

S P O K E



AUGUST 26, 2010

THIS WEEK

ADDICTIONS

Chris Prentiss, Founder and President of Passages Malibu, pioneer and author of *"The Alcoholism & Addiction Cure"*, will present a program about a new approach to treating and curing addictions.

AUGUST 19, 2010 MEETING

CHUCK MICHEL, EDITOR

Ol' fuzzy banged the gong at 12:21. He called on **Rev. Mike Allen** to do the invocation. **Col. Jim Black** was assigned the pledge and **Maestro Ken Carter** drug us through *"Yankee Doodle Dandy"*. After the first verse, nobody knew the words!

Head table Program Chair **Mike Chertok** introduced sometimes member **Morgan Clayton**, the days program. Visiting from the West Club were **Dean Haddock** (healthcare) and **Tom Fallgatter** (insurance). **Paul Sheldon** introduced several guests, **Brian Humes**, Director of Operations at Tel Tec, **Christine Humes**, Director of Operations for Paul and **Gwen Smith**, Paul's assistant. **Shannon Grove** introduced **Jessica Chen**. **Pauline Larwood** introduced Vice Chancellor **John Meades**. **Kurt Wingate's** guests were **Jake Theone** and **Chris Foreman**.

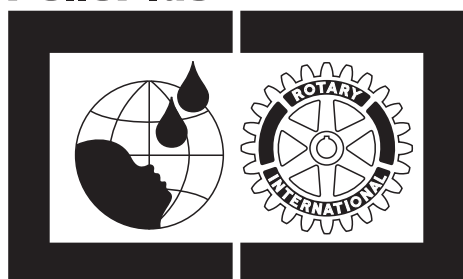
GOOD NEWS...

Kurt's good news announced that his solar system is helping his electric bill to average \$19.75 per month. Given that the president figured Kurt was saving about \$300 per month, the fine was a month's savings of \$300. **Bernie Barmann** invited everyone to a car rally put on by the Kern Bar Association. It starts at Coconut Joe's about 4:30pm on August 28th. Proceeds go to help youth learn about the law and stay out of trouble.

Danny Tucker shared that it was his birthday. He invited everyone to come out and celebrate his birthday playing at the sporting place tournament, August 27th, to raise money for the Boy Scouts who are celebrating their 100th anniversary. **Daphne Harley** has been busy moving her daughter to Maryland to Johns

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 2 **Coach Gil Bishop**
John Pryor & Dr. Jack Schuetz

September 9 **Goodwill Industries**
Tammie Reynold

September 16 **Kern County Courts**
Judge David Lampe

September 23 **Vision 2020 Mid Term**
Brook Antonioni

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Hopkins Hospital to do her residency in OB/GYN. Her son is moving to Arkansas taking a job at Walmart headquarters. The president brought to everyone's attention to the art on display by her ex husband who painted a portrait of her son which will be on display at the art museum in September.

Pres Starkey encouraged members to sign up for the Margarita party. **Tracy Walker-Kiser** reminded all that the party will be at the Barbich's house next Wednesday from 6 to 9pm. There will be a taco bar. There will also be a chipping contest for fun, \$4 per ticket. We need to have 75 people sign up to have the party so please sign up. The margaritas will be very cold as it is expected to be hot! **Call the Rotary office NOW with your RSVP.**

Joe MacIlvaine relayed that The American Cancer Society was able to raise \$100,000 at the Hollywood banquet July 30th.

Bruce Biggar provided the craft talk. Bruce was born in Bakersfield at Mercy Hospital. He graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1967. Bruce is an architect. He was not one of the athletes produced from that high school. The unique piece of information about Bruce is that he has a G scale railroad in his backyard. "G" stands for garden and 1 inch equals approx. 24 inches. Bruce's favorite part of Rotary is the business leadership & ethics conference. It is a wonderful program started by **Jim Fillbrandt** 25 years ago. All high schools participate with Rotarians. The kids that attend are very appreciative and eager.

PROGRAM...

Mike Chertok proclaimed a perfect attendance award for 2 weeks of attendance for **Morgan**, not to be upstaged by **Ken Carter** and his perfect attendance. Mike first met Morgan 16 years ago in **John Kelly's** court after hours for Rotary orientation. Morgan's bio is unbelievable. Morgan currently serves on 9 boards and is an ex member of 17 other boards and committees. He has been recognized and received awards of distinction twenty times. He has been inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Bakersfield City School District, Bakersfield College, received the CSUB President's Fellow and is a corporate board member for Catholic Healthcare West, Mercy and Memorial Hospitals. Mike meets with Morgan every 3-4 months. At the start, there is no agenda, but by the end they have only covered half of it! Mike told us three things about Morgan: 1. His actions match his words, 2. He believes in hard work and self reliance, and 3. He has a strong belief in the worth of the individual.

My personal life, an HBF (a Home Boy Film). He showed a picture of himself as a young boy. An important thing that his dad said to him when he was small was "You never know what God will put in front of you. You never know." Morgan unfolded his story with this reflective thought

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.
Kern Valley Golf Course

FRIDAY

Bakersfield East - Noon
Veteran's Hall

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for each day. "This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use it as I will. I can waste it or use it for good, but what I want to do today is important because I am exchanging a day for my life work. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever leaving in its place something I have trained for. I love gain and not loss. I want to do good and not evil, success and not failure in order that I may not regret the price I paid for it... We are free to choose our attitude regardless of our circumstance. Our lives begin and end today when we become silent about the things that matter. So,

Watch your thoughts, they become your words.

Watch your words, they become your actions.

Watch your actions, they become your habits.

Watch your habits, they become your character.

Watch your character, it becomes your destiny."

In elementary school, Morgan loved to help his teachers. Among other things, he also loved to steal his sister's roller skates and use them to make skate boards. He used to love to look at the stars and dream of becoming an astronaut because he thought the moon was made of cheese. He knew that if he got to the moon, he could bore a hole in it and have anything he wanted. He also dreamed of being an architect because he loved structures. Morgan commented on many people he remembers who mentored and supported him to help him become who he is today.

His parents were only allowed to go up to the fourth grade. His dad worked on his grandfather's farm. His dad told him that he hated working on farms because of the conditions in the south. It took his grandfather 50 years to pay off the farm because fees paid to the landowners.

His dad became frustrated and with \$50, his wife and daughter, Clementine, they moved to California in 1950. They rented a 2 bedroom apartment. The family grew to 6 boys. His dad worked him from sun up to sun down around school. Morgan never experienced play. Morgan's dad said always to be respectful of your family name.

Morgan then told tales of his youth that were entertaining.

Morgan and his wife, **Lauren**, have 3 kids. **Kevin** is doing real estate. **Tyson** has his own company called Tech Visuals. **Tasha** is the Human Resources Director for Morgan's company.

Morgan showed pictures of his family, including his father and 100 year old grandfather. He then showed a video (documentary) about himself. It was a very good video. Morgan ended by answering a few questions. With that, the meeting was adjourned

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