

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE
MEETING April 21, 2005 BEST WESTERN CHATEAU

A great hand of friendship was extended to all Rotarians and guests from President **Rob Shepherd** who started the meeting a few minutes early due to the full program this night. **Loubi Larcif** presented the invocation and our soon-to-be departing, **Harry Neumann**, led us in the pledge to our Nation's Flag. **Harry** still has a few weeks before he moves down the hill but we're already missing him! **Harry**, you have a return ticket! No pianoman and no **Cristianne**, that left us with the **Grandiman** - take it **John**, for a round of "God Bless America" and of course, R-O-T!

Dave Leach took up the mic to introduce our guests. We had a lot of guests. Four of our exchange students were present and the Four-way Test Speech Contest winners were present with their parents. We also had **Harry Neumann's** guests, visiting Rotarian Peter Sholtz and wife Sabina. Peter is the president of the Friberg, Germany Rotary Club - the first Rotary Club formed in East Germany after The Wall came down. **Janet Stevens-Moore** introduced her guests, Phyllis and Jim Jump.

It was with great pleasure that **President Rob** inducted three new members: **Ken Markley** - Bear Valley Electric, **Mike Larson** - The Carpet Barn and **Richard Miller** - First Mountain Bank. We are pleased to have these three gentlemen join our ranks. Congratulations **Ken, Mike** and **Richard**, welcome to the Rotary Club Of Big Bear Lake and the World!

President-elect, **Ron Peavy** invited our new members and all Rotarians to meet at O.J.'s Donuts, next to **Ken Dally's** place, at 6:45 a.m. to carpool down to the District Assembly Saturday. **Prez. Rob** acknowledged those that turned in make-ups - Thank you very much. Your humble scribe announced that due to the extraordinary efforts of **Dave Vasques** and **Jim Applebury** we are once again on-line with current bulletins and other useful information. Our address is www.bigbearrotary.com. Look for **prez Rob's** smiling face and click on the "T"! We will also be talking about the cost savings of sending out the bulletin by email. We will continue to send the bulletin by snailmail for **Shed Conklin** and some others. By going to email we can save a lot of time and the cost of a scholarship or two each year - well worth considering. We can also do color and photos at no additional cost. Is technology great or what? Let me know what you think!

The raffle was held and **Janet's** guest Jim Jump was the lucky ticket holder. He was also able to answer the Rotary question - "How long has the Rotary Club been in existence?" 100 years and \$75.00 to Jim, a former Kawanian!

Skip Suhay, *The Fine Master*, was fine-tuned and ready to let 'er rip - and he did! Who was at the board meeting earlier and can't see now? **John Grandi** in his best Mr. Magoo voice: "Whaaa - How much is it going to cost me to get my glasses back?" \$2.50 a lens - that's \$5.00 **John!** Mayor **Darrell Mulvihill**, How were you introduced as a speaker at another service club earlier today? We understand it was as Carol's husband for a day? **Darrell:** "That's right, my contract expires at midnight." Well then, that's \$5 per day! **Chuck Rounds**, Does May 13th mean anything to you? **Chuck:** "Yes, that's my wife's birthday, but it isn't here yet." Yes, but we're told you'll be out of town then attending your grandson's graduation? **Chuck:** "The 13th is on Friday and I'm not leaving 'til Saturday." That's not what your daughter said. Make it five bucks for wasting our time! **John Grandi, Walter Con, Ron Peavy and Vi Colunga**, picture in the Griz. five bucks each. **Walter:** Come on **Vi**, you can't get out of this. **Vi to Walter:** "Just leave me alone!" *Ski-boy*, **Dick Kun!** **Dick:** "What do you want?" You had your best year ever? **Dick:** "That's right, but I already paid for it." Yes, you did, but don't sit down yet! Is there anything about a pyrotechnic thing on closing day you want to tell us about? "Well, shoot, NO!" *and he just threw his whole wallet into the net!* That's about right! **Steve Schindler**, BBARWA just got a prestigious award for the best water treatment plant in it's class. **Steve:** "It's the employees that earned it." Well, we didn't think you had anything to do with it. How many employees do you have? **Steve:** "15." That's perfect - \$15.00! **Bob Puckett, Mike Chilcoat, Darrell Mulvihill and Prez Rob**, stand up. There's a lot of smiles for a bunch of losers! You came in last at the Rotary Golf Tournament? **Bob:** "But we already paid!" Well, three of you did but not **Chilcoat**. **Mike:** "But I didn't play and I paid for my son to play with these guys." That's too bad you'll have to pay for your son losing too - \$10.00! **Jim Applebury**, hardest worker in the Club, your picture was on the KBHR web site wearing your funny hat behind some students you took to the station for your Rotary Vocational Awareness Day! **Jim:** "I wasn't the only one - **Alan Clark** was there too!" Yeah, but he was hiding behind more kids and didn't have a hat. \$10.00 for you and **Alan** throw in five!

Dave Vasquez, I have a blue badge for you \$10.00. Where's your red badge? and your pin? I guess that'll cost you more! **Ken Markley**, I see the electric rates are going up - are you on commission? - a 10% thing? Welcome to the Club - \$10.00! **Larbi Loucif**, we had another complaint. It seems you were driving around town so fast the magnetic signs almost flew off your doors. **Larbi:** "I was just doing my job and I haven't had a ticket in 20 years." OK, a dollar a year, which is a lot less than if **Bobby Phillips** catches you! **Richard Miller**, you missed the new members meeting earlier this evening? **Richard:** But, no one told me I was supposed to be there." Too bad \$10.00! **Mike Larson**, you were at the new members meeting? **Mike:** "Yes, it was just by chance." Well, 10 bucks just because! **Rusty Barnes**, what's going on with you? **Rusty:** "Can I have package deal? After 45 years in the real estate business I got a new house and I just found out I'm going to be a new grandpa again." OK, what do you think that's worth - say \$100.00? **Rusty:** I'll tell you what, for a package deal we'll make it \$200.00." That's a deal, congratulations, **Rusty!** **Paul Penardi**, nice picture in the Griz - that's a cheapie - five bucks! **Walter Con**, How many weeks in a row have you been fined? **Walter:** "I don't know - a lot!" Well, make it one more - \$15.00! **Rich Lambert**, you have a new daughter? **Rich:** "I've been that route before - no, this time it's a new daughter-in-law! My middle son got married in North Carolina to a great girl with a big family." Yeah, when they go to family reunions back there, it's to pick up girls - \$10.00 for now! Ok, everyone with a red badge - \$5.00 just because you haven't gotten a blue badge yet! Thanks for playing!

Rob Shepherd - Thank you to all that participated in the Rotary Vocational Awareness Day: **Anne, Kris, Jim, Alan, Ron, John, Rick, Bob**, thank you!

Program: **Dave Leach** came up to introduce the winners of the High School Rotary Four-way Test Speech Contest. Each presented their speech. Julia Cline went first with her speech about getting older for 3rd place and \$50.00. Sarah Stit was next with her speech about uniforms for 2nd place and \$100.00. Our 1st place winner was Heather Fipps with her speech about whoever controls the media for \$200.00. These young ladies are congratulated on a job well done but I don't know what any of the speeches had to do with the Four-way Test.

President Rob congratulated our speech contest winners and thanked them and their families for coming. Rob thanked visiting Rotarian Peter Sholtz and wife Sabina from Friberg, Germany for coming. Rob also thanked all visitors, guests and new members.

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- April 28, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting, Regular Meeting
Program - Youth singers - Mike Chilcoat*
- May 5, 2005 - Spouses Night, Regular Meeting
Program - Special*
- May 12, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program - Sen. Bob Dutton*
- May 19, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting, Regular Meeting
Program - Supr. Dennis Hansberger*
- May 26, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program -*
- May 27, 2005 - Need all pick-ups and trailers available to
empty storage trailer and deliver stuff to
BBC park!***
- May 28, 2005 - Saturday Yard Sale - Big Bear City Park
Sign up with Bob McNutt - thanks!*
- June 2, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program -*
- June 9, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
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