

# S P O K E



**FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

**THIS WEEK  
PROGRAM CHAIR  
STEPHANIE WEBER**

## **MERCY HOSPITAL 100 YEARS**

Mercy Hospital was established on February 19, 1910 when four young and courageous Sisters of Mercy boarded a train from Los Angeles to travel to Bakersfield. Hospital. **President Russell Judd** will tell the story of how these women brought a legacy of healing to the community and share some interesting historical facts that even include some about Bakersfield Rotary and a few of our members. Mercy Hospital is celebrating its 100th birthday this years presentation marks the first public birthday party! A birthday cake will even be served.

**FEBRUARY 11, 2010 MEETING**  
SHERYL CHALUPA, EDITOR

**President Duane** rang the bell at 12:22, invited **Bob Burdette** to give the invocation, and asked Bob to pray that **Monsignor Braun** makes it to the meeting safely. Lo and behold, at the end of the prayer Monsignor appeared at the door. **Ben Stinson** led the salute to our flag and **Daphne Harley** led us in singing "God Bless America". **Bart Hill** and **Steve Roach** handled the roving microphone duties.

As President Duane turned to introduce the head table, he said it was the first time he'd been in danger of being arrested, deported, and thrown in jail all at once. The head table included attorney **Jay Rosenlieb**, guest speaker and attorney **Andrew Fishkin**, the Honorable **Lorna Brumfield**, and attorney **Rob Noriega**.

Sergeant-at-Arms **Steve Illingworth** asked Rotarians to introduce their guests: **Shannon Grove** introduced **Sue Benham**, City Councilmember and Chief Development Officer at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital; **Carla Musser** introduced **Roger Christy**, Government and Public Affairs Representative with Chevron; and **Bernie Barmann** introduced **Theresa Goldner**, Kern County Counsel.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

There were several good news announcements. **Bernie Herman** announced that he and **Joan** recently welcomed their first grandchild, a little boy. **Sheryl Barbich** announced that her sister, **Lori**, was recently named Principal of the Year in the San

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## **U P C O M I N G P R O G R A M S**

February 25 **Virtual Enterprise - Centennial High**  
Ben Hanson

March 11 **Solar Power**  
Jake Thone

March 4 **Stockdale Christian School**  
Wind Ensemble

March 18 **TBA**

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Diego School District. **Jay Rosenlieb** announced that the upcoming Amgen tour will finish Stage 5 (of 8 stages) here at Bakersfield College on May 20th. The event will include cyclist Lance Armstrong and several event sponsors are in our Rotary club. **Jim Baldwin** announced that he and Dr. Mike Clark from Kern Regional Center recently spoke to the Parent Network, governmental agencies and officials, and a Rotary Club in Korea. Jim presented President Duane with a flag from the Korean club. **General Whitehead** announced an upcoming fundraising event benefitting the Wounded Heroes Fund. The event is scheduled for February 28 at the Kern County Fairgrounds. The General said that three Rotary clubs are helping with the event and asked for 5-10 volunteers to assist on the day of the event. Congressman McCarthy will be in attendance. Brochures were available on the table to describe the work of the Wounded Heroes Fund.

**Tracy Kiser** announced that the next club event will be a Wine Tasting Social at Imbibe Wine & Spirits on Thursday, February 25th, from 4-7 pm. Rotarians may bring a guest, but attendance is limited to 75 people, so an RSVP is a must (with Evelyn).

President Duane recognized **Ray Dezember** for his significant contributions, not only to our community, but to his college as well. Ray, and his wife **Joan**, were recently honored as remarkable trustees at Whittier College. Ray and Joan both graduated from Whittier and Ray has served on its Board of Trustees since 1970.

Once again utilizing some cheesy doctored photos, President Duane had some fun with **Tracy Kiser**, **Patty Houchin**, and **Morgan Clayton**.

### PROGRAM...

Program Chair Jay Rosenlieb introduced guest speaker, Andrew Fishkin, who spoke on Immigration Law Today. Andrew is a graduate of Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and holds both Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in Asian Studies, and has been a member of the United States Army Reserve since 1984. He served for 10 years as a Senior Special Agent in the INS and following the agency's reorganization, continued to serve in the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He is also a member of the newest Rotary club in Bakersfield, the Bakersfield Twilight Club.

Andrew provided an overview of immigration law today, a system of laws he describes as broken and in need of

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ROTARY CLUB OF BAKERSFIELD

## AREA MEETINGS

### MONDAY

**Bakersfield South** - Noon  
Petroleum Club

**Wasco** - Noon  
Veterans Hall on Poplar Ave.

### TUESDAY

**Bakersfield North** - Noon  
Petroleum Club

**Inyokern** - 6:00 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 a.m.  
Petroleum Club

**Taft** - Noon  
Jo's Restaurant

**Bakersfield Twilight** - 6:00 p.m.  
T.J. Maxwell's

**Interact** - 2:40 p.m. BHS  
Auditorium #301

### THURSDAY

**Frazier Park Rotary** - 5:30 p.m.  
Los Pinos Restaurant

**Bakersfield Downtown** - Noon  
Bakersfield Art Museum

**Tehachapi** - Noon  
Kelcy's Restaurant

**Delano** - Noon  
Kong's Dynasty

**Kern River Valley** - 6:00 p.m.  
Ewings

### FRIDAY

**Bakersfield East** - Noon  
Veteran's Hall

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comprehensive reform. He outlined some of the issues, including: 1) a chaotic combination of patchwork laws dating back to 1934 and earlier; 2) draconian penalties for some minor infractions and relief for some perpetrators of more serious crimes; 3) Visa quotas and processing times which don't make sense; and 4) loopholes that allow many repeat offenders and career criminals to remain in the US while skilled, educated foreign labor needed by US employers are kept out. He gave examples of some of the visa wait times, illustrated that this is a non-partisan issue that is often stalled by partisan juggernauts, highlighted the significant loss in revenue to the US Treasury due to the expiration of 245i, spoke to employment based visa caps, and described a variety of other employment-based visa problems. He gave examples of serious crimes with little or no immigration consequences, minor crimes with drastic immigration consequences, and specific examples of our broken immigration law in action.

Andrew made the case that comprehensive immigration reform is needed now and that reform should be consistent, fair and logical. He maintains that the DREAM Act would appropriately address the issue of children who are here illegally through no fault of their own. And he maintains that the return of 245i would allow for a more timely adjustment of status and would provide revenue to the federal government. He outlined several specific "where should we go from here" steps that would serve to address the specific issues outlined above.

Following several questions, President Duane presented Andrew with a speaker's gift courtesy of Stinson's and adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

### ROTARY ATTENDANCE

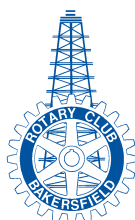
Did you Know?

100% is ideal, 50% is what the Rotary Club Constitution requires.

To meet this standard Rotarians should attend 30% of their own club's meetings in each six months of the Rotary year. If a meeting is missed, you are encouraged to make it up in several ways:

1. Attend 60% of another clubs regular meeting.
2. Attend a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact Club.
3. Attend R I Convention.
4. Participate in a club service project or club sponsored community event
5. Attend a club board meeting.
6. Participate in an e-club meeting for at least 30 minutes.

Make-ups should be timely.



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