



# THE ROTO NEWS



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## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM... RICK KING

Keith Bishop introduced our Speaker Past Rotary International President of 2001-2002 Rick King. He is the Sr. Partner in the law firm King – King – King in Northern Calif. and joined Rotary in 1968 in a club in Fremont, Ca. The first words out of Mr. King's mouth were "President Tom is awfully LOOSE" of course there wasn't a peep from the audience, as you would imagine.

Mr. King sang the first three minutes of his speech by singing the words "On a Wonderful Day". He began working under a contract with Howard Hughes Hotels in Las Vegas back in the early 60's. He was the singing Sue'r at the Desert Inn as they called him.

When he was R.I. President his Theme was Mankind is our Job. Once he was in New Mexico for a speaking engagement and a woman Rotarian came up behind stage and showed him her chest area where she had tattooed his Rotary theme, he was speechless for once in his life.

He presented Pres. Tom and Dan Giordano silk ties that he had once given to all the Heads of States around the world while he was R.I. President. Even John Pope II received a tie after Mr. King visited with him. After presenting his infamous tie to the Head of State of Taiwan, the Government of Taiwan then handed him a check for \$5 mil to help us eradicate Polio. Now, that was one incredible moment for Mr. King, although he has had many more since.

Mr. King said everyone in Rotary needs to have a job or purpose in the club.

He spoke of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rotary meeting in 1905 w/Paul Harris and that their purpose was to grow friendships and help each other prosper. They used to rotate their meeting sites weekly and that's how the name Rotary was born. The Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist clubs all started a few years after Rotary. All these fine organizations have contributed generously to the World.

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President Tom with Past RI President Rick King

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## BERC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**07.21.09 - BERC Board mtg - 5:30 pm - Henley's (It's a make up)**

**07.24.09 - Regular meeting - Noble School and you - Dave Bass, Mrs. Sanchez and Kay Hall**

**07. 31. 09 - Regular meeting - Public libraries- About to close ?- Sara Bleyl**

**08.07.09 - West Nile Virus - Sweeping thru Bakersfield?**

**08.14.09 - Proper Wine-ing Techniques—Mike Stepanovich/ Wine Aficionado**

Club Assignments July 24th

Greeters: David Coffey, Carole Cohen, Michele Brown

Flag Salute: Frank Colatruglio

Invocation: Mike Cooper

Visiting Rotarians: Marv Denny

Reception Table: John Fanucchi, Kathryn Ferguson

Supper Club:

Closed for the summer

**Rotarian magazine assignments:** Page 23 - Joe Hughes Page 30 - Pam Mahan

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What the world appreciates most from Rotary is our Social Economics. We set goals and we make them happen. Mr. King was in the Middle East just 2 weeks ago on behalf of Rotary. When speaking with fellow Rotarians there and Heads of States, they said they will never have the Peace in the Middle East that they need. Rotary has the type of attitude that they need to work on themselves or Peace will only be a word.

Mr. King spoke of his mascot he adopted while R.I. President, it was an American Bald Eagle.

The American Bald Eagle has tremendous vision and is the only bird that will fly on into a storm until he reaches his objective. Eagles have the great ability to accept change. Doesn't that sound like a true Rotarian? We all come together no matter what our creed, religion, job, etc... We all are alike when we put our Rotary Wheel on.

In the May 1960 Rotary Magazine there was an article by Dr. Albert Schweitzer called 'The Truly Human Man'. He said "the one who tries to act and be The Truly Human Man is a true Rotarian".

Rotary is needed for the future and private citizens get the job done best. That is what Rotary does best. We must fly on like the Eagle and pursue our Worlds dreams.

Mr. King then reflected a moment on Rotary by saying "Your contributions mean so much ". Rick wishes we could all see what he has witnessed around the world. While in Africa he helped build a two room slab that became a home so a woman and her two young children whose father had died years before from AIDS could have shelter. He said, "I will never understand the gift we gave her because I have always had a nice home to live in, but I understand the gift she gave to me". In India he witnessed a Rotary doctor perform cataract surgery on a woman who had never seen her three children and now she can. He said again, "I will never understand the gift we gave her because I have always had my eye sight, but I understand the gift she gave me".

July Birthdays

Lloyd Plank 1st Jack Saba 14th Dick Henderson 15th

Dave Haynes 20th Bill Lewis 23rd

**This week's business:**

**Invocation:** Bill Gresco **Flag Salute:** Kelley Brown **Song:** Was lead by our speaker the esteemed Past R.I. President Rick King (The Star Spangled Banner)

**Visiting Rotarians:** Dean Carpenter introduced: Wasco Rotary – Barry Braun (Almonds) Sam Sikola (Banking) Earl Penrod (Transportation) North Rotary – Pres. Teresa Ford (T.V. Broadcasting)

**Guests:** First Lady Gail Burch, Nell Paul, Michelle Trivitt, Jim Williams, Brock and Nikko Burger (Mike's wonderful two boys), Angel Tidwell, Lucy Aguirre, Gabriel Garcia and Michael (both guests of Wayne Kress)

**Partners Birthday:** Rex Brown 7/14 (Michelle took him to San Francisco for the annual Breast Cancer walk, which Michelle participated in)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Glenn and Nell Paul 7/14 Fernando and Lucy Aguirre 7/16 and Joe and Sandy Hughes 7/19

**No pin fines:** Kathy Ferguson, Tom Larwood

Carole Cohen gave us suckers to entice us to donate for the annual BACK-PACK DRIVE. This years recipients will be Boys and Girls Club, Rescue Mission and CASA. We would also like to raise enough to provide backpacks for the children of the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter too. We have purchased about 325 backpacks and need at least 450. Please give generously as these kids are our future. It's in Your Hands!!!

**REMINDER:** District Conference is in Ventura October 23-25, please plan to attend.

Please get your Foundation Pledges in, they are now LATE.....

**Rotarian Reading Assignment:** Joe Hughes was pg. 23 and he actually had read up on it. We are so proud of you Joe! Tom Larwood on the other hand was fined \$10 because he did not and yet it was on TB, something the Doc knows a little bit about. Shame-shame....

Robert Tidwell was fined \$20 because he was featured in the Kern Business Magazine and though his excuse for not having his Rotary pin on was shaky, stating it was an old picture. He had no excuse though for not mentioning anything about being involved in Rotary. Even his wife Angel thought his fine was not big enough. I wonder who won that fight later that night??

Pres. Tom gave a BIG Thank You to all those who were instrumental in getting Rick King here for our program today. He gave each a special pin: Carole Cohen, Kelly Giblin, Sandi Schwartz, Lloyd Plank, Carolyn Jackson and Dan Giordano.

Glenn Paul won \$120 in our 50/50 drawing and the Wasco Rotary club said they were taking the idea back to their President. They also commented on what a great program we had today and that they would rub it in to their President for not showing up. Wasco Rotary, you are welcomed anytime!

**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**- 12 pm Jo's Restaurant

**Bakersfield Twilight** 6pm

TL Maxwell's

**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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