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## Another Great Week At The "Black-Belt Club"

### Kelly's Footprints



Hey, Guys! Thanks for the great showing at the District Membership meeting last Saturday! We had NINE of our members participating...the largest single club representation there!  
Keep up the GREAT work!  
And, also, thanks for the support!

-Kelly

meetings, but his guest did not show up. We were joined by **Jack Spencer's** wife Barbara, **Dick Giles'** wife Pat, and **Mike Burger's** family,

wife Vicki and sons Brock and Nico. **Jan Hensley** brought Jane Duckett, Melissa Bellinger and Mary Lou Daniel, and **Mary Sue**



Bob Parker, PP & Sandra Larson were acknowledged for their efforts as Treasurer and Newsletter Editor for the Valley Fever Vaccine Project of the Americas.

**Franklin** brought son Nathan Howes. Rounding out the guest list were **Terry Burley's** son Peter, **Pam Mahan's** guest Alma Reyes, and **Mike Henstra's** guest Ron Alexander.

**President Kelly** announced birthdays for **Quon Louey**, **Vernon Varner**, **Michele Primm** and **Billy Reed** (50? Can that be?) Anniversaries were being celebrated by Linda and **Robert Provencio** and **Susan (Gill)** and Bill Malloy. Pat and **Dick Giles** were celebrating their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by attending our meeting, but admitted that they were leaving for Big Bear Lake later in the afternoon. Jim Whitehead announced a barbecue fund raiser to benefit the museum at Minter Field will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>. **Kelley Brown** informed us that **Jan Blake's** daughter gave birth to Kylie Jane Johnson. **President Kelly** announced that **Ralph Bartel**

**Greeting us this week...** We were greeted this week by **PE Maria Berntson**, **Duane Meyer** and **Dick Giles**. **President Kelly Giblin** called the meeting to order, and **Lyn Scales** quietly gave the invocation praying for our Kern County community. **Mike Henstra** led the flag salute, and **PDG Frank Geddes**, accompanied by **John McWhorter** on piano, led us singing *America the Beautiful*. **Roger Randall** introduced visiting Rotarians Signe Hoffman, John Pryor and Jim Whitehead. Visiting us from Sun City, AZ, Rotarians Jim and Lynn Rodal asked to no longer be introduced as visitors, as they feel like members. We all had a good laugh when John Farrell from Bakersfield West told us he was visiting to show a new member how to make up

had submitted his resignation, but that he is invited back at any time. She announced that the newly formed Finance Committee members are

**Gary Hoetker, PE Maria Bernston, Dean Carpenter and Phil Franey.** Charter Member **Tom Akers** was asked to explain why he became a Rotarian. Essentially, it was because his boss at Calcot asked him to represent the company.

**President Kelly** thanked Tom and fellow

Charter Member **Cy Wade** for their contribution in forming BERC 50 years ago. **Mary Sue Franklin** gave an excellent craft talk about her duties as Nursing Home Administrator at Glenwood Gardens, a facility that provides 24 hour nursing care for 120 residents. Valley Fever Research Project Chairman **Mike Cooper** thanked us for the \$2,000.00 donation from Pasta Feast, and reported that to date, over 15 million dollars has been raised with \$350,000.00 coming from our local community. He thanked **Bob Parker** and **Sandra Larson** for their work on the Valley Fever Newsletter, and commended **Dr. Tom Larwood** for his endless work on this project. **President Kelly** announced a new community service project for our club. It is to provide cell phones for all teenagers. We, as members of BERC, will be asked to signify our donation by allowing our phones to ring during meetings, at which time they will be collected, along with a \$20.00 donation.

**The program.. Dan Giordano** introduced our speaker, Sheriff Carl Sparks, who spoke to us about the Amber Alert System for locating missing children. By calling one number, information is broadcast on radio and television, as well as on highway and Caltrans signs. He told of the recent kidnapping of the two teenagers in Quartz Hill, and the action our local law enforcement community took to rescue the victims. Answering questions, he informed us that there are currently

four thousand felony warrants issued in Kern County, but there are not enough personnel available to make the necessary arrests. We also learned that he has served as Sheriff since 1990 and is retiring to spend more time with his family. **President Kelly** told Sheriff Sparks that BERC enthusiastically supports the law enforcement

community, and then presented him with the speakers' gift of four books donated to the Williams School Library in Sheriff Sparks' name. She then closed



Sheriff Carl Sparks speaks about the Amber Alert Program.

the meeting with... *You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others.*

pm

## Attendance IS Important!

### Where To Make-Up:

**Mondays:** Bakersfield South Rotary Club  
12:00 noon, Holiday Inn Select

**Tuesdays:** Bakersfield North Rotary Club  
12:10 noon, Holiday Inn Select

**Wednesdays:** Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary Club  
6:45a.m., Double Tree Hotel

**Wednesdays:** Bakersfield West Rotary Club  
12:00 noon, Stockdale Country Club

**Thursdays:** Bakersfield (Downtown) Rotary Club  
12:00 Noon, Bakersfield Art Museum,  
1930 "R" Street

## CLUB ASSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Greeters: Rich Harger, Tom Burch, Bob Parker

Invocation: Sandra Larson

Flag Salute: Sandi Blaylock

Visiting Rotarians: Lynn Hall

## **August Rotarian**

### **Assignments-**

**Page 22- Susan Gill**

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### **Growing BERC Means**

#### **Knowing Your Community!**

AVAILABLE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR  
NEW MEMBERS

Automotive Sales Management

Building Materials – Retail/Wholesale

Chiropractic Medicine

Engineers –

Petroleum/Electrical/Civil/Highway

Funeral Director

General Contracting

## **Club Calendar 2002**

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.

Sat. Sep. 14 Evening in the Tropics - Rotaract Fund Raiser,  
Clark residence 6 pm

Fri. Sep. 20 Jim Baldwin - B.A.R.C.

Fri. Sep. 27 Dr. Davis - Cancer Research

Fri. Oct. 4 Kern County Film Commission (Barry Zoeller)

Fri. Oct. 11 David Youngblood - Sonitrol

Fri. Oct. 18 Stars Theater

Thu. Oct. 24 Lamb Feed (Rich Harger's Home)

Fri. Oct. 25 Dark

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 25-27  
District Conference (Universal Studios)

Fri. Nov. 1 Frank Geddes - Rotary Foundation

Fri. Nov. 8 Veterans Program

Fri. Nov. 15 Ostrich Farm

Fri. Nov. 22 Nutcracker Ballet

Fri. Nov. 29 Dark - Thanksgiving Vacation

Fri. Dec. 6 Marc Vertin - District Governor

Fri. Dec. 13 Christmas Luncheon