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Meeting Notes

Want to World End Poverty?

Educating Girls may be the Answer

-by Guest Editor Michael O'Doherty

Editor's Note: Past President **Michael O'Doherty** came to the rescue when the Beacon editor couldn't make it to Wednesday's meeting and Past President **Neil Walker** wasn't available to bail her out. Mike suffers from a bit of an inferiority complex, for no good reason—so go easy on him, troops. (Okay, he forgot to send along a photo of the wonderful and dynamic speaker, **Deepah Willingham**. But that's a small blooper given the knight errant rescue job.) Guest Rotarians included **Carla Musser** from Downtown and **Dan Giordano** from East. (The trick, Mike, is to get **Carol Smith** to send you the names of visiting Rotarians! The back of the Beacon will tell you who did what service—but that's trickier, because it's always possible that someone didn't show and someone else took their place. Now that all secrets are revealed—THANK YOU, MIKE!)

Meeting started with some good food and nice conversation. Greeter tickets sold well; an adorable child made you buy cookies or die, and I sold a large number of the Super Bowl Pool squares, so most everyone was plucked by the time they got to there chairs.

Flag salute and invocation went of with out a hitch, but the singing was suspect. Visiting Rotarians were introduced, followed by the guest, and then announcements. About then **President Larry Mueller** remembered to introduce the head table, and beg for deposits to B.O.T.S.

Announcements, all of which were nice and polite in their delivery's had nothing critical to report—save the world, feed the poor, news at 11:00; that sort of thing. However, it was during this segment that **Steve Teglia** got to address the important information, which was that the Super Bowl party is coming together well, and it is at **Mike Daniel's** house. President Larry tried to get Mike D. to explain the details, but Past President Mike D. quickly indicated that Steve is the brains behind the deal.

Steve covered the important stuff first; mainly that if needed, we will do two boards so everyone gets a chance on the pool, and you can bring guests if you want to. President Elect **Ed Knudson** mentioned, too, that there were stacks of beer in the store room, and it was hinted, but not confirmed, that margarita machines will be on the premises—which just about guarantees chips and glockamola. Da' Bears are playing; meaning Brat's and onions will be grilling, and someone is bringing other stuff too, so regular people won't starve, but did I mention stacks of beer.

Fine Masters were next; not much happening; pretty calm. Charter Member Dennis S. was consoled for all the grief he has endured over the price of high schools.

At this point one of the best discussions about poverty, and what we might do to fix it, that I have ever listened to was presented to the Club. The lady speaking, **Deepah Willingham**, was charming, honest, and intense while discussing her subject. She identified what exactly was "Poverty" and how that word meant vastly different things depending on what part of the world you are describing. She then offered a way to repair the issue in simple, straight forward manner that appears achievable. The primary message was this, educate the girl child. Why? Her information indicates that men, as they improve there lives with education, will be drawn away from an area to go look for better jobs; taking their training with them. While women are much more likely to stay in the area, marry, and raise families, thus passing on their new knowledge to their children. It was our speaker's opinion that you can change the life of an entire village, which in turn can lead to a change in the entire nation's poverty. More than just speak about the theoretical strength of her idea, she has demonstrated with her own money that it can and will work.

Member News

Darin Blunt and his wife had a cesarean section delivery last week for a strawberry blonde baby girl - MALLORY - weighing 7 lb., 9 oz. and 19" in length. Darin will be back in a few weeks—presumably after he gets his first four uninterrupted hours of sleep!

Larry Mueller, President 2006-2007



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Bakersfield Breakfast Club Duty Roster					
MONTH	DATE	GREETERS(2) – 6:30 am	INVOCATION	FLAG SALUTE	INTRODUCTIONS
January	31	Kelly/Lari	Kemper	King	E. Knudson
February	7	DARK FOR CHARTER NIGHT			
	14	Leech/Martin	Merriman	Leveroni	Malkin
	21	DARK FOR SIX CLUB MEETING			
	28	Nuridden/Paggi	Moraschi	McClintock	Maxwell
March	7	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
	14	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Need a Make-up Meeting?			
Meeting Day	Rotary Club	Meeting Place	Time
Monday	Bakersfield South	Holiday Inn Select	Noon
	Inyokern	Homestead Restaurant	6:30 am
	Wasco	Valley Rose Golf Course	Noon
1 st & 3 rd Mondays	Bakersfield College Rotaract	BC Executive Board Room	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Bakersfield North	Holiday Inn Select	Noon
	Foothill High Interact Club	Foothill High	7:15 am
Wednesday	Bakersfield West	Stockdale Country Club	Noon
	China Lake	Heritage Inn	Noon
	Shafter	Minner Air Field Café	6:30 am
	Bakersfield Breakfast	Petroleum Club	6:45 am
	Taft	Jo's Restaurant	Noon
	Bakersfield High Interact	Bakersfield High School	2:40 pm
Thursday	Bakersfield Downtown	Bakersfield Art Museum	Noon
	Tehachapi	Kelcy's Restaurant	Noon
	Delano	Mary's Heavenly Bites	Noon
	Frazier Mountain Communities	Dream Caste Café (Frazier Park)	7:00 am
	Kern River Valley	Ewings (Kernville)	7:00 pm
Friday	Bakersfield East	Veteran's Hall	Noon

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