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# The RotoNews

*Of The Rotary Club of Bakersfield East*

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SERVICE Above Self

The Meeting Of  
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We were greeted this week by **PP Dan Giordano**. The reception desk was manned by *new member Susan Reynolds* and *old member Terry Maxwell*. **President Vernon Varner** opened the meeting by telling us that this is the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Rotary. **Phil Icardo** gave a thoughtful invocation and **Gary Stanfill** led the flag salute. **PP George Palmer**, accompanied by **Sandy Larson** on the piano, led us singing *God Bless America*. **Robert Vining** introduced Visiting Rotarians Steve Loyd and Ron Eaves from Bakersfield Downtown, Angelo Haddad and Frank Tripicchio from Bakersfield South, Ira Cohen from Bakersfield North, Bob Long from Bakersfield West and Gerald Sutliff from Castro Valley Sunrise.

**PP Dan Giordano** told us that he's involved in the promotion of Rotary International Directories project. District Governor Rich Abbott will be visiting BERC on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The previous evening will be a dinner at Maxwell's to welcome him. **President Vernon**, in lieu of the normal fruit basket or whatever we usually present to the visiting district governors, has asked that we donate stuffed animals for the DG's preferred project. The stuffed animals will be presented to children in hospitals or by the police officers who are called to homes on domestic violence problems. The **Prez** has asked that we begin collecting the toys now, so that when the DG comes calling, we'll have a lot of them to present to him.

**Sandra Larson** told us about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Classic sponsored by Barber Honda and Target with proceeds benefiting the Valley Fever Americas Foundation and Community Connection for Child Care Foundation. The tournament will be a four-person scramble on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and is being held at Rio Bravo Country Club. Contact Sandy for more information.

**President Vernon** announced the birth of Taylor Elizabeth Richardson, daughter of Kimberly and **Steve Richardson**, on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Since Steve was missing today, we'll take up a collection to present to Taylor next week.

**PP Doug Amstutz** brought suck-up gifts to **President Vernon** from the Rotary International Convention in Copenhagen last month. They included a Rotary gift bag, a Rotary tie, a banner from the Rotary Club of San Rafael, Mexico, and something that came from the Erotica Museum. (It seemed to be appropriate since **PP Doug** spotted **President Vernon** exiting said museum!)

Birthdays and anniversaries will no longer be announced at the meetings, but we can keep track of them through the Newsletter. **President Vernon** then questioned **Frank Colatruglio** as to why he has been missing lately. Frank danced all around the issue, but his excuses all seem to revolve around golf. He was allowed to name his own fine and decided on \$50. (**Prez Vernon** has a new motto...*Roses are red, violets are blue, no matter the excuse, I'm still going to fine you!*) **PP Bruce Keith** admitted that he had a new set of wheels, a Mini Cooper. He was fined \$100,

**David Coffey** introduced our speakers Lara Mae Davina, President/ General Manager and Danita Johnson, Account Executive with the Bakersfield Jam, Bakersfield's professional basketball team affiliated with the National Basketball Association. On February 14, 2006, the NBA awarded the D-league expansion team to Bakersfield. The team is owned by David Higdon and Stan Ellis of Bakersfield, and Steve Chase, Tet Yamashita and David Crisp of Los Angeles. We were treated to an amusing video showing fans dancing and were encouraged to try out to be on an upcoming video promoting the team. In addition to merely employing the players, the Jam has programs for them. They include assisting them coping with what can turn out to be multi-million dollar contracts that can be overwhelming

to a young player just coming out of high school or college. They also have health and fitness programs. After a question and answer period, our speakers were presented with a copy of *Princess Academy* which they signed for Noble School and were each presented with a replica of a trash can filled with DeWar's Chews.

**President Vernon** then closed the meeting with a quote from his ten year old grandson...Vernon: What's 5 & 5? Grandson: 10. Vernon: What's 8 & 6? Grandson: 14. Vernon: What's 15 & 7? Grandson: You go bust, grandpa! With that, the meeting was adjourned. p.m

### JULY CELEBRATIONS

#### BIRTHDAYS

1 Lloyd Plank, 76  
 14 Jack Saba, 74  
 15 Dick Henderson, 60 something  
 20 Dave Haynes, 64  
 23 Bill Lewis, 62  
 23 Amanda Brodie

#### PARTNER'S BIRTHDAY

2 George Larson (Sandra)  
 3 Fredda Carpenter (Dean)  
 14 Rex Brown (Michelle)  
 23 Hayward Tarpley (Barbara)  
 25 Susanne Icardo (Phil)

#### ANNIVERSARIES

1 Steven and Kimberly Richardson, 6 years

16 Fernando and Lucy Aguirre, 35 years  
 18 Mike and Pat Griffin, 25 years  
 25 Bob and Ann Frapwell, 53 years  
 28 Marv and Myrna Denny, 32 years  
 30 Oscar and Paula Baltazar, 2 years

#### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

19 Pat Griffin, 4 (retread years!)  
 23 Kay Schrader, 7 years

#### MEETINGS

July 28 Bill Coates Author "Twist In Time" a historical Analysis  
 Aug 4 Hilary Baird State Farm Insurance  
 Aug 11 Open  
 Aug 18 Betty Ann Ong  
 Sept 8 Michael Rubio "Current issues effecting Kern County"

## Club Assignments 2006-2007

	Jul 7	Jul 14	Jul 21	Jul 28	Aug 4	Aug 11	Aug 18	Aug 25	Sept 1
Greeter 1	Ron Biglin	Kelly Giblin	Kay Schrader	Melinda Westfahl	Earl Absher	Pat Griffin	Karen Skrable	Larry Moxley	Tom Burch
Greeter 2	Dan Giordano	Bob Parker	John Wilson	Mike Brazzel	Jason Kaff	Steve Richardson	Oscar Baltazar	Linda Wright	David Coffey
Greeter 3	Mike Griffin	Dan Urban	Doug Amstutz	Carolyn Jackson	Barbara Tarpley	Bill Triwitt	Steve Karcher	Ben Batey	Dave Hashim
Invocation	Dick Giles	Scott Bouelle	Phil Icardo	Sandi Schwartz	Annette Bazzell	Amanda Brodie	Glenn Paul	Jack Saba	Lloyd Plank
Flag Salute	Bruce Keith	Lynne Hall	Gary Stanfill	Cy Wade	Michelle Brown	Ken Koop	Ron Bivins	Jane Lewis	Pam Mahan
Visiting Rotarians	Dean Carpenter	Debbie Moreno	Robert Vining	Dave Bass	Dave Haynes	Jack Spencer	Susan Gill	George Palmer	Johnson Jung
Reception Table #1	Linda Wright	Linda Wright	Terry Maxwell	Terry Maxwell	Quon Louey	Quon Louey	Rich Harger	Rich Harger	Steve Gibbs
Reception Table #2	Susan Reynolds	Susan Reynolds	Susan Reynolds	Susan Reynolds	Mark Nelson	Mark Nelson	Mark Nelson	Mark Nelson	TBA

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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