

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE
MEETING September 8, 2005 Best Western Chateau

With spirits somewhat dampened by the ravages of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast region of our country, we none-the-less came to order at the sound of the Rotary bell rung masterfully by President **Ron Peavy**. **Gerald Gruber** gave an eloquent Invocation "...give us strength and wisdom to be good Rotarians....Amen!" Sir **Walter Con** led us in the pledge to our Nation's flag and Lord **Gruber** returned to lead us in song. For recent emigrants, **Jerry** had printed the words to "God Bless America". We were referred to the hanging banners for the words to R-O-T! Thanks, **Jer!** We all set down to a somewhat speeey dinner of roast beef. **PP Bob Puckett** quickly made the rounds for introductions. **Dave Leach** was down the hill with **Renee Wagner** at the ER. **Renee** is doing better and back home after surgery to relieve pressure on her brain. Drop her a line. Our visitors included Jonathan Bedoe guest of **Paul Bedoe** (Ret.), Louis from Serenity Place guest of **Rusty Barnes** and guest speaker John Hook with wife Nancy.

P-E Anne is throwing an end of the year Boat Party, Tuesday, 9/13, 5:30 p.m. at Pleasure Point Marina in an attempt to recover her John Kerry flip-flops. Bring food, friends and fuel, or ye shall walk the plank, Arrgh!

Prez Ron reminded us that **Dick Shaw** and the Interact Club will be looking for help delivering phone books the last three weekends in October. Light involvement in Octoberfest this year - you'll have to be more creative with excuses not to help ("I haven't taken my Skidoo out of the back of my truck yet." "My wife wants to use my SUV to stock up for the Winter." "My Cadillac truck is just to impress my neighbors." "I had to install extra gas tanks in the back seat of my Hummer.")! Remember, we do this in lieu of providing financial support to sponsor Interact.

PP Rob Shepherd announced up coming nominations for and election of the 2005 - 2006 Rotary Board (See by-laws insert). Only **Anne** is guaranteed a position as Elle Presidente! A Candidates forum will be held for the Airport Board, Community Services Board and the School Board, September 17th, at the BBARWA Administration Building. **Paul Johnson** is a candidate for the Airport Board.

Darrell Mulvihill isn't running for anything but he would like Club members to try to let him know by Tuesdays of planned guests to order the number of dinners necessary. Recently, we had planned for 55 and 68 showed up causing a lot of scrambling in the hotel kitchen.

Your Rotary Board approved, in concept, a fund-raising variety, talent show at the PAC October 2nd to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. It is estimated that we could raise \$25,000.00 based on a \$50.00 donation per person and other contributions. We already have in excess of \$6,000.00! Contact **prez. Ron** with all comments and ideas. **Ron's** number is (909) 866-7420. **This is not a done deal!** Big Bear has a local couple, Michelle and Daniel Arella, that lost everything in the storm. Daniel is still in the Gulf Coast in the National Guard and Michelle has returned home, eight months pregnant, to Big Bear to stay with her parents. We passed the net and came up with approximately \$900.00 to help them. Big Hearts Rotarians!

Prez. Ron called the lucky raffle ticket number held by Jonathan Bedoe. **Fr. Paul** guessed the answer to the question netting Jonathan a cool 54 bucks!

The Fine-guy, **Sr. Ricardo Kun**, was called forward to preside over the extraction of even more dinaro. He quickly let us know his mission was to raise money - not have fun! Pins and badges \$5.00 - you know the drill! **Jerry Gruber**, recite the words to "God Bless America". Are you nuts? Waste of paper \$10.00! **Rick Herrick**, what's going on at your house? **Rick:** "Nothing much, I've just been slaving away on a new deck." And, what else? **Rick:** "Just a little Jacuzzi, too." So, a deck and a spa, say ten happy dollars. **Rob Shepherd**, you finally got your building plans approved? **Rob:** "Yes, **Dick-the-finer**. After considerable delays, due to low hanging batracks, hydro-testing of my parking lot with BBARWA water and Hazmat clean-up I was given the opportunity to reconstruct the Bat C.A.V.E. that collapsed at my recent debunking, for which I am eternally grateful." Fine - that'll be 20 bucks! Speaking of windfalls, **Rusty Barnes**, you opened your own real estate office in Yucca Valley? **Rusty:** "Yes, it's called Eldorado Real Estate." Well, what do you think that is worth? **Rusty:** "Is that for us or Katrina relief?" You designate, either way I still get my 10%. **Rusty:** "O.K., say \$100.00 Katrina relief!" Done! **Paul Johnson**, you're running for office? You're

not supposed to clap for yourself! What office are you running for? **Paul:** "What ever's open - haven't made up my mind. I'm a pilot, maybe something to do with flying. Actually, I'm running for **Bob McNutt's** second. He'll make a motion and I'll second it!" I'm glad you clarified that for us - 10 bucks now and a lot more if you win. **Paul:** "Did you see my commercial on Channel 6?" No - another \$10.00 for the commercial! **Prez Ron** got it for promoting his candidate, Debra Sarkisian for the School Board and **Steve Hirschler** chimed in as part of Debra's committee, so he got it too. **Ted Dobis** got it for his continuing blood line - they just keep comin'. Picture in the Sun Times fishin' - **John Eminger** says that's a \$300.00 - \$4,000.00 ad. **Ted** needed a package deal as it was also his 50th anniversary. \$100.00! **Paul Bedoe** shot his best round of golf at 67. We don't know if that was the front nine or back? 20 bucks! **"Boots"** got it again for forgetting his passport when heading down to Mexico for the "Fishing Trip". **John** figured he'd just go and be an undocumented alien in Mexico - "What? They don't allow it? While the boys were in Mexico **Darrell's** room suffered the great flood of 2005 - some unnamed Rotarian gave him and his room mate a hose job through the bathroom window. **Sr. Kun** held up room keys that **Rich Lambert** failed to return - returning them will make Hortense very happy! Yes, it was **Rich** that got the big Juan! **Sr. Kun** had to tell on himself as the PHD (**Walter Con**) failed to take notice of **Dick's** son's engagement, his 73 on his own golf course, breaking another driver and not having his pin and badge. Every ding by **Kun** was matched by **Con. Kun Con** - that's a pair to draw to - maybe they could put on a monkey suit and climb the Empire State Building?

Our program was presented by John Hook from Mission Aviation Fellowship. John is one of many pilots that has dedicated his adult life to helping others. MAF was started in 1945 by World War II fliers that saw a need for their talents. MAF provides Evangelism and Church Support, Community Development, Crisis Relief, Medical Assistance and National Training in remote areas of the world. They have been very active in the Tsunami relief efforts in Sumatra and Indonesia. Sometimes at great personal risk, they take needed supplies in when no others will. After the world dropped off supplies and left, MAF is still there distributing those supplies to remote, almost inaccessible areas with their fleet of small planes.

While John and his wife Nancy, didn't talk about it, this may be as close as many of us get to standing in the presence of greatness. If you read the requirements to be a MAF pilot you know you have to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, two years active involvement in a local church, 12 units of college level Bible courses, a fixed wing commercial pilots license with instrument rating, a powerplant mechanic's license and then, you can start your training! Oh, one other thing, there is no pay - you need to find sponsors to support you and your family. *If ever I felt I did anything for humanity, I'd rate myself as a 2 and these people a 10!* Nancy shared a story with me about when they made a presentation at a church. After the presentation, the Pastor resigned - he felt he wasn't doing enough to serve others. Having lost their Pastor, the congregation is not particularly interested in having John and Nancy back. If so inclined, you can contact MAF at (909) 794-1151.

President Ron thanked John and presented him a Rotary golden book mark. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- Sept. 15, 2005 - *Regular Meeting.
Program - 72 hrs in Tokyo Bay, Sept. 1945.*
- Sept. 22, 2005 - *5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
Program - Paramedics in Big Bear*
- 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*
- October 13, 2005 - *Yom Kippur. Board Meeting
Regular meeting
Program - Computer game design, Jay
Oberholte, FarSight.*
- October 20, 2005 - *Regular Meeting
Program - Craft Talks - Paul Johnson, Paul
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Respectfully submitted: **Bob McNutt**, Scribe, with the assistance of **Rich Lambert**.