

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE
MEETING June 23, 2005 BEST WESTERN CHATEAU

What? You didn't get a bulletin last week? I had a particularly cumbersome week last week and since the prez and several of our leaders were away at International - the cat will play! Basically, we had an opening, some announcements, some dinner, a meeting, a program and then we went home. Oh yeah! The prez did the finemaster thing and Sheriff Penrod was the program!

Well tonight was a little different - or was it?

Prez Rob presided over his last and final, never to be done again (we hope) regular meeting. He called upon **Kris Parde** to say the invocation but he failed to have the banner in sight - so **Kris** had to make it up as she went - and a good job we might add - thanx **Kris!** **Steve Hirschler** had an easier time with the pledge as you only need to know the first five words, then it takes off on it's own. **Cristianne** led us in a melodic rendition of "The More We Get Together - la, la, la" and R-O-T-A-R-Y!

You proved you were skilled at multi-tasking, as I made an appeal to you to make last corrections in the new directory. You were all talking and appeared to be otherwise occupied, however, you did a fine job of completing the task requested and now the ball is in my court to get it out! Nice going!

With **Club Service guy Dave** still in Oregon, **Sgt-at-arms guy Larbi** made the rounds to make introductions. Craig Smith, a new Planning Commissioner, guest of **Darrell Mulvihill**, was our only visitor.

Rusty Barnes came up and announced the traditions continues - \$200 from the new owners of Community Market for the Fireworks! Thank you!

Vets' Park Pavilion & 25th anniversary of City - it's past now!

Ron Peavy needs your help and support for the 4th of July Fireworks and Barbecue. **Jim Applebury** needs barge laborers to help get the barge loaded with decking and sand on July 1st. Give **Jim** a call at 725-0610 to get the time and place.

Next week, June 30th, will be the last meeting of the Rotary year. This will be a spouses night, thanks for a great year, swearing in of **President Ron Peavy** and his Board and lastly, the Debunking of soon to be **Ex-President Dr. Robin Shepherd!** Cocktails at 6:00 in the bar and dinner upstairs at 6:30. Look sharp but remember the room usually gets quite warm.

The very old **Fine Master, Sir Skipper Suhay**, got the nod for the last attempt of the Rotary year to line **Ron Peavy's** pockets with complements of **Rob Shepherd**, for the upcoming new year! **Skip** was intro'd by **Rob** as Skip Soooeey to which **Skip** responded Thanks president Rab!

Skip didn't waste any time going for New member, **Steve Hirschler** for not one but two graduating Valedictorians - Daughter Christine at the High School and daughter Michelle at the Middle School. **Steve** was given the the invitation to let your conscience be your guide - and reminded he was in the Evening Club now! **Ron Peavy**, you're really on a fixed income now that your wife has joined you in retirement! **Ron**: "Yes, we spend our time attending Social Security Forums." Well according to the paper Elena still has her job as Queen of the Renaissance Faire, so make it \$10 for each of the articles about her! **Rob Shepherd**, we have to take it easy on you since we've already gotten you for Marco graduating with honors from Virginia Tech but it was in the paper again. **Rob**: "Yes, I know. You will notice the school knows how to contact the hometown paper of every graduating student and announces their graduation but more than half of the article is devoted to advertising the school. Unfortunately, the paper gives more space to saying; Thank God Margo finally finished college, than to some of the significant accomplishments of the Rotary Club - I give up!" Ah, before you do - \$10.00 please! **Rich Lambert**, you took some pictures of the **Peavys** in a Chicago restaurant - do you want to explain why you didn't bring them with you tonight? **Rich**: " Well, I had this brand new digital camera and took these great pictures then forgot it at the restaurant." **Mike Chilcoat**, can you pick it up from there? **Mike**: Well, yeah, I was still at the restaurant after **Rich** left so he called me from the hotel to pick it up for him and pick up the tab while I was at it. Well to make a long story short I was so shocked at the size of the tab for all the wine the **Lambert's** ordered and after I figured out the tip, I forgot the camera. Somewhere in Chicago, someone has this brand

new digital camera with great pictures of the **Peavys** on it!" I think that's worth 10 bucks each, since we didn't get to see the pictures! **Larbi**: "**Simeon** gave me a dollar for not being here." Ahhh, he's worth more than that - we'll get him net time! **Dick Kun**, you had Tom Johnson as a guest last week but you were a no show? **Dick**: "No I didn't!" That's really bad, calling your guest a liar - big bucks! **Jim Applebury, Michael Beveridge** and **Chuck Rounds** got it for something that I missed! **Bill Jahn** got it for a cracked windshield - I missed that too as someone was talking to me - I hope it was **Bill's** car and not his plane! **John Morley** got it for being star of screen and radio for his fire safe commercials!. Noting that one of **John's** red fire trucks was parked in a red zone, **Skip** inquired if red curbs are for his fire trucks where can Big Bear City green trucks park? It seems **John Stock's** daughter Christine delights in socking it to the old dad. Every time she breaks the 4.0 mark at school **John** has to dig deep in his pocket. Tonight was no exception and daughter Kim got him too for graduating from CalState San Berdo AND getting a J-O-B! Congratulations **John** and family! **Larbi Loucif** and **Richard Miller** both got it for advertising, **Larbi** ERA and **Richard** FMB! **Mike Larson**, owner of the Carpet Barn, got some publicity he didn't want - while he was playing video games in the back room someone stole one of his employees cars right out of his parking lot - it's still missing! **Dr. B's** daughter Haley, brought home the grades and received a scholarship making him so proud he kicked in \$100.00! Congratulation **Rick!** Thanks for playing!

President Rob called for the raffle and **Michael Beveridge** held the lucky ticket - I don't know if he got the money or not but he got enough help from **Paul Johnson** and **Kris Parde** with the answer to the question about Rotary contributing to the formation of the UN - another fine mess you got us in, Ollie!

Having just returned from Rotary's Centennial International Convention, **Rob** posed the question if Rotary is held in as high regard today as it was in it's first fifty years? The new theme is the first theme "Service Above Self". Are we?

Darrell Mulvihill was called upon to introduce our program Brent Tregaskis, newly elected president of the Chamber of Commerce. Brent thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak to Rotary. In a way, though, it's almost like speaking to the choir. Be involved!

Brent voiced the objects and mission statement of the Chamber of Commerce and Resort Association here and elsewhere. "Create A Strong Local Economy", "Making Business Better" and "Being A Stronger Voice"! Between the R/A and The Chamber their budget approaches \$2M. Brent wants you to be involved in a stronger economy.

I agreed with Brent at the time but since getting stuck this weekend in Corvette and motorcycle traffic and viewing 10,000 sq.ft. homes of the rich and famous - I've done a turn-around - I think we're losing our refuge. It could just be a matter of time until we're another Aspen, CO, where even the elected public officials can't afford to live there! Lord, save us from ourselves!

President Rob thanked our speaker. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- June 30, 2005 - Last meeting of Rotary year - spouses night
Installation of new officers - Debunking of
Good Ol' **Dr. Rob Shepherd!***
- July 1, 2005 - Set-up Fireworks barge - Help!*
- July 4, 2005 - 7:30 AM set up for Barbecue and Fireworks
show - all day. White tent.*
- July 5, 2005 - 7:30 AM knock-down and clean up. White
tent.*
- July 7, 2005 - First Meeting of the new regime - **Ron
Peavy** presiding!
Program - Dr. Herb Fischer, Supt. of all
San Bernardino County Schools.*
- July 14, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
Program - Renaissance Faire.*
- July 21, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program - Dr. Ramin Tayani, Eye Surgeon*

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Respectfully submitted: **Bob McNutt**, Scribe, with the assistance of **Rich Lambert**.