

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE
MEETING July 28, 2005 Best Western Chateau

President Ron Peavy called the last meeting of his first month in office to order at 7:30 p.m. **Jim Applebury** was asked to give the Invocation ...Thank you for our men and women in uniform...heal Carol, Sue, **Renee** and **Ted**... Amen! **Paul Johnson** led us in the pledge to our Nation's Flag. **Jerry Gruber** fell on his sword and again led us in song - Happy Birthday for July Birthdays and a rousing round of R-O-T. Not too bad, **Jerry!** Something must have gotten into piano-man Glen who provided dinner music with real gusto! We had a terrific prime rib dinner with all the good stuff.

Dave Leach was called upon to make the rounds for introductions. **Dave** thanked **Mike Larson** and **Richard Miller** for taking care of the raffle tickets and took special note of "Drip & Tinkle" - Clean (**Jerry Gruber**) and Dirty (**Steve Schindler**). Roy from The Carriage Shed was introduced, guest of ??? Could have been Barge-boy **Skip Suhay**?

Prez Ron called upon **PDG Roy Brownie** who was trying to get rid of a few more chambray shirts with Rotary logos. The 3XL was a little too big even for your scribe, so it was presented to **Anne** as a new Rotary canopy for her bed. Roy was selling shirts in the bar for \$10.00 each but at the meeting he now wants \$20.00!

Anne announced two more upcoming Boat Parties, August 9 and August 23. 5:30 p.m. at Pleasure Point Marina. Bring food and drink to share. There are plenty of boats and even a loaner from **Roy**, so avast ye matey, y'all come!

Shed Conklin is still looking for a few good men to help him with the car club's Fun-Run in the Village August 13th. Show up time is 0430 - that's in the morning!

Jean Brownie announced National Night Out at Meadow Park the evening of August 2nd. **Jean** and crew will be working on the Old Miners Day Rotary float at **Ron Peavy's** house August 6th. The Old Miners Day Parade is Sunday August 7th.

Prez Ron announced that the Fawnskin Festival is looking for volunteers for the water dunk tank Sunday July 31st. Water guys **Jerry Gruber** and **Steve Schindler** are being targeted.

Ron acknowledged July wedding anniversaries: **Roy & Jean Brownie** 47 years and **Lee & Sandy Abeln** 43 years. **Mullvihill** volunteered to accept any roses left over.

Bob Puckett held the lucky raffle ticket and with just a little help answered the question correctly for \$66.00. We need not get into the question but the answer was tri-tip.

Very Fine Master, barge-boy, Skip Suhay was up. Let's start with **Darrell** (Holding up deck shoes left at the boat party). \$5.00 each! **Darrell**: "Is that per shoe?" That's right, **Darrell**, \$5.00 per shoe! **Jim Applebury**, the chair of the fireworks show, did you forget \$10,000.00 worth of CD's at a certain Rotarian's house? That'll be \$10.00. **Prez Ron**: "I'll pay his fine because it was my house and he was helping me." OK, \$10 to **Ron** and another \$10.00 to **Jim! Scotty! Bedoe**: "**Scotty for CSD Director!!!**" **Scotty**: "No sir, I'd tell them people the truth and they don't want to hear it! That not it **Scotty, Larbi** has something for you. It's a bunch of bills you sent out to your customers - all past due. **Scotty**: "Do they have 37 cent stamps? **Larbi**: "Yes, but no addresses." That'll be \$10.00 to **Scotty! Michael Beveridge**, you're retired from the lodging business and doing a little contracting? We understand you're building a shed and getting 1,000's of dollars in help from **Vince** with plans. **Michael**: "Yes, and on behalf of **Vince** I would like to pay \$100.00!" Speaking of **Vince - Vince**, you were in Mexico on a fishing trip. How did you do? **Vince**: "We did well." I'll say - 300 fish? That sounds like \$10 or \$20 to me? **Vince**: "OK, but we'll talk later!" **Jerry!** Which one? All **Jerrys** stand up! **Jerry Gruber**: "But my name is **Jerome!**" Ok, **Jerry Ahern**, you missed the boat party. You say you had to take **Janet Stevens-Moore** to the hospital? Rumor is, she is what? **Jerry**: "No, the party starts at 5:30 and I have to work till six and **Janet** was waiting for me!" OK, \$5.00! **Janet**, you have a new vehicle? **Janet**: "Yes, **Jerry** dented my old one and scratched the paint. So what did we get and is this a company car to put signs on? **Janet**: It's a new Escalade. We encourage our employees to put signs on their cars." But not yours? Keep standing, **Janet**. **Dr. B.** and what did you get? **Dr. B.**: "An old

clunker from **Lee Abeln** - a '56 Chevy truck!" A '56, say that's worth 50 bucks? **Dr. B.**" OK!" Now that we've established what an old car is worth let's get back to **Janet's** new car! **Janet**, what color is it? **Janet**: "Pearl white and it has 345 horse power." OK, it's got all those horses and uses a lot of gas so same price, \$50.00! **Walter Con! Jerome Gruber**, stand up again! **Jerome**, who's your largest water user? **Jerome**: "The school district." **Walter**: "We're doing our part. We're installing controllers and low flush toilets." **Scotty**: "That'll mean more business for me!" OK, \$10.00 to **Walter! Paul Johnson**, what's new? **Paul**: I'm running for the Airport Board. I'm going to run as **McNutt's** second. Good **Paul**, that'll be \$10.00 for the political commercial - **Paul Johnson for Airport Board! Rob Shepherd! Rob**: "Yes, **Mr. Skippy Soowey?**" It doesn't count as a make-up to send your wife to the meeting last week while you were in Fiji! **Rob**: "She wanted to attend the program and I was in Fiji taking my grandson fishing. We caught one very small fish." That'll be \$10.00 and you need to take lessons from **Vince!** Thank you **Skip!**

It was at this juncture we had another, unrepeatable joke from **prez Ron**.

The program tonight was one of my favorites - Craft Talks by our members. First up was **Wayne Blair**.

Wayne was born in Chicago the youngest of nine children. He was also the only child in his family not born in Kentucky. When still a young lad his family moved back to Kentucky to a town of 600 just 17 miles from Fort Knox. **Wayne** helped his father, a body and fender man, build a garage out of ammo boxes welded together. The ammo boxes were 10 cents each - all you wanted. The High School **Wayne** graduated from took in the whole county and had a total of 56 students. Later years brought **Wayne** to California to live with an Aunt. He worked at Autonetics on the Grave yard shift while attending Long Beach State College where he graduated with a degree in accounting. He married Carol in 1962 while still in college. After graduating, **Wayne** worked in several accounting and controller positions. When you could no longer sell 64K memory mini computers for \$30,000.00 at Basic Four, **Wayne** was requested to write a new business plan that would eliminate his position, and he did! He and Carol owned a Hallmark for 20 years before selling out and moving to Big Bear.

Together, **Wayne** and Carol tried their hand at Lodging and are happy now to have the lodge in Escrow pending sale. **Wayne** is pleased to be a part of the community and a part of this Rotary Club.

Our next speaker was **Eric Lewis**. **Eric** needed no introduction as the assemblage started getting up and walking out as he came to the podium. Nice to have friends! **Eric** was born in South Philadelphia and came to San Bernardino, CA in 1949. At 12 years of age he was introduced to the automobile - a love affair that has endured! At 14, **Eric** was introduced to the Carnival life and at 16 bought two super ugly Amazon Jungle Rats for a side show at the County fair. After the ten day run he had enough money to buy a brand new 1957 Corvette. He was able to sell the Amazon Rats back to the dealer and get off free. **Eric** returned to CA with a wife and kid and by chance went to work for King Bearing, that, he terms the best company in the world and he claims he had the best boss in the world. King Bearing was sold to the French and quickly declined. In 1976 **Eric** and Mary Ann were married. **Eric** has enjoyed working at Real Estate in Big Bear since leaving King Bearing in 1985. One of Eric's sisters was working in the Pentagon within 100 feet of the crash on 9/11. Fortunately, she is OK!

Prez Ron thanked both **Wayne** and **Eric**. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- August 4, 2005 - Regular Meeting - Spouses night.
Program - District Gov. Geo. Steele*
- August 11, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
Program - Danita Craft, Adult literacy*
- August 18, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program - Fireworks recap*
- August 25, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting -
Paul Harris Medals
Program - psychology of water*
- Sept. 1, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program - Paramedics in BB.*

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