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Ron Biglin begs once again for any and all to sign up for Pasta Feast posts.

There May Have Been More.....But We Don't Remember It.....

Our meeting hall looked lovely this week as the tables were decorated with flowers and candies, and each of our guests received a rose as we celebrated Secretary's Day. Michelle Primm, Bruce Keith and the most enthusiastic greeter in our club, Cy Wade, welcomed us. President Bob Parker called the meeting to order and Phil Franey gave a thoughtful



Dave Haynes and the rest of BERC were happy to see former long time member Joe Hood.



Tom Akers provided a short "for Tom" Craft Talk about the ACIDI VOCA where he has been a volunteer since 1982 as a Marketing Specialist.

invocation asking for blessings on our friends in fellowship. Rich Harger led the flag salute, and George Palmer assisted by Kelley Brown and John McWhorter, led us in singing God Bless America. Ben Batey introduced visiting Rotarians Harvey Begouin, John Petrini and Ken Thornburg. Guests included sixteen secretaries and administrative assistants who were introduced by their hosts. We were also joined by Nelson Richardson's lovely wife, Jeanette, Rich Harger's very personal secretary, Gail Malouf, and BERC Past President Joe Hood (1986-87). Club guest was Mary Sue Franklin.

Introductions.....ETC

Pasta Feast Co-Chair Ron Biglin informed us that we need to have all unsold 50/50 tickets back to Lyn Scales by Monday or they will be billed to us, and all raffle gift certificates should also be to Lyn by Monday. Jane Lewis is in need of five more workers for the ticket booth and Michele Primm needs help in the beverage booth. Lynn Hall announced that although her new granddaughter, Brooke, was born five weeks early, she is a healthy baby weighing in at 4# 2oz. A collection that subsequently netted \$76.00 was taken, and she was told to triple it. Jack Spencer informed us that Supper Club on Wednesday, May 1st, is at Black Angus, 3601 Rosedale Hwy. He also told us that on Friday, May 3rd, 7:00 a.m., we will be planting seventeen trees at Joshua's Park on Homaker Place. (This is in memory of a seven-year old boy who was murdered by his stepfather and whose body was found on this property.) We are all encouraged to help with the planting, and Jack told all visiting secretaries to book their bosses for this time period.



Jack Spencer announces tree planting at Joshua Park on Friday morning, May 3, from 7:00-10:00.



Dick Giles is preparing to introduce Dr. Michael Ault from Cal State.

And A Few Other Things..... Like A Tom Akers Craft Talk.....

Tom Akers gave a craft talk that began with his birth in a cotton gin. He was educated at Oklahoma A&M and is a contemporary of T. Boone Pickens who claims to be the “luckiest guy in the world”; Tom disputed that by saying that he (Tom) holds that title. He went on to tell us about working at Cal-Cot for 34 years, but managing to get fired in 1980. Two months later, he acquired a dream job that allowed him to spend half his time in Mexico City and half his time in Bakersfield. He has worked for ACIDI-VOCA for 18 years and his job is working with cooperatives to set up cotton marketing positions. He once worked in Zimbabwe, a country that was once the most beautiful country in the world. He now cries for the ruination of this wonderful land. He has also served in Central and South America. When President Bob stood (signaling Tom to finish his talk) Tom scoffed at the five-minute limit. He said good Rotarians couldn’t even say hello in five minutes!



Kelley Brown is asked to draw tickets for the door prizes for the Administrative Assistants who joined their BERCC bosses for lunch.

tattle on their bosses. The only one to respond was Roxanne Wolfe, who said lovely things about her mom, Pam Mahan. (She has since received a raise and is back in the will.) Rena Kay Schraeder had given packets of photos of the Hanford Train Trip to those who attended and they included a photo of a sleeping President Bob. Kay was fined \$30.00. Kelley Brown conducted a drawing for our guests that included prizes of wine, certificates for dry cleaning, a facial and a massage. (The masseuse wasn’t really Prez Bob as reported.)

And.....Finally....The Program.....



Speaker Dr. Michael Ault, Professor at Cal State Bakersfield.

Dick Giles introduced our speaker, Dr. Michael Ault, of Cal State Bakersfield, who gave a sobering talk about the Middle East Crisis. He told us that the questions everyone on the globe has asked since September 11th are, “Why would people do such a violent act?” and “Why do they hate us?” The answers that are reported by news agencies are because we champion democracy and economic growth, and that our cherished freedoms are hated. He told us the attacks were against western civilization, not just the U.S. He gave a history of our relationship with Saudi Arabia and our switching allegiance from Iran upon the exile of the Shah in 1979. He explained the troubling relationship the U.S. has with the House of Saud, and their threat to cease oil shipments to us. Dr. Ault answered our questions during which he addressed the consequences of stopping oil shipments and how turning away from Israel would literally take an act of Congress. It was a complex subject that we found very interesting. President Bob announced that next week’s program will be Officer of the Year and closed the meeting with “Happiness should always remain a bit incomplete. After all, dreams are boundless.”



Roxanne Wolfe, daughter of **Pam Mahan** talks about how proud she is of her mom and what a pleasure she is to work with- (she doesn’t really know her mom very well!)



Karen Skrable’s assistant won a spa facial and was really tickled.

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS 5/3/02

Greeters: Hank Hinse, Terry Maxwell, Sandi Blylock

Invocation: Dan Giordano

Flag Salute: Jim Nephew

Visiting Rotarians: Ron Bivins

Club Calendar

Wed. May 1	Supper Club - Black Angus, 3601 Rosedale
Fri. May 3	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
Wed. May 8	Supper Club - Uricchios, 1400 17th Street
Fri. May 10	Judge Bill Stone
Wed. May 15	Supper Club - BBQ Factory, 1616 30th Street
Fri. May 17	Roy Ashburn - Kern County Business
Wed. May 22	Supper Club - Maitias, 4420 Coffee Road
Fri. May 24	Jim Malouf - Coroner's Report
Tue. May 28	BERC Board Meeting 6pm - Kelly Giblin's Office
Wed. May 29	Supper Club - Sorellas, 7800 McNair Court
Fri. May 31	Gin Fizz - Stanfill's 7am
Fri. Jun. 7	Sharon Powell - Employers Training Resource
Sat. Jun. 8	District Awards Celebration - (Gov. Demotion) Paso Robles
Fri. Jun. 14	District Gov. Elect Marc Vertin - Wheelchair fundraiser and his coming year
Jun. 23-26	Rotary International Conference - Barcelona, Spain
Fri. Jun. 21	Fire Chief Steve Gage - Gound Zero
Fri. Jun. 28	Demotion (Who really knows?)