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Minor League King Steps Up to the Mike...

The Huckahayan began at 12:25 with the 4 Way Test attempted by **Melinda Westfahl** and clumsily followed by BERCers who weren't quite awake yet. The Invocation was very eloquently spoken by **Karen Skrable** and included prayers for Patty Plank, **Cy Wade**, **Judie Rolph's** speedy recovery and **Joe Lozano, PP** continuing recouping from Chemo. The flag salute was snapped out by **Oscar Baltazar**. The song of all songs, "God Bless America," was led by **Remlap** and played on the piano by **Susan Larson**. The Greeters today were; **Cy Wade, Charter Member**, assisted by **Larry Moxley, PP**. The Reception Table was manned & womanned by **Jane Lewis & Wayne Kress**. The Front Table was blessed by **Patty Griffin** & speaker Scott Erwin. The other side was held up by **Susan Gill**.

Visiting Rotarians were somewhat confusing as no one gave the cards to **Steve Karcher** who was ready and waiting. Before he could get to do his assignment there was a special delivery- **Jane Lewis** brought it up from the back table- a box and an envelope. The envelope contained a poem which she read. In the box was a small stool. On the stool were printed King Dan, BERC, USC, Trojan, Heckahaya and Short People Rule. Of course he- **His Shortness** had to stand on the stool. Inside the envelope was a box of yes, you guessed it, Trojan Extra Large (condoms). There was a remark made by **His Rudeness** "If you sent stirrups, I'm in trouble. Also he was not pleased to think that if he stood on the stool he could no longer hug girls in the same place- (you figure that one out!). Steve finally was able to introduce Steve Teglia, Business Advisor from the Breakfast Club, Bernie Barmann, County Council from Downtown and Pauline Larwood, Consulting from Downtown. A special Rotarian from the Philippines who was introduced by **George Palmer, PDG**- unfortunately the mike was not working well, so his club may be Kotamoto, or not and he was a PDG too- Moya Ueki. His year of reign was 1993-94 with a motto- "Believe in what you do, do what you believe in." He has a project which is being presented to our club as soon as the Board reviews.

Guests were next with **Larry Moxley, PP** beginning; he brought his wife Susan their oldest son Jeff and wife along with Richard and grandson Luke Shane. **Kelly Giblin, PP** brought Susan Rizo from Garces High, **John Wilson** brought a teacher- Ms. Barton, **Phil Icardo** brought a guy named Dave...by now the writer can't hear half of the names, hence, you get half of the info...**Jean Watanabe** brought her husband Steve and son Daniel, **Rich Harger** introduced Tim Reese from the East Niles Service District, and **Judie Rolph** stood to introduce Kay Hall, the Academic Program Leader at Noble School (new title.) **Judie** had a bit of drama during the meeting, but nurse- **Sandi Schwartz** used the **Pint Sized King's** stool to prop up her legs....she- **Judie** may be over doing it and is still experiencing pain from her recent surgery.

Dave Haynes talked about the success of the golf tournament before talking about the Supper Club on Wed. at Maxwell's. RSVP's a must- but the menu selections are to die for and include appetizers of stuffed mushrooms first, then your choice for \$25.00 each;

1. New York Steak
2. Lamb Shank
3. Wild King Salmon
4. Neptune Pasta with lobster/scallops/shrimp
5. or for \$20.00 Chicken Cesar Salad.

Now **The Tiny Tot** has some fines to trot out....fiiinnnaaaalllllyyy-

Jason Kaff & Ken Koop blew it and forgot they were to have been Greeters....\$25.00 fine. **Brenna Fowler** was noted to be absent from the Reception Table- psssst- look out next week.

BIRTHDAY's...

Fernando Aguirre on what date we don't know, but he will be 54! **Debbie Moreno**, was not late but absent, her day is on the 8th.

The **Clark's** have an anniversary this week along with the **Karcher's**. **Jim** was gone so we don't know how many years, however, **Steve** was on hand and remembered 21 years!

Dates to remember as if we'd forget, Master PERL's on the 5th. **Fernando Aguirre, Dona Faz & Judie Rolph** are set for Basic PERL's. Demotion on 6/23, where no one's said, District Demotion is on 7/8 at the Ronald Reagan Library with tour and all of the Air Force One.

Vernon Varner, PP Elect goes off to Copenhagen and wished good luck.

Now all was serious as **Kelly Giblin, PP** presented a Paul Harris Fellow to the very surprised Daniel Watanabe. Even while Daniel's many attributes as a bowler were discussed, I guess the good food had him zoned out and he didn't know that he was the topic of the award. Both his proud parents posed for pictures as **The King of Tiny Stools** took pictures too. This was **Jean's** third Paul Harris Fellow to award, so she got a pin too and was surprised!

Patty Griffin was called up along with **Amanda Brodie** who was in shock and disbelief as she thought she had done something wrong and was going to be fined. Instead, they both received Benefactor Awards, and pins much to their relief.

Oscar Baltazar who is involved with Garces High and OLPH Interact & Youth Act groups was discussing a trip to the coast for the kids that Donna Smith and Tonya Abbott are advisors to respectfully. They have had projects with CASA kids, Beverly Manor and the Special Education Learning Center, and events at CALM. This trip will be to Montana de Oro.

Fernando Aguirre introduced Kay Hall from Noble School who talked about all the activities that have gone on during the school year such as;

1. Books to go home for the summer.
2. Yard for Kindergarten class.
3. School supplies already for next year.
4. **Dave Bass** was thanked for all the books purchased.
5. District Clean Up Day.
6. Weekly Reading with students.

She gave out certificates for the District Community Service Day, what she called boosters for BERC's self esteem to; **Amanda Brodie, Ray Chaffey, Kelley Brown, Rich Harger, Kay Schrader & husband Richard, Fernando Aguirre, Judie Rolph** and 3 Roteractors.

Next for the Reading Program certificates were given to; **Judie Rolph, Fernando Aguirre, Susan Gill, Dave Coffey, Mike Griffin, Patty Griffin, Jane Lewis, Annette Bazelle, Dean Carpenter, Vernon Varner, Mike Cooper, Pam Mahan, Ray Chaffee, Sunny Amstutz, Bruce & Claudia Keith, Ben Batey, Bill Lewis, Linda Wright, Lynne Hall, Susan Leedy, The King of Small Stuff & Arlene & Dave Hashim.** It was noted by **His Naughtiness** that

Cooper was out of town visiting family in jail. (4 Way Test?) An extra nice special certificate was given to **Dave Bass** for all the books. Juanita Sanchez, principal couldn't be here but wanted to let **Phil Icardo** know to call her when he has his next party and passed out her card.

So **His Royal Pain in the Bleep** wouldn't feel left out, he got a trophy, which he accepted while standing on his tiny stool.

Christine Randall was asked to step forward and explain her newly purchased Lexus. First she tried to weasel out by saying it was the Pasta Basket Mobile...then she got a 10% fine of the cost of the car, so she quickly retreated with that line and got a \$25 fine instead.

Next **Patty Griffin** was called up for being the Kern Press Club Award Winner for the best company, newsletter, brochure, etc. 6 of 8 categories she aced. **Debbie Moreno** was also named the best Chamber Partner of the Year, so both of them got fines of \$25 from **The Small Trogan.**

Our speaker Scott Erwin was introduced by the award winner **Patty Griffin** who had a long introduction of our speaker who's father was Donald Irwin of Graybar Electric and a member of BERC in 1989. He also was a founding member of the Mammoth Rotary Club besides being an owner of the Bakersfield Blitz which is what he came to talk about. He had a power point presentation about an indoor version of football called Arena Football. His club is a minor II division club. The game is different in that they have 8 players vs 12, 50 yards vs 100 and an 8 yard end zone. The game is played faster, more passing, high scoring, nets at the back of the end zones and the ball can be played off of the net. The local league has a 20 year history with this patented game. There are 19 teams and are seen on NBC on Saturdays and Sundays. The AFL playoffs are next week, the Arena Bowl is in Las Vegas. They have 4 conferences, a 16 game season and 2 playoffs. On 8/27 will be the Arena Cup played in Louisiana. The only questions asked were by **Dick Henderson** and you might have guessed, he asked if they played Florida State. **Gary Stanfill** had a more thoughtful question about their travel. It seems they go by bus or fly.

The Stooze of Stools had two blond girl jokes and actually singled out **Karen Skrable** (big mistake). The jokes weren't worth repeating. However, **Thee Jacket** was passed to a good Rotarian- **Dick Giles** who found it to fit well. At 1:31 another meeting slid into obscurity. ~rks

Future Programs

June 9 - Ed Mattson

June 16 - Linda Wright - Girl Scouts

June 23 - Demotion

July 8 - Dist. Demotion Ronald Reagan Library

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Attendance IS Important!

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