



# THE ROTO NEWS



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## Fun Filled Friday Full of Fines Fills the Agenda at BERCC



Full of fines President Biglin

Oops! Congressman McCarthy had to stay in Washington to vote on the Farm Bill. So, we had a "Meet and Fine" session, according to **President Ron**.

### Fines

**Mike and Patty Griffin** were in Washington, D.C., when their son, M.C., was married in Las Vegas in April.

**Scott Begin** suggested a fine of \$200, but **President Ron** thought that would be adding insult to injury, so he let **Mike** slide. However, **Ron's** merciful attitude had abated later in the meeting, when **Mike** cited the shock of missing his son's wedding as an excuse for not completing his Rotarian Magazine assignment. **Mike** will pay big bucks for that.

**Carole Cohen** bought a new car, went to Paris, and chose to play Bunco over attending a BERCC Board meeting, and all she had to pay was \$75 (\$50 for the car and \$25 for missing the board meeting).

**President Ron** was persuaded by the mitigating circumstances cited by **Carole** – the last minute change in the location of the meeting, she was playing bunco to raise money for the rescue mission, and she sent her report to the meeting.

**Dave Bass** has printed up thousands of post-it notes advertising his business and featuring a colour photo of **Dave** NOT WEARING HIS ROTARY PIN! **Lloyd**

**Plank** generously offered to pay twice the \$50 fine **President Ron** was assessing **Dave**. True to form, **Ron** accepted **Lloyd's** offer to pay \$100, but said it would be in addition to **Dave's** \$50 fine.

**Ron Bivins** resisted **President Ron's** attempt to levy a \$25 fine against him for failing to greet BERCC members last week.

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### Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- May 30 - Forest Hagood Adult child/elderly parent communication
- June 1 - Rotary Park workday 2 p.m.
- June 6 - Rotary Park Dedication
- June 27 - Demotion



**This week in business:****Visiting Rotarians:**

Jim Baldwin, Rotary Club of Bakersfield, Don Simpson, Rotary Club of Bakersfield, Ken Secor, Bakersfield South Rotary Club, Michael Arreola, Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary Club

**Guests:**

Inspired by Cary Grant and Irene Dunne, **Remlap** introduced, "My favorite wife, **Nina**". **Christine Randall** introduced Guest of the Club, Marcy Unruh. **Sandra Larson** introduced Highland Interactors Nicole Hendricks & Carly Faulkner.

**Birthdays:** Nobody in BERC was born this week in May

**Club Anniversaries:**

Neither **Kent Pryor** nor **Doug Amstutz** was on hand to celebrate the anniversary of the day they joined Bakersfield East Rotary Club. **Kent** has been a member for one year, and **Doug** has been a member for the past 24 years.

**Announcements**

**President Ron** congratulated Pasta Feast Chair **Bill Trivitt** and all of his committee members on a job well done.

**Ron** also thanked **Dave Haynes**, **Sandra Larson**, and **Larry Moxley** (who was not present to hear the appreciative words of his president), for their work on the presentation of the annual awards.

The Final Workday at Rotary Park will be on Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 p.m. Bring your crescent wrench and a phillips screwdriver.

**Quon Louey** will pay no fine, because he wore his Rotary pin when he was featured on the local news to solicit relief funds for the survivors of the earthquake in Shichuan, China. **Quon** explained that the local Chinese clubs have formed a coalition to raise money for quake survivors. Their goal is to raise at least \$10,000. Contributions can be made to Chinese American Association of Kern County (CAAKC), 804 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

**President-Elect Susan Leedy** reminded us that RI wants to set a Guinness World Record by having a pyramid of 250,000 books for K-3rd graders at the International Convention in Los Angeles. Bring your books to the meetings, and **Susan** will transport them to the convention.

**President Ron** commended the bravery of **Mark Nelson's** Salvation Army driver and his helper. They were driving by a house when they realized it was on fire. They stopped, put out the fire with a garden hose, and rescued an 83 year old woman from the burning house – all *before* the Fire Department arrived!

**Dave Haynes** reported that the Valley Fever Golf Tournament was a success, despite the unusually inclement weather. He thanked all who participated. Visiting Rotarian Jim Baldwin volunteered to help with next year's tournament, on behalf of the Downtown Club.

**Christine Randall** thanked the scholarship committee, **Jane Lewis**, **Jean Watanabe**, **Bill Gresco**, **Carolyn Jackson**, and **Tom Alexander**, for choosing nine deserving students from Garces (1 student), Highland (2 students), and East (6 students) to receive \$14,900 in scholarships. **Ron** was on hand for the East High awards, and he was very proud of the large BERC scholarships (\$700 - \$1,000) were announced.

**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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**Will Rogers**