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How Have YOU Shared Rotary Lately?

We were warmly welcomed by **Gary Stanfill**, **Steve Karcher** and **Steve Pressley**. **President Kelly Giblin**

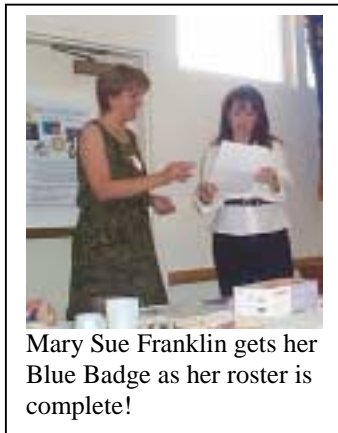


Steve Gibbs is happy the baseball strike is over and President Giblin is happy he was the first to return his annual BERF pledge form.

called the meeting to order, and **Frank Geddes** gave a wonderful invocation asking for healing and caring for those we hold close. **John McWhorter** led the flag salute,

and then did double duty as pianist while **George Palmer** and **Annette Koop** led us singing *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. **Bill Lewis** introduced visiting Rotarians Keith Stonebreaker from Bakersfield North, Steve Loyd from Bakersfield Downtown, and Jim and Lynn Rodal who were living in sin. (*Not Sin City, Bill! Sun City!*)

Karen Skrable introduced her guest and friend, Syliva Galaviz, and **Sandi Blaylock** introduced Patty Keefer who is a Group Study Exchange applicant. Club guests were Melissa



Mary Sue Franklin gets her Blue Badge as her roster is complete!

Bellinger and David Hashim. Birthdays were being celebrated this week by **Ron Biglin**, forty-year-olds **Kerry Lockhart** and Alan Giblin, and **Jim Nephew** who wished he was forty. Club anniversaries were being celebrated by **Bob Frapwell** (35 years) and **Gary Stanfill** (24 years). **President Kelly** informed us that Gary has great attendance and is so dedicated to making up meetings that he keeps a permanent Blue Badge at Bakersfield Breakfast Rotary. She commended **Steve Gibbs** for being the first member to return his Bakersfield East Rotary Foundation pledge form. **The Prez**



Dave Haynes gives a talk on how to nominate a prospective member.



Madame President demonstrated how Mike Cooper, PP impacted BERC by offering the gift of Rotary.

encouraged each of us to attend the Rotary District 5240 Conference on October 25-27 being held at Universal City. Highlights will include baseball legend Sparky Anderson and astronaut Marsha Ivins as speakers and tours to Getty Museum, Universal Studio and Lion King. **Dave Haynes**

spoke to us regarding club membership and explained that Rotary is a gift to be shared. He



Susan Gill doesn't quite wiggle out of her assignment in the Rotarian Magazine.

suggested that we look to co-workers, and social, business and professional acquaintances for potential new members. **Mike Cooper**, member of BERC since 1983, was recognized for a number of the members he has sponsored (**Wayne Kress, Bob Parker, Tom**



Hank Hinse has a good enough recall of his Rotarian Magazine assignment to be fine free!

Burch, Gary Hoetker, Phil Icardo, Karen Skrable, Sandi Blaylock and Dan Giordano.) Those members were then recognized for the members

they have sponsored showing all of us the domino effect that one dedicated Rotarian can have. Dave announced that Supper Club this week will be at Maxwell's, 1421-17th Place with attitude adjustment at 6:00 pm, dinner



Frank Colatruglio doesn't rise when called on and leaves empty seats next to him... the Prez was much

at 7:00 pm. **President Kelly** reminded us that during our Friday lunch meeting, we need to fill the

tables from the front, and she warned us that leaving an empty chair may evoke a fine.

The program.. Karen Skrable introduced our speaker, Marion Collins, who is founder and owner of Mesa Marin Raceway along with his wife, Shirley Collins. Marion told us that motor sport racing is the #1 spectator sport in the U.S. and that he raced for fifteen years before opening Mesa Marin in 1977. The racetrack currently holds as many as five nationally televised events each year, a feat that is quite rare for one track. Mesa Marin is the #1 tourist attraction in Kern County and contributes fifty million dollars annually to our economy. It is the only racetrack



Marion Collins, owner of Mesa Marin shows us some tools and tells some tips about how the pit stops are performed.

in the U.S. that sponsors a High School Motor Sports Program where students who participate are able learn about racecars, learn on how to serve on pit crews, and also learn how to present themselves in a professional manner when meeting with sponsors. Marion brought visual aids that included a \$2,000.00 jack that enables the crew to service a car in fourteen seconds (4 tires, 22 gallons of gas, a drink of water, and a pat on the backside) and send them on their way. During a question and answer period, we learned that even though Mesa Marin Raceway is becoming surrounded by homes, there is no problem regarding the noise level. Each homeowner agrees to accept the noise before they are able to purchase a home. That stipulation stems from the huge revenue that Mesa Marin provides to the community. The **Head Dudess** (as named by Marion) presented speakers' gift of books donated in his name to Williams School and closed the meeting with... *If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?*

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CLUB ASSIGNMENTS FOR FRIDAY, SEPT 6

Greeters: Jan Blake, Mike Griffin, Billy Reed
 Invocation: Larry Moxley
 Flag Salute: Vernon Varner
 Visiting Rotarians: Tony Ansolabehere

Club Calendar 2002

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

***Invite A New or Prospective
Member To These Events!***

VACANT MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

**Building Materials – Retail/Wholesale
General Contracting
Interior Design
Outdoor Advertising
Pharmacy**

**Someone YOU KNOW is waiting for YOU
to share Rotary with them!**

SUPPER CLUB

Wednesday, Sept 4th
T. L. MAXWELL'S
1421-17th Place

Attitude Adjustment 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept 11th
MEXICALI
631-18TH St

Attitude Adjustment 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm

RSVP: Dave Haynes 393-7204
Jack Spencer 336-0469/Pam Mahan 397-
0568
(Reservations appreciated whenever possible)

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