pasta Feast cheer but in her place was the "Not Ready for Prime Time Cheer Squad" composed of **Gary Stanfill, Bill Trivitt, Dan Urban, Bill Lewis and David Hashim**. They tried.... **Pasta Feast is scheduled for May 20 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Stramler Park.**

Quon Louey introduced the speaker, Hootan M. Daneshmand, M.D. who is a board certified plastic surgeon. He has had extensive training in aesthetic and cosmetic surgery, as well as microvascular, hand and burn reconstructive surgery. He has been in private practice in Orange County since 1996 and in Bakersfield since 1998, specializing in

plastic surgery and breast reconstruction. He is the co-founder of the Silhouette Plastic Surgery Institute. Although he is extremely busy with his private practice he is dedicated to providing his services as a volunteer both locally and internationally. Of note is his volunteer service with Rotaplast International which provides healthcare to children throughout the Americas and Asia. These trips are sponsored in large part by Rotary Clubs which also send non-medical teams to provide support services. Rotaplast was founded in 1992 with the first team becoming operational a year later. Since then Dr. Daneshmand has made eleven trips where he has led teams of surgeons, anesthesiologists, pediatricians, nurses, dentists and volunteers . In January 2006 a team went to Venezuela for two weeks of surgery on children with congenital defects and burn injuries.

In lieu of a speaker's gift a book will be presented to Noble School in Dr. Daneshmand's name.

The meeting was brought to a close with two quotes from Ronald Reagan neither of which this writer recorded.

Programs:

- 4/28/06 Kevin McCarthy
- 5/05/06 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Dave Haynes
- 5/12/06 Teacher of the Year – David Hashim
- 5/19/06 ROC – Carole Eiden and Ben Batey
- 5/26/06 Gin Fizz Breakfast at Gary Stanfill's residence

Club Assignments 2005-2006

	Apr 28	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	Jun 2	Jun 9	Jun 16	
GREETER 1	Scott Begin	Dona Faz	Jim Nephew	Linda Wright	Mike Burger	Jason Kaff	Sandra Larson	Jack Spencer	
GREETER 2	Dick Giles	Christine Randall	Kay Schrader	Greg Braun	Mike Cooper	Ken Koop	Vernon Varner	Ray Chaffee	
GREETER 3	Larry Moxley	John Wilson	Dave Bass	Johnson Jung	Kelly Giblin	Cy Wade	Doug Amstutz	Susan Gill	
INVOCATION	Barbara Tarpley	Fernando Aguirre	Phil Franey	Marv Denny	Dick Henders on	Karen Skrable	Amanda Brodie	George Palmer	
FLAG SALUTE	Scott Bouelle	Carolyn Jackson	Bill Lewis	Steve Richardson	Susan Leedy	Oscar Baltazar	Lynne Hall	Bill Trivitt	
VISITING ROTARIANS	Ron Biglin	Bruce Keith	Gary Stanfill	Glenn Paul	Sandi Schwartz	Steve Karcher	Steve Gibbs	Jane Lewis	
RECEPTION TABLE #1 (OLD MEMBER)	Mike Cooper	Mike Cooper	Pam Mahan	Pam Mahan	Melinda Westfahl	Wayne Kress	Wayne Kress	Susan Leedy	
RECEPTION TABLE #2 (NEW MEMBER)	Mike Brazzel	Mike Brazzel							

I have been out of the office for a while so I apologize for not getting the news articles for your newsletters to you in a timely manner. This was just released by Detective Hilliard yesterday, so if you can use it in your publications, that would be great.

Thanks,

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LATEST SCAM ON ELDERLY VICTIMS

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIME PREVENTION UNIT REGARDING A RECENT SCAM WHICH TARGETS ELDERLY VICTIMS

Here is how it works:

The perpetrator obtains a small amount of information about their elderly victim, such as, their name, phone number, and the name of a relative.

Elderly victims then receive a phone call from the perpetrator, whom they say is a "relative" of theirs.

The "relative" then claims to have been arrested and jailed in Canada. The "relative" asks the victim to send them a large sum of money which they need to bail out of jail. In the two local cases, the amount of money requested has been \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00.

The elderly victim is then directed by the "relative" to go to a "Money Gram" inside "Wal-Mart" and wire the money in the name of the victim's "relative" to a Wal-Mart location in Canada.

The "relative" then re-contacts the victim to advise them that they received the money.

In the most recent incident, the "relative" then asked the victim to wire another \$4,000.00 which was now needed to pay for a defense attorney.

If you have possibly been a victim or have any information regarding similar incidents, please contact:

Detective M. E. Hilliard, #741

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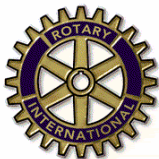
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Where To Make-Up:

Mondays:

Bakersfield South Rotary Club 12:00 noon, Holiday Inn Select
The Rotary Club of Wasco 12:00 noon at Wasco Valley Rose Golf Course

Tuesdays:

Bakersfield North Rotary Club 12:10 noon, Holiday Inn Select

Wednesdays:

Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary, 6:45am 5060 California Ave., 12th Floor
Bakersfield West Rotary Club, 12:00 noon, Stockdale Country Club
Shafter Rotary Club 6:30 am, Shafter Veterans Hall, 309 California St
The Rotary Club of Taft, 12:00 pm, Jo's Restaurant, 510 Kern St.

Thursdays:

Bakersfield Rotary Club 12 noon, Bakersfield Art Museum, 1930 "R" St
The Rotary Club of Delano, 12:00 pm Kong's Dynasty, 2200 Girard
Frazier Park/Mountain Rotary Club 7:00 am, Dream Castle - Frazier Park