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This Week's Program: Commander John Noland

Dick Giles announced our speaker Commander John Noland who has been serving our Country for 36 yrs. Commander Noland enlisted as a Marine in 1972 and served as an Electronics Technician on the F-4B Phantom. In 1976 when duty was complete he went to Cal Poly and graduated with a degree in Ag Mgmt. In 1978 he was asked by the Marines to join the reserves but when he found out they didn't have fighter jets on the west coast he walked next door and joined the Navy reserves. Comm. Noland is still enlisted as the Operations officer for a Joint Information Operations Warfare unit in Phoenix, Az. However, his 9-5 job is with Grimway as a Energy Analyst where he has been for 20yrs.

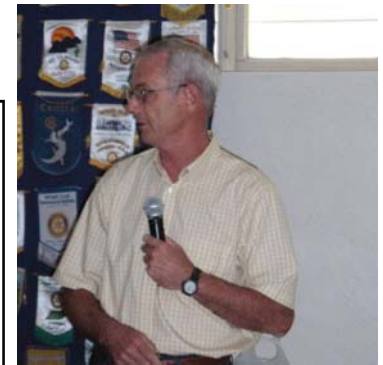
Comm. Noland showed us a power point of his 14 months in Kuwait from May of 2006 to 2007. He talked the Navy into letting him become an Intelligence officer for 17yrs, so he left for those months to Kuwait with the Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 34.

He said there are more non-Kuwaitis than countrymen over there because of the war and the oil of course. His main mission was Anti terrorism/Force protection to defend the coasts in Kuwait. A few interesting facts were that business takes a few days because they aren't in a hurry and you may never ask about their women nor eat with your left hand. A few handy tips next time you travel that way.

Trivia – The Army has more ships than the Navy and if you scratch a camel on his belly between his front legs, guess what? They will do anything for you.

In Northern Kuwait they do 50 millimeter gun training and he showed us how the vehicles there are so unsafe. Driving is very dangerous because the vehicles are not taken care of at all.

He went to the Embassy twice a week for Anti Terrorist mtgs and met with groups he can not mention. He says that 90% of Iraq's oil goes through Kuwait and there is a lot of Oil smuggling that goes on. This is one reason why Iraq has so much to lose and tries to keep such close control. (con't page 2)



Commander John Noland

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Upcoming Events at Bakersfield East Rotary Club:

- October 4th - TBA (will send out a BERC alert to announce it)
- October 6 - The Plank Foundation Golf Tournament - see Mike Cooper for details
- October 11-12 District Assembly - Santa Maria

Club Assignments for October 3, 2008

Flag Salute: Kelly Giblin

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Burch

Invocation: Sandra Larson

Reception Table: Mark Ramsey, Pam Mahan

Greeters: Carolyn Jackson, Jack Saba, Terry

Maxwell

Can't Serve ??? Find your replacement

Supper Club:

October 1, 2008 6 p.m.

Lengthwise Brewery

6720 Schirra Ct (1 blk S. of White Lane and west of Ashe Road)

RSVP Dave Haynes :393-7204

Take advantage of this, it's a make-up !!!!!!!

DON'T GET LOST RICH HARGER!!

October Birthdays

Carolyn Jackson 6th Barbara Tarpley 11th Debra Moreno 13th William Gresco 14th

Greg Braun 21st Ken Koop 26th Richard Harger 26th Tom Larwood 31st

The Rotarian Magazine Assignments for October

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Task Force 158 is made up of American – Australian – British forces who take turns watching over the shorelines of oil. The news reported that there was confrontations w/the Iranians in the Persian Gulf. Comm. Noland says in reality they all get along better than we think.

This week in business:

We started our meeting with President Susan asking everyone to give a special prayer for Stan Lewis (Judie Rolfs' husband). He is currently in the Heart Hospital battling Pneumonia, after just finishing chemo and surgery for esophagus cancer. We also applauded Judie because Friday was going to be her last Radiation treatment. Prayers are always with you and Stan.

Invocation – Kay Schrader , Flag Salute – Tom Larwood, Song – George Palmer , Greeters – Jim Clark, Karen Skrable, Dave Haynes, Reception Table – Kelly Giblin, Steve Richardson

Visiting Rotarians –Vernon Varner introduced: Ken Secor (Downtown Club), Clay ??? (Fresno East Club), and-Laura Owens (Visalia Civic Center) , Larry Tiller (Taft Club) Larry wanted to tell us that at their mtg next week our very own members Tom Larwood and Jack Saba would be the speakers.

Visitors – Vicki Burger (Mike's wife), Rochelle Towery (former member Jerry Towery daughter), Kathryn Ferguson (both Rochelle and Kathryn were Pres. Susan's guests from work), Ben Batey (former member)

President Susan was then presented with a belated birthday present from Pres Elect Tom Burch and Bill Lewis. Her very own "Above It All" riser to stand tall on. She now says she can see those having their own little meetings during her time.

Announcements – Birthdays – Heidi McNaughton (Jarrod's wife) Dian Jung (Johnson's wife) both on Sept 24th. Anniversary - Koops' (21st) (con't page 3)

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1. **Vernon Varner** announced that the Joe Alexander Foundation’s annual Wine tasting was taking place at his home Sat night. He thanked everyone who purchased tickets and hoped they would all enjoy.
2. **Carole Cohen** reminded everyone to bring Halloween candy next Friday or cash for the Kidz Club Halloween party.
3. **Buddy Walk** is taking place Saturday October 4th. We still need teams, so hurry and call Jean Watanabe if you are interested in putting a team together.

Taco Q at the Cooper’s home was a great success and again we want to thank Mike and Bette Cooper for their home and Debbie Clark for putting together the Desert auction.

Craft Talk – Keith Bishop is the District Manager of Roto Rooter and he migrated here from Phoenix, Az after growing up in San Jose. Keith wants to get to know your plumbing problems and will be glad to advise you on any questions you may have. It’s a dirty job but somebody’s got to do it! He also commented on how much fun his 4yr old son had drenching our former President Ron “Juan” Biglin. It seems the little tyke had water balloons at the Taco Q party and he couldn’t say Ron w/an R so it was Juan. How appropriate was that name for the party theme, good job “Lil Bishop”.

Frank Colatruglio had a reading assignment but was a big disappointment when he was found to have not read the story. He said he had been working on a bail out plan, so he forgot to read his story. Reading assignment Master Cy Wade just shook his head in dismay. So, President Susan fined him with a \$100 BERC hat.

Steve Gibbs - KNOW YOUR ROTARY INFO

1. What was the first Rotary project? 1907 (public Lavatory) built in downtown Chicago.
2. BERC member Keith Bishops Rotary neighbor is? Jack Saba
3. The District Conference is in Santa Maria this year, where was it held last year? Bakersfield
4. Two BERC Presidents went to Mexico City for their R.I. convention, besides George Palmer who else went there? Rich Harger
5. What was Bill Lewis classification? Electrical Wholesaler
6. In 1774 this nurserymen was born as John Chapman. We know him as Johnny Appleseed.
7. In 1820 what famous Frontiersmen passed away? Daniel Boone

What TV station in Bakersfield started Broadcasting in 1953? Ch. 23 KERO

The sad story here is that Steve did not have one right answer for the Rotary questions, but knew all the general history questions. Rich Harger was asked what R.I. theme it was the year he was President. He failed the test, but it was “Look Beyond Yourself”. You guessed it, both Steve Gibbs and Rich Harger now own \$100 BERC hats.

Our 50/50 drawing winner was Rich Harger this week.

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
Ewings

FRIDAY

- Bakersfield East** - noon
EB Veteran’s Hall



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Napoleon Bonaparte