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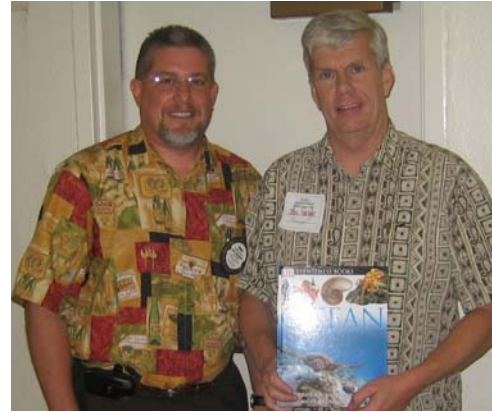
Jon Parker and The Water Bank

Jon Parker, General Manger of the Kern Water Bank Authority gave us an interesting presentation on the Water Bank. There are two ways to store water. One is in lieu banking, where surface supplies operate in lieu of ground water. The other way is by direct recharge, where the water is stored in a natural aquifer under the surface and pumped out when it is needed. This is the method used by the Kern Water Bank Authority, with the water stored in an aquifer created by the Kern River.

The Water Bank covers 32 square miles west of Bakersfield. The area was flooded

for cattle grazing from the late 19th century to the 1930's. From the 1930's to 1991 it was used for farming. A good portion of the property was purchased by the California Department of Water Resources in 1988; however, they were never able to create a viable water bank. In 1991 there was a drought, and no water supplies were provided by the state water project, causing farming to cease in the area. Two years later the Dept. of Water Resources stepped out, the Monterey Agreement was reached, and in 1996 the Kern Water Bank Authority was formed.

There are three sources of water for the Water Bank – the



Pres for the Day Mike with Jon Parker

State Water Project's California Aqueduct, which draws water from the Northern Sierra; the Friant Kern Canal, which draws water from the Central Sierra; and the Kern River, which brings water down from the Southern Sierra. There are 73 shower recharge basins covering 11 square miles, as well as 66 miles of levies.

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OFFICERS

- President: Ron Biglin
- Secretary: Christine Randall
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- Sgt. at Arms: Mike Cooper
- Board Advisor: Kelly Giblin
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
- Administration: Dave Bass
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- Outreach: Carole Cohen
- International Service: Michele Brown
- Past President: Vernon Varner
- President Elect: Susan Leedy
- President '09-'10: Tom Burch

Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

June 20 - Bakersfield Community Theater - Scenes from Charlotte's Web

June 27 - Demotion!!!!!!!

Worker Bees for June 20,2008

Flag Salute: Marv Denny

Visiting Rotarians: Mark Ramsey

Invocation: Susan Gill

Reception Table: Joe Hughes, Oscar Baltazar

Greeters: Robert Tidwell, Scott Begin, Mike
Burger

Supper Club:

Wednesday night June 18,2008

Happy Jacks

1800 20th St

6 p.m.

RSVP:

Dave Haynes 393-7204

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The water is directed into ponds, from which it percolates into the ground. The Water Bank was started during the El Nino season, and two times the amount of water in Lake Isabella was stored that year. The PG & E bills to pump the water out can total \$500,000 to \$600,000 a month. Although the primary purpose of the Water Bank is water conservation, it also benefits wildlife conservation and surrounding vegetation.

This week in Business:

Visiting Rotarians

No visiting Rotarians graced us with their presence this day

Guests: **Bette Cooper** was on hand to see husband, **Mike**, be President for a day.

Jack Saba introduced guest of the club Keith Bishop, **Susan Leedy** was accompanied by her husband, **Bud**.

Birthdays: **Frank Colatruglio** June 18

Fines: The fines were flying on Friday the 13th, but they all had one thing in common – all were assessed against our **President**, who was MIA.

Mike Cooper called for a show of hands of those who were not wearing a Rotary pin. At the end of the inquiry, not one Rotarian was wearing a pin, resulting in a \$5 fine multiplied by 55, all of which was assessed against **President Ron**, as clearly such a phenomenon must be laid at his feet. And, the mathematics were just beginning. **Mike** multiplied another \$5 by the 26 empty seats in the room, for yet another fine to be paid by our absent leader. Seeing the direction of the wind blown by our **President for a day Cooper, Bill Lewis** volunteered that he had been thinking about buying a new car. BAM! Another \$25 against traveling **Ron. Dave Haynes** jumped on that bandwagon and confessed that he was in the process of buying a new car for **Loretta**. Another \$25 will be paid upon the **President's** return. **Larry Moxley** said he just got his RV out of the shop, apparently at great expense. **Mike** started to buck the trend and assess a \$100 fine against **Larry**; however, he thought better of that and decided that **Ron** should pay the \$100 multiplied by 4 – all assessed to **MIA Ron**. Hopefully **President Ron** is engaging in lucrative endeavors, as he will need all his wealth to settle up his account. And, speaking of settling up, there will be no fines assessed during the meeting on June 20, as a motion that June 20 be a fine free

meeting was seconded and carried with a majority vote.

Announcements: **Susan Leedy** thanked all who brought books for the pyramid of 250,000 books for K-3rd graders at the International Convention in Los Angeles.

The next BERG RV Retreat will be on September 12 in the wine country, and there are only three spots left! Call soon to be former President **Ron** for reservations.

Debbie Moreno encouraged everyone to come to the Bistro's Celebrity Chef event to benefit the homeless shelter on Monday night. The executive chef at the Bistro will be cooking the favorite recipes of local celebrities, including that of our own **Debbie Moreno**.

Karen Skrable reminded everyone to RSVP for Demotion at Hodel's on June 27.

PP Vernon Varner welcomed Bakersfield East Rotary Foundation (BERF) Board members **Greg Braun**, **Phil Franey**, and **Steve Gibbs** to explain some recent changes in BERF. **Phil** explained that the accounting firm of Brown Armstrong has given BERF an unqualified opinion that the accounting statements conform to accepted accounting practices. This is the highest rating possible. **Greg** thanked **Karen Skrable** for all of the hard work she contributed at the beginning of the audit.

Greg and **Steve** explained that because BERF is a 501(c)(3) corporation, it is essential that there be separation between BERF and BERG. However, there is some interdependence, as BERF contributions fund a portion of the BERG budget. Setting the budget has been difficult, as the amount of member pledges is not usually known until September. Therefore, the BERF board has developed a way to approve a preliminary BERG budget based on a rolling five year average. Additional expenditures can be approved after the pledges are made.

Another change that has been made is to limit the duplication between BERG and BERF board members to no more than 50% of the BERF board. **Karen Skrable** questioned this, as some years ago a decision had been made to limit the duplication to the current President, Past President, and President-Elect, which is much less than 50% of the board.

Susan Gill commended the BERF Board for its good work, but suggested that in the future it would be prudent to seek input from BERG members before making changes to the BERF bylaws, even though such input is not required by the BERF bylaws. Club Parliamentarian **George Palmer** questioned BERF's ability to make changes to bylaws without BERG member input, as BERF is an entity which is subject to RI rules and procedures. The BERF Board agreed to review its procedure with these thoughts in mind.

Concluding Thought: *President for a Day Cooper* conveyed *President Ron's* concluding thought, which is dedicated to the Demotion Committee:

"Love the people who treat you right, forget about the ones who don't."

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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