

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE
MEETING June 30, 2005 BEST WESTERN CHATEAU

This being a special night, the out with the old and in with the new, we started early in the lounge at 6:00 pm (not early for some) and repaired to the upstairs at 6:45. **President Robin Shepherd** called his last Rotary meeting to order and personally provided the invocation. **John Eminger** led us in the pledge to our Nation's Flag followed by **Cristianne** in a rousing round of R-O-T-A-R-Y! We were pleased to have **Dave Leach** back, however, we let him take the evening off. **President Rob** welcomed all our spouses and guests - we had dinner for 94 starting at 7:15. *I would like to thank the Hotel Staff for doing a terrific job on short notice!* **Ron Peavy** reminded us of the 4th of July and the help we need making it happen. Glen the piano-man provided background music while we started our excellent dinner.

Senior guy tonight, **Shed Conkin**, with 33 years perfect attendance called the roll for perfect attendance ranging from one year up to 33 years. We even saw some older members make the list this time. Any time anyone is missing, we will never have that night of fellowship! Members are reminded that your badge slot will change, thanks to about a dozen new members this year!

President Rob, with the assistance of **First Lady Maureen**, presented his outgoing Board of Directors with plaques of appreciation. It was only with the assistance and support of **Maureen** that **President Rob** was able to devote the necessary time and energy to being our president. It was **Maureen** that got the tickets, made the arrangements and made sure his shoes were on the right foot. Thanks **Maureen!** **President Rob** also presented plaques to members that did a bunch of very special things for the Club, culminating in the **The Rotarian Of The Year** going to **Darrell Mulvihill** - Congratulations **Darrell!** Congratulations one and all! **President Rob** thanked the Club for an amazing year - one he'll never forget (unfortunately)! With that, he turned the meeting over to **District Governor Roy Brownie** for his last official act as DG, to introduce and confirm your 2005 - 2006 Officers, starting with **President Ron Peavy**. **Ron's Board consists of Dave Leach, Renee Wagner, Anne Zimmerman, Darrell Mulvihill, Rick Herrick, Walter Con, Jean Brownie and Dick Shaw along with past president Rob Shepherd.**

President Ron Peavy thanked **president Rob** for his leadership and great job over the last year and assured us he will do his very best to live up to the expectations of the mantel left in his custody. **President Ron** gave an overview of his expectations for the new year. He also demonstrated some of the many hats he and members of the club will be expected to wear to get the job done. For the first time in many years, the Club is completely solvent (thanks to **president Rob**) leaving **Ron** with options for his term as president. Congratulations **President Ron** and new Board of Directors! Thank you **District Governor Roy Brownie**, you made us proud! **Scotty Crawford** managed to come up to award **Rusty Barnes** the 2005 "Bull Slinging " award - Congrats **Rusty**?

Your ol' scribe came up to the podium to call for a break so that the props and players could be made ready for the **Debunking of President, Dr. Robin Shepherd**.

T'was the story of the break-up of the famous duo of Robin of Yorkshire pudding and Batman (**Paul Simon**) from Bat C.A.V.E.! The story started simple enough with the return of the Rotahead Trio (all six of them - quantity not quality) With Robin seated in his powered earthquake chair he was fitted with his custom Richter scale helmet. To the melodic sound turned to a terrible screech of the violin it was suggested that Robin had lost his zip and would be returned to the land of EDAC from which he came - all because Rotary allows women now and Batman wanted one - especially one in a pink Rotary jacket (**Cristianne**)! As the banjo plucked out the theme from Deliverance, it was apparent Robin would be screwed by "Sparky the Fire Dog" once he inspected the Bat Cave. That observation proved to be correct. In came **Chief Morley** on his new Fire Engine. The Fire Chief demanded considerable corrections to conform to the Bat code, including removal of Bat racks, hydro testing of the parking lot in Winter, Haz Mat clean-up and a slope analysis - all leading to a Red Tag with numerous re-inspection charges. Just as "Sparky" was about to attach the large Red Tag the cave entrance collapsed nearly trapping drummer **Penardi** inside. **Mayor Mulvihill** tried to soften the blow by offering Robin an opportunity to support his new Spend and Tax Program. Paula Harys, JD (**Anne Zimmerman**) came zipping up in her Mercedes, offered to represent Robin against wrongful termination and age discrimination with the retainer to be taken out of the Yard Sale proceeds - like everyone else! Robin

was given an apple computerized carpenter's pencil and a yellow tablet to record his anomalies. A proclamation was read declaring Robin of England PP59 or possibly 58 and how we tried him as president and have changed our collective mind. Knowing Robin's passion for Country Western music, a line dance was performed in his honor to Achey Breaky Heart with back-up by **Paul Johnson and Paul Penardi**. Lederhosen clad line dancers led by **Larbi Loucif** stripped and threw their \$600.00 outfits at Robin, as they wouldn't be needing them any longer - since he canceled Oktoberfest! Same with the Beer Stein emptied over his head, by Batman (Filled with beer purchased with beer tickets held back from **Harry Neumann** last year). **Dick Kun** brought Robin a replica of the storage van no longer needed since Robin canceled the yard sale. Robin's new job will have to be Santa at the new Santa Ski-Nite. Fortunately, **Paul Bedoe** was able to salvage a used golf club from the yard sale to give to Robin so he could be a shill for the new golf tournament. "**Boots**" **Bartley** gave Robin his fuzzy \$1,000.00 boots so he could pay the blood money next Winter. The evening wouldn't be complete without **Gov Roy Brownie** turning up to try to give away his left over centipede pins and making one last attempt to interest Robin in a discounted Paul Harris Fellow - When that didn't work, he tried tickets on his car give-away - given away a week ago! With that over with, **First Lady Maureen** took over the control of the Earthquake chair with "Come along Robin, I have a long list of honey do's for you". Out he went to "So Long ' It's Been Good To Know You!

All the past presidents assembled in the entry. **Paul Penardi** did a drum roll-off for "When The Saints Go Marching In" with trumpets by **John Grandi** and **Paul Johnson**. I too, tooted my horn. In marched the past presidents. Once up front, they each announced their name and year president. *You wouldn't believe the confusion - not of their year - but of their names!*

We closed the evening with Elena Peavy, Julie Grandi and Melanie Gruber leading us all in Kumbaya with guitar help from **Paul Johnson**. We sang this song last year about praying for our Valley when we were coming out of a bad fire season and seven year drought - and look at us now - it must have worked! Some of us need it for various reasons this year too!

Paul Simon announced **Dr. Robin Shepherd** has been Debunked!

Big List of Thank you's for making the Debunking of President Rob possible. First of all the guy responsible for putting it on - PP Paul Simon, then the other Pauls, Penardi, Bedoe and Johnson; and John Grandi, Fire Chief John Morley, Mayor Darrell Mulvihill, Anne Zimmerman, Alan Clark, Jerry Gruber, The Rotahead Trio / Line Dancers - Larbi Loucif, Bob Puckett, John Eminger, Skip Suhay, Gary Antes, John Bartley, and Cristianne Quiros. Then there was Dick Kun, Roy Brownie, Maureen Shepherd, Elena Peavy, Julie Grandi and Melanie Gruber. Of course it wouldn't be the same without the Saints; Past Presidents John Eminger, Shed Conklin, Mike Chilcoat, Skip Suhay, Gary Antes, Roy Brownie, Paul Bedoe, Chuck Rounds, Rich Lambert, Ray Matern, Bob Puckett, Paul Simon and Rob Shepherd - all present and accounted for!.

Upcoming meetings:

- 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 -*
- July 14, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
Program - Renaissance Faire.*
- July 21, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program - Dr. Ramin Tayani, Eye Surgeon*
- July 28, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
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Respectfully submitted: **Bob McNutt**, Scribe, with the assistance of **Rich Lambert**.