

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE
MEETING August 11, 2005 Best Western Chateau

Being a fine August evening for a Rotary Club meeting, **President Ron Peavy** called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Feel free to consider this a make-up, but then again, you'll have to make-up for this meeting! Huh! **Wayne Blair** gave the Invocation "...watch over our elected officials, our troops, this meeting and those in our midst in need...Amen!" **Janet Steven-Moore** led us in the flag salute and world renowned Baritone, **Simeon Prophet** led us in song. First, in keeping with the season - Jingle Bells? then **Simeon's** own verse of How Great Thou Art, including reference to a full lake and green trees and once the weepy eyes were dry a rousing round of R-O-T! Glen-the pianoman tickled the ivory with Puttin' On The Ritz and other fine selections while we sat down to another excellent Chateau dinner. Newer members **Ken Markling** and **Mike Larson** made the rounds with the raffle tickets. Thanks guys!

Next up was **Dave Leach** making the rounds for intros. We had visiting Rotarian Tom Steele from the "Ducky Club"; Craig Smith, guest of **Darrell Mulvihill** and Tom Johnson guest of **tricky Dick Kun!**

Once again, Congratulations are in order to **Anne Zimmerman** for a fantastic Boat Party last Tuesday evening. There was some 37 guests and six boats. Good show, **Annie!** As an aside, **Anne** informed me that she, friends and family are funding a perpetual Mihaylo scholarship in the name of B.C. Clark through our Foundation. See **Anne** if you have an interest in helping fund this scholarship in B.C.'s name.

Congratulations are also in order to **Community Service Director Jean Brownie, Vi Colungia, Prez. Ron, Youth Service Director Dick Shaw** and the Interact Youth for putting together the last minute Rotary float entry in the Old Miners Day Parade.

Bill Jahn presented the Club a banner from his recent make-up at Kona, Hawaii. **President Ron** announced the generous contribution of \$100.00 to the Fireworks Fund from local Dentists David and Katheryn Poole. **Alan Clark** held the lucky raffle ticket drawn and correctly answered the question for \$66.00 which he donated to **Dick Shaw** for the Interact kids! Thanks **Alan!**

Holy smokes! Next up was the Incomparable Fine-guy, Mister **Richard (the lionhearted) Kun!** No pin, no badge, either one or both, five bucks each! **Janet Steven-Moore, Charlie Brewster, Janet Stevens - Moore.** **Charlie:** "Yes, **Fine-Dick?**" Blue badges for all three / two? Ten bucks each, maybe 20 to **Janet?** **Bill Jahn,** you took a trip to Hawaii - how many miles is that? **Bill:** "Actually, it was Hawaiian Gardens - not far." Make it ten bucks! **Steve Hirschler,** Hawaii also - did you guys go together? No? Well ten to you too! *I don't know how your ol' scribe got caught up in this but someone turned me in for accidentally kicking the ignition switch to off in my 1914 Model T while driving in the Doo Dah Parade and having to be pushed for a block to the end of the parade by **Paul Penardi** and others before getting restarted.* 15 bucks! **Tony Tamberchi,** you just sold the Sizzler for big bucks! What do you think that is worth, 100 bucks? **Tony:** "Well, since there was no Big Bear Broker involved, I'll donate \$500.00!" Thank you **Tony!** **Ron Peavy!** **Ron:** "Yes sir, **Mr. Fine-guy?**" Last week at the Governors visit, you forgot to recognize your Youth Services Director, **Dick Shaw?** **Ron:** "He had his own special time, didn't he?" No, no - 15 bucks! **Ron:** "O.K., my error!" **Dr. Sharp!** **John:** "Yes, **Dick** sir? O.K. for all of you. It's not **Fine Dick** or any of those other things - it's Fine-guy! O.K, **Dr. Sharp,** anything new in your life? **John:** "Do you mean the channel 6 thing?" No! We know you have multiple issues but - You're expecting, right? **John:** "Ahhh" It's 20 bucks - you're expecting, **John,** take my word for it! **Rusty Barnes!** **Rusty:** "Yes Fine-guy?" That's better, here's your picture back, of the **Barnes Bros. Racing Team** - No Fine! **John Bartley!** Everyone: "Yea Boots!" Do you want to tell us about that \$300.00 silver buckle you have? **John:** "Well, I bought \$20.00 worth of tickets and I won it." And, this was while you were playing hooky from the Rotary meeting last week? **John:** "Well yes, but I already made it up." O.K. 20 bucks for the belt buckle! **Janet Stevens-Moore, Jerry Ahern** and **Michael Beveridge.** Janet: "Yes, **Mr. Dickster?**" Now, there you go again. What's the deal about being late for the Boat Party again. **Janet:** "Well, I was run through the gauntlet when **Michael** had to put a new switch in his boat and we showed up at 7:50 - do we still get a make-up? No - 10 Bucks each! **Darrell Mulvihill!** **Darrell:** "**Mr. Dick!**" You wimped out and didn't bring your boat? Did Carol keep the keys? You brought no food? **Darrell:** "Yeah, but I brought three beers!" Yeah, but you also had a bladder problem. Let's make it \$20.00 for

a package deal! **Bob Davies,** you were in a boat in motion and hit **John Grandi?** **Bob:** "Can't remember." You don't remember hitting **Grandi's** boat. **Bob:** We weren't under power, I was just keeping the boats apart ask **Chuck Rounds.** He better have a good story or next time I'll drop his sorry ass in the lake!" **Chuck,** we understand you had an issue with the Lake Patrol? **Chuck:** "Yeah, someone stole one of our running lights." Yeah, I understand you were running after dark with out lights and speeding too. How did you feel getting stopped by a subordinate? Whaad you say - look honey, I'm on the Board? That's five dollars each plus ten more to **Chuck** for speeding! These Boat Party's are pretty good money makers!

Program: Your Scribe doubles as the program guy so it was my pleasure to introduce to you, Danita Craft. Danita was the recipient of a \$500.00 award from our Rotary Club last year for her Adult Literacy Program at the Library. Danita had very interesting information she tried to share with us at that time but we were unable to do so. I felt what she had to share was important and informative enough to ask her back for a full program.

Surprisingly, more than half of the program adult learners are white, middle class and usually High School drop outs by the 9th grade. They typically have the reading skills of the 4th or 5th grade. English as a Second Language make up another large segment. **Prez Ron** shared that by the end of the 3rd grade, if a student does not read up to that level they will most likely be part of the 85% of all High School drop outs!

Functionally illiterate means you can't read the directions on microwavable food, medicine bottles or labels on foods or products at the store. Many subjects are exceptionally intelligent but have other learning disabilities. An adult learning to read can be the most rewarding experience of a life time. Being a Tutor to an adult learner is greater than that.

Danita invited us to be a tutor and share 1 to 1 1/2 hours per week of our time to help an adult learn to read. Her program needs tutors - you can make a difference! Danita can be reached at the Library. Our Community Service Director may want to consider another monetary contribution to this worthy program. The program could also use a good lap top computer for learners use.

President **Ron** thanked Danita for her most informative program and presented her with a Rotary book mark in appreciation.

Before adjourning, **Past president Rob Shepherd** could no longer live with the guilt of having been stopped by the Lake Patrol himself for speeding and directing the officer to the roudy party back the direction from which he came to evade a citation. For his trespasses, **Rob** cleared his conscience with a \$100.00 contribution to the Fine-guy. *Sounds like we ought to have Boat Parties as regular fundraisers!*

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- August 18, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program -*
- August 23, 2005 - Boat Party 5:30 Pleasure Pt. Marina
Bring food and drink - no boat necessary!*
- 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.*
- Sept. 8, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
Program - MAF-Sumatra and Afghanistan*
- Sept. 15, 2005 - Regular Meeting.
Program - 72 hrs in Tokyo Bay, Sept. 1945.*
- Sept. 22, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
Program - "Learn Then Play" John Pappas*
- Sept. 29, 2005 - Regular Meeting. Paul Harris Medals
Program - City Matters, Mayor Darrell
Mulvihill and City Mgr. Michael Perry*
- October 6, 2005 - Regular Meeting
Program - Fireworks recap*

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