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ST. FAUSTINA'S HOME FOR PREGNANT GIRLS

Bill Trivitt followed up on a program idea from **Carole Cohen**, and found the speaker was one of his elementary school teachers, whose daughter was one of his classmates. Joanie Todd told us of her spiritual awakening at age 14, which led her to become a Franciscan nun at age 17. She taught for the Franciscans for seven years, before she was called to return to her home. There she met a man who also wanted to serve the Lord. On their first date they worked at an orphanage then went out for dinner. He asked her to pass the salt, and she thought he asked her to marry him. She said yes, and 47 years later they are still happily married. Joanie and Jerry wanted to have a dozen children, but they were unable to conceive. The adopted three children, two boys and a girl. Joanie taught at parochial schools before going

to work with Father Craig. She suffered a stroke during hip replacement surgery, which left her with paralysis on her left side. Despite her physical limitations, Joanie's mind and sense of humor are intact, and she has found a new way to serve others, as the House Mother of St. Faustina's Home for Pregnant Girls. The girls at St. Faustina's come there because they have no other place to go. All girls between the ages of 18 and 25, and even some who are younger and older than that, are welcome at St. Faustina's. The girls stay up to three months after they deliver. The program has been open 18 months and has served 16 girls, with 13 babies being delivered. One girl came all the way from Rhode Island because she heard about St. Faustina's. During those 18 months, they have learned the importance of drug testing the



Program Chair Bill Trivitt with Joanie Todd and our President Susan

girls to make sure the environment is healthy for all. The girls receive counseling on adoption and lessons on parenting and job skills. Some of the girls have returned to show off their college grades and their happy babies.

Joanie invited everyone to visit St. Faustina's. When asked, she said that volunteers and donations are always welcome. Target gift cards are especially helpful.

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- August 15th - Advanced Beverage - Beer Tasting
- August 22 - **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT** -mark your calendar
- Sept 16 - Paso Robles Wine Tasting- \$68/pp See Ron Biglin
- September 20- Fall Barbeque
- September 27- Joe Alexander Wine Tasting Event

Worker Bees for August 15, 2008

Flag Salute: Mark Ramsey

Visiting Rotarians: John Fanucchi

Invocation: Phil Franey

Reception Table: Kelly Brown, Christine Randall

Greeters: Barbara Tarpley, Jim Clark, Larry Moxley

Can't Serve ??? Find your replacement



Supper Club:

Closed for the summer

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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:

Prayers for Good Health: Prayers were offered for those who are suffering, **Virginia Wade, Judie Rolph & Stan Lewis, Norman Honeycutt** (husband of **Darlene Marsh Honeycutt**), and **Susan Moxely's** mother, Jane Lochey. **Bob Parker** reports that **Patty Baird** is recovering from her stroke, and she has returned home.

Visiting Rotarians: John Ferguson and his wife Carrie were visiting from the Ukiah Rotary Club. Ken Secor, Rotary Club of Bakersfield.

Guests: Mike Bartell of the Bakersfield Heart Hospital was a guest of the club. **Sandi Schwartz** was joined by her 18 year old son, Walker. **Steve Gibbs** brought his son, formerly know as Matt, now known as Steve.

Birthdays: **Karen Skrable** – August 3, **Tony Ansolabehere** – August 5, **Glenn Paul** – August 8, **Nita Brazzell** – August 3, **Melinda Gillette (Frank Colatruglio)** August 3, **Angel Tidwell** – August 7

Wedding Anniversaries: **Mike & Nita Brazzell** on August 6, **Dick & Louise Henderson** on August 6, **Jack & Elizabeth Saba** on August 6, **Steve & Li Gibbs** on August 7, **Tom & Gail Burch** on August 9

New Members of the \$30 Hat Club: **President Susan** sold a hat to **Dick Henderson**, and suggested it would be a nice anniversary present for **Louise**.

Ron Bivins earned a hat by contributing \$100 to BERC for postage, to prevent the delivery of any more shredded RotoNews. (con't page 3)

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Sandi Schwartz's son Walker came to the meeting wearing a Slipknot hat (from the concert he and **Sandi** attended recently), so **President Susan** made sure he would have a Rotary hat to wear away from the meeting and to future meetings.

Rotary Trivia: **Tony Ansolabehere** and **Wayne Kress** each earned a Rotary hat playing Rotary Trivia. **Tony** started alone, failing to remember that **Bill Gresco** went to Michigan State University, and so did **Judie Rolph**. With much prompting, **Tony** remembered that **Wayne Kress** was BERC President during the 1998-1999 Rotary year. **Tony** didn't know what the Rotary theme was that year, but either did **Wayne**. **Wayne** did recall, however, that he attended the Rotary International Convention in Indianapolis. **Tony** was alone on the hotseat for the remainder of the questions. He didn't know **Gary Stanfill's** classification, but he did know the names of the two Bakersfield athletes in this year's Olympics (Larsen Jensen and Billy Nelson) and that Richard Nixon was nominated for President on 8-8-68 and he resigned on 8-8-74.

Announcements: **Hank Hinse** has returned from Holland, bearing gifts for Madam President, a red and white baseball cap and a shot glass. **Hank** and **Susan** lamented the cost of living in Amsterdam (\$5 for a cup of coffee, \$6 for a coke, \$7 for a beer, and \$220 for dinner for two at a restaurant comparable to Applebee's). **President Susan** suggested that those consulting **Ron Biglin** for travel plans, should be asking about U.S. travel destinations.

Kay Schrader had lunch with **Chungsam Doh** in Morro Bay, and she brought back a song book for **Remlap** and **President Susan**. She reported that **Chungsam** was honored as the Rotarian of the Year of District 5240!

President Susan wants all the pledge forms returned ASAP, so anyone who has not yet returned the form, needs to do so NOW!

Upcoming Events:

- August 22 District Governor Anil Garg will be visiting BERC
- August 29 BERC is dark
- September 13 Wine Tasting Trip (LaQuinta Hotel is a mile from the campground, and the phone number is (805) 239-3004.
- September 20 Fall Barbeque – Bocce ball will be played

50-50 Drawing: **Sandi Schwartz** won the \$55 that **Gary Stanfill** would have won if he hadn't left before the end of the meeting. **Sandi** donated her winnings to the speaker for St. Faustina's Home.



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Scenes from the BERC hat club

District 5240 Rotarian of the Year Chung Sam Doh with Dan (from the files)

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



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