

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE
MEETING August 18, 2005 Best Western Chateau

Once again, it was a meeting of August Rotarians, called to order by illustrious **president Ron Peavy**, fresh from the Queen's Court. Squire's pants might actually look good on him? Speaking of men in tights - **Bill Jahn** gave the Invocation. "...Thank you for this day and the opportunity of service in Rotary, grant us wisdom, strength and courage to do your will, Amen! Yachtsman, **Veryl Kelsey** led us in the pledge to his Nation's Flag. Brave soul, **Gerald Gruber** burst on the scene with great song in the form of "YOU'RE A GRAND OL' FLAG" and a spot of R-O-T! Glen-the-pianoman, quieted the tone as we sat down to dinner to selections such as "Come To Me", etc. **Prez Ron** gave us another bad joke. **Roy Brownie** says he has nothing to do with **Ron's** ability to find bad jokes and feels he's getting a bum wrap! **Dave Leach** came up to do the intro's that included Cameron Schneider recipient of a \$1,000.00 Rotary scholarship, new exchange students Thaise from Brazil and Johnnas from Germany. We welcomed **Don Eads** back from England where he was in a bus in London immediately behind the one evacuated for one of the bombs that failed to detonate in the recent terrorist activity there. We're glad you are safe, **Don!** **Darrell Mulvihill** was back from the wine tasting at the Marine's Ball in town where there was no terrorist activity. **Darrell** introduced visiting Rotarian John Tincher, formerly of our club. **Jim Applebury** was present with someone else's wife, Kathy from the computer club. And, we were glad to see **Dick Mathews** make it up the hill for our meeting! Welcome Rotarians and guests!

Prez. Ron thanked **Larbi, Tim Brigham, Richard Miller, Ken Markling** and **Mike Larson** for helping with the raffle tickets. **John Grandi** came up to thank the Club for it's support of the Reunion Concert for the Hospital Foundation. It was a tremendous success! *I ran into Sue and Jim Pike Saturday at the airport and they too were very pleased with their home town reception in Big Bear. Thank you also, **John**, for everything you do for Rotary and the community!*

There is another one of **Anne's** famous Boat Parties coming up Tuesday 8/23. NO SPEEDING on the lake! **Vince Smith** was thanked for the use of his trailer in the Old Miners Day Parade.

President Ron read a letter to Youth Services Director, **Dick Shaw** from Rotaplast, thanking Interact for their generous contributions to their missions. Interact donated approximately \$3,000.00 in the last two years. Congratulations to **Dick** for his fine leadership! While we were tooting **Dick's** French horn, we called him up to help present Cameron Schneider with a \$1,000.00 Scholarship. Cameron has been attending U.C.Santa Barbara as a Psych. Major (Does that mean he wants to grow up to be like **Harry Neumann**?) and has pledged Sigma Ki Fraternity. He thanked Rotary for the scholarship and promises to put it to good use. **Prez Ron** called the lucky raffle ticket drawn and it too was held by Cameron. Cameron even came up with the correct answer to the evening's question and won another 70 bucks!

The former Fine-Bankerboy, **Walter Con**, now School-guy was bestowed the new title of **PHD. Professor of Humorous Dirt!** And, dirt it was! **Sabe Sturtevant** returned to us with two new knees that cost him an additional 5 bucks a piece he hadn't planned on. **Don Eads** recanted his July 21st London bus bombing story in more detail and the **PHD** figured **Don's** life was worth 10 bucks! **Gary Antes** was there four days later and the **PHD** figured that was worth only 5 bucks as **Gary** has used up more of his years than **Don**. Former member, John Tincher, now from Indian Wells was fined \$10 for not seeing us enough. **Ed DeBoer** took a trip to Alaska to see his son for another 10 bucks. **Jim Applebury**, you're here with someone else's wife. **Jim**: "Well, her husband knows it and so does my wife." So what do you think she's worth, **Jim**? **Jim**: "Oh, say 20 bucks?" Is that O.K. with her? **Jim**: "It'll have to be, that's all I have!" **Eric Lewis**, Hoz Biz? Who's picture was that in the paper? **Eric**: "That was a young **Dick Mathews!**" Well congratulations **Eric**, you're No.1 - 10 bucks! **John Grandi**, your column in the Grizzly was very flattering to Rotary - are you the **Peavy** fan club? **John**: "Whaa? No, I just like his wife!" OK, 10 bucks for the kind words - thanks Elena! **Larbi, La, La, Loucif!** **Larbi**: "I didn't do anything!" What about your Dolly Llama's in the parade? - 5 bucks! **Shed Conklin** and **Bob McNutt**, what about your show this weekend with a few people up with all the beautiful cars? **Bob**: "I'm no longer part of the car club, **Shed** gets all the credit." Well, sit down then! Well, **Shed**, thanks for bringing all the bucks to the community and all that traffic for **Bobby Phillips**. **Shed**: "Thank you for the help of about a half dozen Rotarians that showed up at 4:30 in the morning

to set up barricades. We had a very successful show." Good **Shed** or woodshed - 10 bucks! **Dick Mathews**: "I've been gone for a while and we just had a new addition to the family, a new baby granddaughter two weeks ago that I'd like to put in 50 for and also another 50 for my grandson who just turned two. Let's see, 50 and 50, that equals a buck. What, did you understand me to say 100 bucks? O.K.then!" **Garry Dokter**: I'd like to announce that I am back active with the Club and we just purchased a new business, Elevations Day Spa. I'll go a hundred bucks on that." Good to have you back, **Garry** - your money too! **Ron Peavy** and **Dick Kun**, what do you do when you have two guys that rat the same thing but on each other? 4-way test? We'll say 5 bucks each and let it go at that! School's out!

Our program tonight was by Barbara Gibler who's concern for her niece's lack of interest in reading led her to write a children's book about something near to her own heart. Barbara wrote a book about Service Dogs, dogs that help handicapped people do things they can not do for themselves. Service dogs are also alert dogs that can smell or sense the onset of a diabetic episode or migraine headache in time for the owner to react before the onset. Barbara demonstrated how her German Shepherd, in training can already take an insulin kit to her husband, Bob in an emergency. Being a young dog, still in training, when Barbara instructed Kriston to take the kit to "Daddy", she went directly to **Jim Applebury**. Right **Jim**, someone else's wife, now the daddy thing? We know you said you work on her computer and the dog knows you - but dogs don't lie! After embarrassing **Jim** a bit we got back to demonstrating how Kriston and two other service dogs assist their owners by taking a telephone, putting money on a counter, like at a bank, and picking up keys. Kriston is still learning to make change!

The book series that Barbara has written tells stories from Kriston's point of view. One book is titled "My name is not No, No!" Barbara and her husband are forming a foundation to be able to publish the book and donate them to disabled and disadvantaged kids to encourage them to read. The Giblers have invested over \$30,000.00 of their own funds into the foundation to get it started and are looking for other interested parties to assist in the effort to fight illiteracy. The sale of some books help donate others to those that can not afford to buy one. Businesses can have advertising

space in the back of the books. To contact Barbara and contribute to the literacy of our young you may do so at Viking Medical Group, P.O. Box 3027 / 237 E. Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear City, CA 92314. Telephone (909) 584-7038. "If we neglect to educate our children, we neglect our future."

President Ron thanked Barbara and her doggie friends and presented her with a Rotary book mark.

Some how, **Walter** was called up to open a brightly wrapped package that turned out to be a pair of **Vince Smith's** stinky sneakers - lucky **Walter!**

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- 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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