

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE
MEETING July 7, 2005 Convention Center

This being the first meeting of the new Rotary year and the first Thursday of the month of July, I was able to attend only part of the social hour before leaving to attend the monthly meeting of your Airport Board of Directors across the street.

Most club members overcame the juvenile pranks and found their way to the "Hide-and-go-seek meeting" at the Convention Center. **Prez Ron** found his way as well. Clever!

I was told it was a pretty good meeting, with 50 or so members there. **Shed Conklin** even had the badge box there!

I canceled the program as I didn't want to leave the potential for a problem with communication, besides I wasn't going to be there to introduce the speaker who was driving up from San Bernardino. He has a very busy schedule, so I don't know if we'll get him back later in the year - his office has yet to get back with me.

By all accounts, the Fireworks and Barbecue were a complete sell out and a tremendous success! *You all done good!* We had a great turnout out of help for the barge and then the morning of the 4th to set up for the barbecue. We also had a very good turnout on the morning of the 5th to take everything down and put it away. There was about a dozen guys working on the barge to get it back the way it was. I understand we moved 20 tons of sand twice and largely by hand. **Scotty** made an excellent skip loader driver and didn't even fall in the lake. I won't even attempt to name everyone that helped because I know I'd miss some. It appeared to me that with few exceptions, everyone in the club was there at one time or another. We want to thank all those workers and all those that brought vehicles - you were **awesome!!!** Congratulations to **President Ron** on his first event going extremely well!

We had a couple community park dedication things. The first was the pavilion at Veterans' Park to co-in-side with the City of Big Bear Lake's 25th anniversary. I guess the City forgot that the pavilion was a Rotary Centennial project and we received little acknowledgment. *What's a rotary?* I hope the 2005 - 2006 Board takes a pass on the Honorary members this year - I would!!

The dedication of Boulder Bay Park went a little better in that we weren't invited but **president Ron** and I showed up anyway. Sandy Erickson, representing her parents the Coggon Family, dedicated the park and did in fact acknowledge the Rotary Foundation's part in making the \$325,000.00 donation to the City of Big Bear Lake possible. Following that, the City Manager, too, acknowledged the Rotary Club's part in making it happen. Rotarian members of the City Council, Mayor **Darrell Mulvihill**, **Shed Conklin**, **Ken Dally** and **Bill Jahn** were present only in their capacity as City Officials.

Just feel good in the fact that we did something good for the Community. Eldon, the unofficial mayor of Boulder Bay, did thank me for our contribution to the park and has asked us to be the point group to help the area residents contribute to accessories in the park. I told him the Rotary Foundation would assist in their efforts.

I'm working on a small bronze Rotary plaque to be installed in the park. I'll be working with Sandy Erickson to be sure it will be consistent with our original agreement before taking it to the City.

Past presidents **Rob Shepherd** and **Bob Puckett**, along with president **Ron Peavy** are attempting to work something out with the City on supplemental plaquing on the Rotary Centennial Project Pavilion in Veterans' Park.

I have it on pretty good authority, that on or about June 29th **Walter Con** and Sharon Bollingmo were married. Both of these people are pretty special to this Rotary Club. Congratulations to you both!

The new directories are complete and will be available next Thursday. We want to make sure everyone gets at least one. There are about 30% extra and we can always make more if need be.

The new Rotary informational tri-folds are available to anyone that wants some - see president **Ron**.

The next thing coming up is The Old Miners' Day Parade - **Scotty's** in charge under Community Service Director **Jean Brownie**. See if you can be of some help to him.

Upcoming meetings:

- 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 -
Paul Harris Medals
Program -*
- August 2, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program -*
- August 9, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
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- August 16, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program -*
- August 23, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
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- August 30, 2005 - Regular Meeting - Paul Harris Medals*

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