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June

June 3, 2002

This Week…”

Community Action Partnership of Kern

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Bart Hill and his helpers at Stella Hills School

Planting Trees

June 6, 2002

July 4

No Meeting

June 20

Safety Clean

Jim Weddle

June 13

To Be Announced

Denomination

Rob Noriega
President Bart Hill called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. Eddie Paine gave the invocation and Dan Hay led the flag salute. Jim Baldwin was the day’s song-leader, leading the club in “God Bless America.” Eddie Paine pulled double duty and also introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

Craft Chat

Shawn Kelly was the focus of this week’s Craft Chat. Shawn’s a CPA in town and one of his specialties is forensic accounting, which is the recreation of account records that may have been altered or shredded. It’s used in the investigation of embezzlement cases. Shawn was born in Palo Alto, while his dad was enrolled at Stanford Law School. The Kellys moved to Bakersfield where Shawn attended Panama schools and West High before eventually moving on to U.C. Davis and Cal Poly, where he got his accounting degree. Shawn and his wife, Lori, have home schooled their three children. Shawn checks the math assignments while Lori does the rest. Every other summer the Kellys head to Wisconsin for a working vacation. Lori’s parents own a small resort north of Green Bay and Shawn and family go to help out around the resort and enjoy the area known as “the Martha’s Vineyard of the Midwest.”

Announcements

Bob Shelden introduced Paige Hill and Katie Duncan from BHS’s award-winning newspaper, “The Blue and White,” which is supported by Bakersfield Rotary. The newspaper was just named to the School Newspaper Hall of Fame after being recognized as one of the top ten papers in the country for the tenth straight year.

President Bart reported on last Wednesday’s tree planting at Stella Hills School and promised pictures for the Spoke. Rob Noriega reported on the upcoming 10-year-old Cal Ripkin World Series that will be held this August at the Southwest Bakersfield Baseball complex at Cal State. The event is expected to draw thousands to Bakersfield and there’s a need for both corporate sponsorship and for other corporations or businesses to purchase advertising and ticket packages, which will allow underprivileged youth to attend. John Petrini recognized his daughter, Jessica, who’s co-editor of “The Blue and White.” Jim Baldwin invited Rotarians to play in the Monday, June 3 BARC Golf Tournament at Rio Bravo. Barry Zoeller announced that the state assembly had passed legislation that would provide tax incentives to keep film production in California, which would benefit Kern County. He also encouraged members to lobby Congressman Bill Thomas to support similar legislation on the federal level. Barry also announced the West Coast premiere of the new MGM movie “Windtalkers;” would take place on Saturday, June 8 at the Fox Theater. Tracie Graham, who’s from Bakersfield, produced the film. And keeping with the BHS “Blue and White” theme, Cheryl Palla recognized her son, who’s picture was in the newspaper for being selected as BHS’s Boy’s State representative.

Paul Harris Fellow

Joe Drew is Bakersfield Rotary’s newest Paul Harris Fellow, using the program where the club matches a member’s donation. President Bart highlighted some of Joe’s career, from Director of Airports to County Administrative Office to CEO of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit District, then back to Kern County to establish the International Trade and Transportation Center in Shafter. Joe’s now Vice President of Commercial and Industrial Development at the Tejon Ranch. Joe’s in his third stint as a member of the club and encouraged the club to strive for 100% participation in the Paul Harris Fellowship Program.

Program

Program chair Joe Drew introduced Barry Hibbard, Director of Real Estate Marketing at the Tejon Ranch. Barry outlined the current and future development plans at Tejon, highlighting the factors that are driving Tejon’s development. Tejon is divided into two divisions: Agriculture and Land Development. The ranch recently sold its cattle operation. Land development efforts consist of three major projects: the master-planned residential community in Los Angeles County near Highway 138, which is a partnership between Tejon and three major California homebuilding companies, Pardee, Lewis and Standard Pacific Homes. Barry says the ranch hopes to have the project entitled in the next five years. Moving north, the next project is a planned high-end resort and residential development near Tejon Lake. That project is currently on hold due to the expenses involved in developing it at this time. The most significant project is the Tejon Industrial Complex near the I-5/Highway 99 interchange. Barry says what drives that project, and any industrial development for that matter, are the three “L’s”: Logistics, Labor and Location. The Tejon Industrial Complex, he says, has distinct advantages in each area. Regarding logistics, it now costs the same to move a container from the Port of Los Angeles to Tejon as it does to Riverside, which is the current center of industrial development in Southern California. But Tejon, and Kern County, offers much better access to the rest of California and the western U.S. for the distribution of outbound product. Kern County has a big advantage in labor costs. Ike estimated it would save $22 million in labor costs by locating in Kern County as opposed to the Inland Empire. The quality of life, cost of living, and being centered at the intersection of two major north-south and east-west highways makes Kern County the ideal location, as well. When finished, the Tejon Industrial Complex will consist of nearly 1,500 acres and will produce 5,000 jobs.