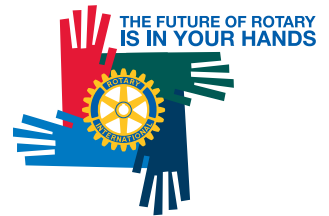


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JUNE 17, 2010

**THIS WEEK
PROGRAM CHAIR
HARVEY HALL**

BLAZE BASEBALL

The Bakersfield Blaze will be in the house this week, as General Manager **Justin Kozubal** will give us an overview of the minor league baseball team. The Class "A" affiliate club of the Texas Rangers currently does battle in the Cal League and makes the historic Sam Lynn Ballpark its home.

JUNE 10, 2010 MEETING
BOB ALLISON, EDITOR

The opening bell was struck by President **Duane Keathley** at 12:29pm, noting among other observations that the outside temperature was a moderate 80 deg. F. He invited former president **Bernie Herman** to the podium to deliver the invocation, who began with a learned discourse on the significance of this day in history, nothing of which had anything to do with the invocation. He then quoted Martin Luther King and proceeded with the prayer itself. The flag salute was led by **Lyle Martin**, who was followed by **John Schuler's** rendition of "God Bless America."

After an introduction of one visiting Rotarian and a guest of **Sheryl Barbich**, President Duane introduced the head table, consisting of Program Chairman and President-Elect **Harry Starkey**, speaker **Lois Henry, Charlie Moe**, and new member **Danny Tucker**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

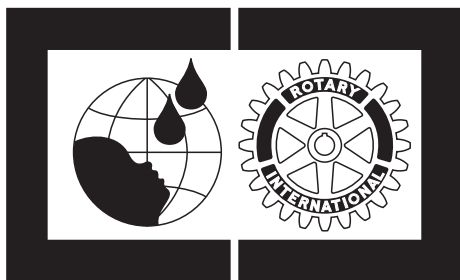
President Duane congratulated **Shannon Grove** on her election primary victory for the Republican nomination in the 32nd District State Assembly.

After a couple of good news announcements, President Duane presented the report of the Rotary Board of Directors, particularly regarding how Rotary philanthropy is assisting our community. He announced four \$5000 awards:

Kern County Museum – Black Gold Exhibit, specifically to help pay for admissions for young people who could not otherwise afford them. **Jeff Nickell**, Museum Director, received

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| June 24 | <i>Demotion</i> | July 8 | <i>Harry Starkey</i> |
| July 1 | <i>DARK</i> | July 15 | <i>TBA</i> |

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the donation.

Kern Community Foundation – Women and Girls Fund. **Jeff Pickering**, President, received the donation.

Garden Pathways – Family to Family program. **Karen Goh**, Executive Director, received the donation.

CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. **Colleen McGauley**, CASA Director, received the donation.

Charlie Moe then introduced our newest member, **Danny Tucker**, who was welcomed by President Duane.

PROGRAM...

Although our speaker, *Bakersfield Californian* columnist **Lois Henry**, probably needed no introduction, **Harry Starkey** introduced her anyway. He described her as a daring athlete – marathons, double diamond skier, and



parachutist. But her courage has gone beyond athletics because she has even dared to write about that most sensitive of all topics in California: water.



Lois began by talking about how she started out by writing stories at \$40 each, finally getting onto the paper's staff, and is now serving as a columnist and assistant managing editor. Along the way, she became interested in the water issue and how complex it is. Since there is no budget to hire a reporter to

specialize in it, she has become the expert. This resulted in a series of columns and articles, including a multi-page spread, but she remarked that even that piece, as long as it was, hardly got below the surface (pun intended). She then asked for questions, and there were a lot. She thinks high speed rail (HSR) is a good idea but that the route through town needs to be thought out. **Dale Mills** and **Ken Secor** remarked that using the BHS site might not be such a bad idea, after all. Asked about angry phone calls, Lois said she often posts them, says that people have been most unhappy with her about her position opposing personal fireworks. In response to a question and comment from Harry Starkey, Lois said that it was very difficult to get information about the Kern River and water issues in general from the local water people. Her favorite water leader: whoever will talk to her. Considerable discussion about the peripheral canal and other water movement projects, water storage, water conservation, and environmental issues ensued.

The meeting was ended on time at 1:15 pm.

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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