

S P T H E



JULY 1, 2010

NO MEETING

JULY 8, 2010

THIS WEEK

**WELCOME
HARRY
STARKEY**



JUNE 24, 2010 MEETING

SHAWN KELLY, EDITOR

Mr. Patrick Collins, hosting the celebration, opened the demotion meeting for our esteemed 08er – the unforgettable **President D-Wayne** at 12:18pm. **Monsignor Braun** then shared a conversational prayer that he had with God – in that conversation God assured us that because we have endured this year with D-Wayne that soon we would be led out of the abyss by a great leader from the North (with great teeth). **The Old Farts** table then led us in the pledge of allegiance, followed by “visiting” Rotarian **Morgan Clayton** leading us in our national anthem.

Pat then introduced the head table – all past presidents of various glamorous and prestigious organization were then paraded to the head table... past president of ABBA – **Mr. Alan Keathley**; past president of the '08er Society - **Mr. David Dobbs**; past president of the NCCA – **Teri Jo Lou**; and past president of the CYA/DNC – all the way from the Bakersfield East Rotary – **Mr. Wane Kress**.

Next Pat hosted a teleconference call from our in-coming **President Harry Starkey**. Harry was checking in with us from the RI convention in Canada, in between appointments and meetings with high powered black belt Rotarians. We appeared to be interrupting some sort of fashion show or wardrobe selection process that Harry was assisting with from his hotel room – RI and its’ amazing leadership training!

Pat then began the past president promenade by introducing Alan Keathley – past president of ABBA... Alliance of Big Brothers of America (or something like that)... not sure if this is an accredited 501(c)(3) organization. Alan shared pictures and stories with us of D-Wayne’s early years including his gambling and drinking addictions from age two, his diagnosis of ADHD – sort of like a squirrel on crack, his roots from Arkansas, and how the family migrated to Oildale with their house

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July 15 **TBA**

July 29 **TBA**

July 22 **TBA**

August 5 **TBA**

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on wheels – where D-Wayne became an 08er.

We then heard from the past president of '08er Society (where often times it is heard “My mom married my brother, but it didn't affect me much”) - our own Mr. David Dobbs. David provided some insight to D-Wayne's high school years – the best seven years of D-Wayne's life. David shared pictures of D-Wayne's high school activities including football, tennis, and Interact. David pointed out that at North High the football coach assigned the players numbers based on the percentage of chance of graduating... D-Wayne was number 12. David concluded with one of the few sincere thoughts of the meeting – he is “blessed to consider D-Wayne as friend”.... At least that makes one us.

Teri Joe Lou was next ... not to be mistaken with the NAACP or the NCAA, she is past president of the NCCA – National Cheerleaders Club of America. Teri explained that it was during D-Wayne's college years at Fresno State that he learned and practiced the meaning of the Four-Way test (as she provided a picture of D-Wayne standing with 3 scantily clad members of the NCCA). She noted that D-Wayne said that he loved it when they kissed... it reminded him of his sister (I guess this is an 08er thing... where the family tree often times has no branches). She also shared with us in college he was known as D-Wayne the Dork and that he was infatuated with the Quarterback – Harold the Norse (Harold would later move to Bakersfield and be consider one of our greatest civil engineers and water expert, and soon to be president of The Bakersfield Rotary Club).

Finally, one of D-Wayne's business partners – past president of the CYA/DNC (Cover You're A#\$ / Duck N Cover) – Mr. Wayne Cress provided us with some insight to D-Wayne's professional and adult life. He shared how D-Wayne made it big in the commercial real estate sales world in Bakersfield. Then, he introduced us to his lovely family (not sure how D-Wayne got so lucky... his parents or his very successful brother must have paid somebody off)... Wayne introduced D-Wayne's daughters – **Kim** (a senior at Point Loma University), **Michelle** (a sophomore at Fordham University) and his beautiful bride **Corey**; his son **Robert** (Sophomore at BCHS) was not in attendance as he was at summer camp... editor's note – D-Wayne... you are lucky to have such a wonderful family!

The end of the meeting was interrupted by another teleconference call from Harry... he pointed out to all of us that he was wearing his Rotary pin... because he was only pictured from the waste up, I cannot verify if he was wearing more than a shirt and his Rotary pin. With shocking picture in mind, Harry did, with his sincerity, thanked D-Wayne for his year in service to our club and expressed his congratulations on a job well done. He did comment that it would be a tough act to follow, and wished he could have followed Greg Gallion's year an office... much easier shoes to fill.

The meeting was concluded by a well deserved standing ovation to our beloved past-president-to-be Duane Keathley. With that Pat Collins dismissed the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS DUANE!

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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