

S P O K E



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THIS WEEK

CSUB RECREATION CENTER

Rotarians are going Off-Site! CSUB Student Recreation Center Located on the southeast section of the campus between the Student Union and Icardo Center. You will hear latest happenings at CSUB, have a performance by the School of Arts and Humanities and a tour of the state of art Student Recreation Center. Parking Lot K will be available for Rotarians. Enter off Gosford and Kroll Way.



JANUARY 26, 2012 MEETING

JANELLE CAPRA, EDITOR

WHILE YOU WERE OUT!

The meeting on Thursday was opened with prayer by **Steve Loyd**, flag salute by **Bernie Herman** and song by **Major Danny Abella**. **President Tracy Kiser** welcomed visiting Rotarians from East, West and Breakfast. Roving mics were managed by **Steve Illingworth** and **Brian Burrows**.

WHO'S WHO?

Sue Benham introduced her friend and guest, **Heidi Dinkler**, Deputy Chief of Kern County Fire Department; **Brook Antonioni** introduced her husband, **Brad** and President Kiser introduced the head table: **John Houchin**, **David Voss**, **Dave Plivelich**, **Judge Gary Friedman** and **Federal Magistrate Jennifer Thurston**.

THIS JUST IN... GOOD NEWS!

Stan Eschner with California Living Museum shared that the Holiday Lights at CALM raised \$200k last year! Special thanks to Downtown Rotary for their support of this Bakersfield tradition. **Larry Reider** reminded fellow Rotarians about the Ethics Conference and that sign up forms are still available. President Kiser reminded **Brian Burrows** to share his "good news" about accepting a position at Kern Community Foundation. Kiser happily took his donation of \$25 for the announcement. **Russell Judd** admitted that this was his first meeting that he's attended for the year. Kiser graciously decided to fine him only \$100. Thank you for your generous donations Mr. Burrows and Mr. Judd!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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| February 9 | Keep Bakersfield Clean
Leigh Scott | February 23 | History of Immigration |
| February 16 | All Club Meeting at the Marriot Hotel
John Capps | March 1 | TBA |

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AND NOW, A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Tracy Kiser informed everyone that next week's meeting will be off-site at the CSUB Rec Center. Please note to park in Lot K. Kiser also spoke about the club's coveted 100% attendance status and acknowledged **Karen Goh** and **Greg Chamberlain** as Paul Harris Fellows. Congratulations Downtown Rotarians!

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB!

John Houchin welcomed new member, **David Voss**. Dave Voss is the CEO of Jesus Shack which he and his wife, **Kathy** formed back in 1997 to help "raise a generation to reach this generation" through music and God's love. Since that time, Jesus Shack has expanded to serve the community through various outreach events, Street Teams and most recently the Mobile Medical Unit. Dave stated that he was honored to join this club and that he has a heart for this community.

HE SAID, SHE SAID...

"I'm taking a picture of me... see that's me on that sign," stated **Russell Judd** as he joked about the larger than life sign located near Mercy Hospital on Truxtun Ave.

"We're glad to finally see you at our meeting and thank you for the \$100 donation," responded President Tracy Kiser.

PROGRAM...

The new Federal Court House due to open in the Spring

Ben Taft introduced Federal Magistrate, **Jennifer L. Thurston**. Jennifer shared that she was inducted as one of the youngest judges at age 42. She stated that Bakersfield is in one of the largest districts, covering 34 California counties and has the reputation for being the "busiest" court with 1,000 cases per judge. Jennifer went on to share that the new Federal Court House has been in planning for more than a decade and will reflect a California-style. It was built with stimulus funds for \$32 million dollars and will be 33,400 square feet. It was designed to be extremely eco-friendly with solar panels, renewable teak and received the LEED gold rating. What's the name? There have been several conversations about its namesake, but for now it will be the United States Court House. It is designed to be a "100 year building" and is due to open in the spring of 2012.

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.
Torres Steakhouse

WEDNESDAY

Bakersfield West - Noon
Stockdale Country Club

China Lake - Noon
Victoria's at 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.
Bell Tower Club

THURSDAY

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

Bakersfield Downtown - Noon
Bakersfield Art Museum

Tehachapi - Noon
Kelcy's Restaurant

Delano - Noon
Historical Society

Kern River Valley - 6:00 p.m.
Ewings on the Kern

FRIDAY

Bakersfield East - Noon
Stars Theatre

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