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President Kelly Keeps Up The Momentum.....

President Kelly's FootNotes

Hi everyone!

DON'T FORGET!!!! August is MEMBERSHIP MONTH for Rotarians everywhere..... Not only do we each need to keep our eyes open to ways we can share Rotary with our community, but also with those who would make good Rotarians within BERC!

We are strongly encouraging all of our members to attend the MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR being held on August 17th. It starts at 8:00 a.m. and runs until noon,

so it won't even take up your whole day!!!!

Contact me, Terry Burley, or Dave Haynes for more information. There is NO COST to you to attend, and it is a great way to make a great club even better!

Thanks again for all your support!!

Kelly



Charter Member and Founding Father of BERC- Dick Griffin

introduced visiting Rotarians Joe Drew, Wayne Carter, Riley Parker and Darlene Liesch. Guests this week were Nicole Nuanez, Tammy's daughter, who weighs 11# 2oz, Robert Provencio's son Philip, who stands 6'3", and Janette Ramsey's guest, Karen Peltier, who did

not divulge any statistics. We were also joined by club guest Judy Lewis, and the Father of BERC, Dick Griffin, who received a Rotary pin and the gratitude of our club.

The Monetary Facts.....Terry Maxwell, who neglected his duties as greeter this



Kelly Giblin gives a pin to Honorary Member Dick Griffin.

This Week It Was Bad Enough WITHOUT The Sangria.....

Toni Snyder and Wayne Kress served as our greeters this week. President Kelly Giblin called the meeting to order and Dan Giordano gave a lovely invocation in which he prayed that we will be able to see Prez Kelly's' feet before the end of the year. She apologized to God, and then asked Dick Giles to lead our flag salute. George Palmer, accompanied by John McWhorter on piano, led us in a rousing rendition of My Country 'Tis of Thee. Jim Nephew



Mike Cooper, PP, now Secretary is defending himself again this week!

week, tried to make amends with a cheery *Hi Folks!* but was fined \$5.00 along with the dutiful greeters who left their post a little too early. Celebrating birthdays this week were Dave Haynes, Bill Lewis, Jeanette Richardson and Suzanne Icardo. Bob and Anne Frapwell are



Vern Varner gets fined \$50.00 for leaving early last week without excusing himself prior with the speaker!

celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary, and Kay Schrader is celebrating her 3rd club anniversary (this time). A collection for Nicole Nuanez was taken and subsequently \$77.00 was raised, an amount that needs to be tripled by her parents. President Kelly read a letter of thanks from the Free Wheelchair Mission for our \$300.00

donation. She also noted that Wayne Kress apologized to our speaker for having to leave today's meeting before the program, a courtesy that we all should extend to our speakers. Vernon Varner left last week without an apology (he went to play golf!) and along with fellow golfer, Phil Icardo, was fined \$50.00. *Madame Presidente*



President Kelly has banners and more banners from all sorts of exotic places and contacts.

presented flags from Nigeria, Indonesia, Bangladesh and the Phillipines that she received at the RI

Convention. Terry Maxwell, owner of T.L. Maxwell's, provided this week's craft talk about the restaurant business. We learned that his day begins at 6:30 a.m. when he starts creating the day's desserts, works on his wine list,

and prepares for his lunch and dinner guests (also the festivities he caters). Terry's day ends around 11:00 p.m. and he loves what he does! He received a Barcelona mug and Rotary pin for the interesting account of his work.

A New Old Member.....

President Kelly announced the highlight of her job duties is inducting new members into BERC. Pat Griffin, wife of Mike, has become our newest member – again! She was introduced by her husband of 21 years. (Incidentally, Mike will forever be known as the *Bard of BERC*, as he seems to give all his reports in rhyme.) We learned that Pat is a graduate of Fresno State majoring in Journalism and served as County Editor of the Bakersfield Californian. She is owner of Griffin Communications and



Mike Griffin does the honors and re pins Pat Griffin as the

during her fine-free minute, told us that she is honored to be President Kelly's first member and thanked us for welcoming her back to our club.

The Bloodletting Continues....With \$1 Worth of Mercy.....

Lloyd Plank was asked about his \$1,000.00 fine

during PP Bob Parker's reign, an amount that went to the Joe Alexander Fund and Plank Foundation. Prez Kelly told him that she would never fine him that much. However,

since he delivered her to this week's meeting in his Rolls Royce, instead of her first meeting last week, she fined him \$999.00. Nelson Richardson was quizzed about an article in the Bakersfield Californian featuring his wife Jeannette, Executive Director for the Arts Council. Since there was no



Pat Griffin gets about 30 seconds to say she's happy to be back.



Terry Maxwell got roped in at the last minute to do a craft talk...and gave us his typical looonng day.



Lloyd Plank is fined a hefty amount for standing up her Presidentness in the chauffeuring

mention of BERC, he was fined \$25.00. Ken Koop was fined \$50.00 for the purchase of a new home. President Kelly reminded us that we will be fined for not wearing our Rotary pins, so be forewarned.



Nelson Richardson is fined \$25.00 for no mention of BERC in the recent

The Program

Lloyd Plank introduced our speaker, his friend of many years, Riley Parker, of Parker & Associates Professional Investigations, who specializes in fraud and employment related investigations for businesses and insurance carriers,

namely workers' compensation fraud. Although workers' comp claims are questioned in only 3% of the cases and fraud is found in only 1% of the cases, it is a seven billion dollar a year business. We learned that most claims are by employees making less than \$400.00 a week, that the maximum penalty for felony workers' comp fraud is three years in state prison, and that physicians and attorneys who assist in filing fraudulent claims are also investigated. Mr. Parker provided us with information on how employers can identify possible fraud. It was an interesting topic that affects all of us through inflated insurance premiums. President Kelly presented the Speaker's Gift, books donated in Mr.



Ken Koop got a new house in Rosedale for a fine of \$50.00...he made it out to

Parker's name to Williams School and announced that next week's speaker will be Sam Green, past Rotary International Director. She then closed the meeting with..."The measure of a man is not the number of his servants, but in the number of people whom he serves."

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS – JULY 26

Greeters: Frank Colatruglio, Wayne Kress & Michele Primm
Invocation: Dave Haynes
Flag Salute: Rena Kay Schrader
Visiting Rotarians: Johnson Jung

How To Propose A New Member

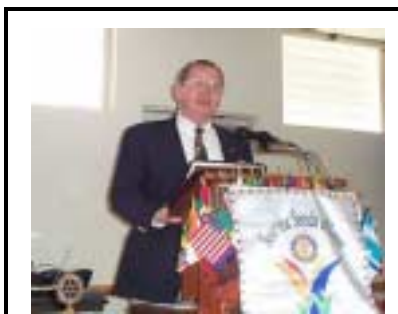
With August being "Membership Development and Extension Month" in the Rotary calendar, the Board is urging BERC members to consider sponsoring good people for membership in our club. Every Rotarian shares the responsibility of seeking qualified members for unfilled classifications. In this way, all club members can help the club achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of our community.

Proposing a new member is not difficult at all if it is done correctly. Problems arise only when proposers fail to follow Rotary's stringent guidelines for properly proposing a new member. There are just eight (8) simple steps on the path to your candidate's membership in our club:

1.) Pre-Qualification. Be sure the person you propose is qualified to be a Rotarian (an owner, manager, or professional who is ethical in business, a leader in his/her industry, is service oriented, and has the time and finances to be a Rotarian.

2.) Proposal. Obtain a proposal card from Club Secretary Mike Cooper, fill out the information on the person you are proposing for membership (one proposal card per prospect), sign the card, and return it to Secretary Mike.

3.) Review. The Board remands the proposal(s) to review by two committees: the Classification Committee which determines the appropriate classification (and whether or not it is available), and the Membership Committee which determines the suitability (character, business & social standing, and general eligibility) of the candidate for membership. The Board, upon satisfactory report of these two committees, approves the proposal and you as proposer are notified through the Club Secretary. NOTE: Until this approval is granted, prospects should NOT be informed that they have



Speaker Riley Parker discusses Worker's Comp. Investigation business with BERC.

been proposed to membership. To do otherwise is to open yourself, your candidate, and the club up to potential embarrassment!

4.) Application. You as the potential sponsor ask your candidate to complete an application card (obtained from the Sec'y) and secure his/her permission to publish his/her name and proposed classification to the club membership.

5.) Publication. Your prospect's name is presented to the club via a written notice from the Secretary. If no written objections, stating reasons, are received by the Board (through the Secretary) within 10 days following the publication of the prospect's name, he/she is invited to membership in the club.

6.) Rotary Information. You (as sponsor) and your proposed member must attend a Rotary Information meeting conducted by a committee made up of the past presidents of the club. At this meeting the privileges and responsibilities of Rotary club membership are reviewed and your prospect's questions are answered. At the conclusion of the meeting, your prospect is formally invited to join the club.

7.) Induction. Assuming your prospect accepts membership, you as sponsor so notify the Secretary and your new member will be scheduled for induction into the club. You should be prepared to present your new member to the club, giving a brief business and family biography on him/her to the members at the induction meeting. Upon payment of your prospect's dues and initiation fees, the President will then welcome your prospect to membership status on behalf of the club at a regularly scheduled club meeting. The Secretary will then report your prospect's name to the General Secretary of R.I.

8.) Active Sponsorship. You as sponsor should do everything possible to help your new member become integrated into the club. Introduce him/her to the members and help him/her get his/her roster signed. Take him/her to a makeup meeting and to a Board meeting. Get him/her involved in active service on several committees of interest to him/her. Your best efforts to help your new member to become assimilated into the fabric of the club are vital!

As you can see, the process isn't difficult! Your officers and Board urge you to give it a try! Accept your obligation to pass on the gift of Rotary that your sponsor gave to you!

-Cliff Doctorman (via Frank Geddes)

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Club Calendar	
Fri. July 19	Riley Parker (Worker's Compensation Fraud)
Fri. July 26	RI Director Sam Greene
Fri. Aug. 2	Jan Lindsay (Research on Poverty)
Fri. Aug. 9	Jane Lutz - Sierra Challenge, getting the proper footwear for activities
Fri. Aug. 16	David Milazzo - Polio
Fri. Aug. 23	Jack Bailey - Volunteer Group Service
Fri. Aug. 30	Marion Collins - Mesa Marin
Fri. Sep. 6	Dennis Wingis - Amtrak
Fri. Sep. 13	Michelle Rasmussen - M.A.R.E.
Fri. Sep. 20	Jim Baldwin - B.A.R.C.