



# THE ROTO NEWS



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## This Week's Program: Lawman of the Year

The program was introduced by **Larry Moxley** who let us know that the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award started in 1998. He then introduced **Dave Haynes** who introduced the guests; Michelle Melero, Emily Melero, Juan Melero, Melissa Melero, Pete Perezchica, Sarah Perezchica, Commander Moore, Lieutenant Cornelison, Sergeant Shaun Beasley, Chris Speer, Chief Deputy and eventually our honoree Christian Melero for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year at BERC. There were two incidents that caused the nomination on involving a fellow officer who was shot and another for the

apprehension of a suspect and his weapons. His accounts of bravery were extolled to all who gave him a standing ovation twice. He received a plaque and A \$500.00 gift certificate to purchase a weapon or whatever he likes at First Amendment Sports. The committee was honored; **Sandra Larson, Larry Moxley and Dave Haynes** for the selection process that takes place each year.



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Dinner at the Derby  
 Bakersfield North Rotary  
 7-Oaks Country Club  
 May 15th  
 Video horseracing, oral and silent auction.

See Carole Cohen for tickets/details. Let's support this event like they did ours!!!!

## Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- 05.08 - Four Generations at Work - Robin Paggi
- 05.15 - City Government - Councilman Mike Maggard
- 05.15 - Dinner at the Derby— Bakersfield North Rotary Event - see Carole Cohen for details
- 5.15 - Open House Ronald McDonald House    05.16 - Bakersfield Rescue Mission (page 3)
- 5.18 - Valley Fever Golf Tournament    5.19 - BERC board mtg - Henley's    05.22 - **DARK**
- 5.26 - BERF board mtg- Carney's    05.29 - Gin Fizz Breakfast - offsite at Gary Stanfill's

**Club Assignments for May 8, 2009**

**Greeters:** Phil Franey, Dave Bass, Vernon Varner

**Invocation:** Larry Moxley

**Flag Salute:** Kelly Giblin

**Visiting Rotarians:** Ken Koop

**Reception Table:** Scott Begin, Ron Biglin

**Supper Club:**  
**CAZUELAS MARY**  
 250 Oak Street  
 6 p.m.  
 Call Dave Haynes 393-7204 to RSVP  
 It's considered a make-up!!

*This Week's Business:*

Past President **Dick Giles** led our meeting for the missing President **Leedy**. No explanation was given for her absence and the 4:00 AM phone call that PP **Giles** received about conducting the meeting. BERCCers hope all is well at the **Leedy** household.

The line up had many scratches for the day and without a score card, PP **Giles** would have been quite lost. The bell did ring at 12:30 as usual, but **Sandi Schwartz** led the invocation for the very present **Sandra Larson** and reported that **Quon Louey** is able to practice his golf puts with his head down and **Cy Wade** is recouping from pneumonia. **Michele Brown** led the flag salute for the MIA **John Wilson**. Then as usual **PDG Palmer & Sandra Larson** led us in America. The Greeters were acknowledged and were present- **Marv Denny & Jack Spencer**. Also, "the rest of the guys who hang out back there" were thanked. The Reception Table was missing **Ron Biglin**, but **Scott Begin** and **Sandra Larson** stood in

for him.

**Keith Bishop** took the Visiting Rotarians role since **Carole Cohen** was missing today. Hmmmm...we had all these law enforcement officers with guns present, hmmmm. Just a thought! We had a couple of guests- Monsignor Braun from Downtown Club and Carolyn Belli from Panorama Vista Preserve. **Mark Ramsey** who was celebrating his birthday brought his wife Betsy, however, he forgot to stand up when addressed and the Acting President stated, "not training lads these days."

Club Anniversary's absentees were **Robert Tidwell, Tony Ansolabehere, Ron Bivins, and Kelly Giblin**. Those present were **Dean Carpenter, Rich Harger and Dave Haynes**. The front table held **Steve Gibbs & Michele Brown, Larry Moxley and Dave Haynes**.

President for the Day **Dick Giles** let us

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May Birthdays

Mark Ramsey 1st      Karen McKinzie 3rd      Melinda Westfahl/Rachelle Towery 4th

Mike Burger 17th      Jarrod McNaughton/Scott Begin 30th

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know that he was not 5' and blond and that he didn't need a ladder to get to the mike to speak, Daahhh! If that wasn't funny enough he asked **Pam Mahan** to come up and explain her speeding ticket. She explained that she has a restricted license and must wear glasses. When the officer inquired why she wasn't wearing her glasses she stated that she has contacts- to which the officer replied, "I don't care who you know you're getting a ticket." To which everyone had a good laugh.

Several other announcements followed;

**Dave Haynes** talked about the Valley Fever Golf Tournament on May 18th. There will be a \$10,000 cash prize and a trip to Scotland for 2 and golf at St. Andrews. Modern Office Environments- **Dave Coffee** and CBR Ellis- **Wayne Kress** are sponsoring certain special tees along with Bill Wright Toyota hole in One.

**Keith Bishop** introduced Carolyn Belli for the MIA **Carole Cohen** who talked briefly about an environmental project on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00 at the Panorama Vista Preserve. Brochures were at the table and **Keith** will supply maps next Friday. You can log on [www.panoramavista.org](http://www.panoramavista.org) to learn more about the organization.

**Michele Brown** continued to discuss the Festa di Pasta and will have total figures earned next meeting.

The guess is around \$32,000.00. She thanked the committee and those who participated. **Dick Giles, PP** discussed the many dancers at the event, **Giordano's, McKinzie, Stanfill's & Bill Lewis** in particular. **Christine Randall** was dancing with her bike and she said her "friend" was dancing with the bike and that she should get to buy a hat. To that she got a toot on a horn and told to put it on her bike to let people know she is dancing or biking.

The 50-50 drawing for \$14.00 won by **Dean Carpenter**. The meeting ended at 1:30 with "Well done is better than well said" Benjamin Franklin. However that wasn't enough **Dick Giles** added "If you can't be honest, please be sincere" which he claimed **Dave Bass** as the author.



Bakersfield Rescue Mission Open House and Barbeque

May 16, 2009

11:00 am to 1 p.m.

Come and see the brand new look to the main entrance. BERC made a huge contribution to this project so you all are invited.

**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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