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This week's Program: Senior Pedestrian Safety

Sandy Morris of the Bakersfield Police Department was asked to present a program on scams and frauds. She said she would be happy to do that – sometime. First, she wanted to tell us what she is doing for the safety of our community's senior citizens, in part with the \$1,000 donated by BERC. Sandy used our contribution as seed money to purchase reflecting bands – arm, leg, or walker – for distribution to seniors to use when they walk. "Pretending" that she had an audience of seniors, Sandy showed us a video produced by the Santa Monica Police Department, starring the Santa Monica Chief of Police and Lassie's mother, June Lockhart (looking fabulous).

Shockingly, 85,000 people are injured in pedestrian accidents each year. Another 5,000 are killed. Every seven minutes in this country, a pedestrian is

injured or killed. A few safety rules can make all the difference:

1. Always stop at the curb or edge of the road and look to make sure it is safe to cross. Look first to the left, then to the right, and then left before crossing.
2. Come around parked cars until you can see the roadway sufficiently to ensure it is safe to cross.
3. When crossing in front of a stopped car, first make eye contact with the driver to make sure you are seen before you start crossing. (This reporter can attest to the wisdom of this tip, having been hit by a car while crossing in a crosswalk with a green light).
4. If one car stops to allow you to cross the street, make sure other cars are also stopping.



Sandy Morris - Bakersfield Police Dept.

5. Wear bright clothes (and the Be Safe, Be Seen reflector band by Sandy) while out walking.

6. Always cross at the corner or a crosswalk; never jaywalk.

7. MOST IMPORTANT: Never go for a walk in Mexico with Larry Moxley. Just ask Kelly Giblin for details..... (hint from the publisher)

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

August 8th - St. Faustina Program
 August 15th - Advanced Beverage - Beer Tasting
 August 22 - **DISTRICT GOVENOR'S VISIT –mark your calendar**
 September 20– Fall Barbeque
 September 27– Joe Alexander Wine Tasting Event

Worker Bees for August 8, 2008

Flag Salute: Frank Colatruglio

Visiting Rotarians: Dick Henderson

Invocation: Robert Tidwell

Reception Table: Kelly Brown, Dan Giordano

Greeters: Bill Lewis, Doug Amstutz, Oscar Baltazar

Can't Serve ??? Find your replacement



Supper Club:

Closed for the summer

The Rotarian Magazine Assignment for August

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report on this one!!!

August Birthdays

Karen Skrable - 3

Robert Tidwell - 5

Tony Ansolabehere - 5

Ron Biglin - August 31

Glenn Paul - 8

Quon Louey - 19

Robert Vining - 20

Vernon Varner - 22

Michele Brown - 22

David Yurosek - 24

This week in Business: **Visiting Rotarians:** Maria Berntsen, PP of BERC and currently a member of the Ventura Rotary Club. Jack "Choo Choo" Henderson from the Rotary Club of Bakersfield.

Guests: Rand Bagnall was a guest of the Club introduced by **Dave Haynes**. **Debbie Clark** accompanied husband, **Jim**.

Wedding Anniversaries: **Marvin & Myrna Denny** on July 28. **Oscar & Paula Baltazar** on July 30

New Members of the \$30 Hat Club: **Greg Braun** now has a nice new hat to wear while he is driving his new Toyota Sequoia. **President Susan** didn't want **Dean Carpenter** to go without, even though he bought his new Toyota months ago, so she sold a hat to him, as well.

Potential Future Members of the Hat Club: Watch out, **Bruce Keith** and **Mike Brazzell**. **President Susan** noticed you weren't greeting people as they arrived for the meeting, leaving **Lloyd Plank** all alone with the greeting duties.

Steve Gibbs reminded all who have not yet returned their pledge forms to do so ASAP!

Rotary Pins: Most BERC members in attendance were wearing their Rotary pins. However, **Steve Gibbs**, **Debbie Moreno**, **Dick Henderson**, & **Greg Braun** were pinless. They were charged for new pins, which are always available for purchase from Secretary **Michele Brown**.

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Craft Talk – Bill Gresco: Bill Gresco provided an interesting craft talk about his life and careers. Bill grew up in Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University (Magic Johnson’s alma mater). He joined the Navy, and three of his five years of active duty were spent flying missions between Japan and Vietnam. When he was discharged from the Navy, Bill really wanted to be an airline pilot, but none of the airlines was hiring. So, he became a hospital administrator, running hospitals in Texas, New Mexico, and California. Bill retired after 25 years, but found the idle life was not for him. So, he started his next (and current) career as a teacher, substituting at schools throughout Kern County.

Rotary Trivia: Jean Watanabe played the fun new game of Rotary Trivia, and earned herself a hat for her efforts. She started out impressively, naming Malcolm Little as BERC’s first President, identifying 1956-57 as Charter Member Cy Wade’s year as President, and remembering that Charter Member Tom Akers said he needed Rotary like a hole in the head. However, Jean faltered when asked to name the year Tom Larwood joined the club, even after being given a clue that it was the same year our current President was born (1961). Only with help, could she recall that Robert Tidwell’s classification is Security, and that August 1 was Jerry Garcia’s birthday. Jean’s non-Rotary trivia stumped her - Where were the 1936 Olympics? This reporter wished she was sitting closer to Jean, as she remembered the Olympics were in Berlin that year, because BERC PP Barney Gill almost qualified to run in the Berlin Olympics, in which America’s Jesse Owens won the gold medal. Debbie Moreno commented that from now on she will sit near smart people, just in case she is ever called upon to play Rotary Trivia.

District Awards: In her capacity as one of PDG Jane’s Executive Assistants, Maria Berntsen presented District Awards. Dan & Patty Giordano received an individual award for their work in co-chairing the 2007 District Conference in Bakersfield. Club Awards were given in all four areas of service. PP Ron gave the awards to the Directors, Michele Brown (International Service), Sandra Larson (Vocational Service), Judie Rolph & Carole Cohen (Community Service), and Dave Bass & Jean Watanabe (Club Service), as he said it was their work which resulted in the awards. Finally, BERC was given an award for being the Best Large Club in the Club Service Category. Maria explained that only three of the 74 clubs in District 5240 receive this award, and it means that BERC again lays claim to Black Belt status. PP Ron and President Susan thanked all who contributed to these awards.

Announcements: President Susan, Carole Cohen, Tom Burch, and Michele Brown were on television this past week, celebrating BERC’s contribution of backpacks to the Homeless Center. Carole was posted at the door as we arrived for the meeting today, to make sure we all knew of the opportunity to contribute money for the purchase of backpacks for distribution to children at the Homeless Center and the Rescue Mission, CASA kids, and Noble School students.

50-50 Drawing: Tom Burch won two tickets to the Winefest of the Paso Robles Rotary Club next weekend. Jean Watanabe won the \$36 distributed from the 50-50 ticket sales.

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



Dan and Kelly - Ace Greeters



Maria and Ron



Maria, Dave, Jean and Ron



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