

ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE

MEETING September 22, 2005 Best Western Chateau

Well, I'm sorry to say, I misplaced my notes from this meeting so we're going to wing-it!

I do recall we started on time with a call to order by president **Ron Peavy**. **Dick Shaw** gave a thoughtful Invocation and someone masterfully led the pledge to our Nation's flag. If I'm not mistaken **Gerald Gruber** was asked to lead us in song. We may have done "It's A Grand Old Flag" and for sure we did R-O-T! **Anne Zimmerman** did the honors of introducing guests. Who they were is another question. We at least had our guest speaker Rick Ralston and son Jason. We were truly glad to have Ellen and **Shed Conklin** with us after Shed's heart episode scare earlier in the week. Keep that perfect attendance string going **Shed** -we love ya!

President Ron announced the fund-raising concert to benefit Katrina survivors. The concert will feature local talent like Nancy Walker and "Catz In The Hatz", MC'd by **John, the-horn tootin' Brooklyn-boy, Grandi-man!** All proceeds will go to a Rotary-to-Rotary project to be determined by **Prez Ron**, Gov. Steele, and approved by your board. The concert will be held at 6:00 PM, October 2nd at the PAC. Donation is \$50.00 per person You were invited to see **Ron** after the meeting to buy tickets charged to your Rotary bill. **Ron** suggested each member purchase four tickets to use or sell. There are only 394 tickets available.

Strike up the Oom Pa Pa - we have available, opportunities to work as costume people at Oktobefest starting this weekend. Workers are paid \$13.00 per hour donation to the Rotary Club. See **Ron**.

We were also reminded that we need drivers the last three weeks in October to help our Interact Club deliver phone books throughout the entire valley. See **Youth Director Dick Shaw**.

Past president **Rob Shepherd** made an announcement regarding the election for next year's officers. The Nomination Committee consists of past presidents **Rich Lambert** and **Gary Antes** and one at large member yet to be announced. A nomination sheet should be enclosed herein if I haven't lost it also. Be sure your nominations are qualified for the position and you have their permission to nominate them!

There are still two more Candidate Forums for the November 8, local elections. Most of the club is not in the jurisdiction of the CSD but what happens in the County area of our valley is vitally important to the whole. Some candidates that you should take a look at are: Jay Obernolte and Paul Johnson for the Airport Board; Bob Cartwright, Jeff Newsome and Bernardine "Bernie" Krueger for CSD Board; and Debra Sarkisian and Kenneth Turney for the School District Board.

Anne Zimmerman announced opportunities to advertise in the new Rotary District Directory. Forms were on the tables. Every member in the district will receive a directory.

Prez Ron announced new member meetings starting soon. These are a lot like Catechism classes.

Someone won the raffle money and donated it to the Katrina fund. It may have been **Janet Stevens - Moore** as her name came up repeatedly for one thing or another.

We jumped right into recognition by the Grand Fine Master - **Skip Suhay!** As always, **Skip** did a masterful job running somewhat into our speaker's time. Perhaps the **Fineguy** or the **PHD** will get him for that? One of the recognitions I remember was **Jerry Ahern** turning loose a robot vacuum cleaner that sucked up three of **Janet Stevens-Moore's** rings. They weren't discovered until several weeks later when R2D2 went to empty the thing. I'm not sure who paid, **Janet** or **Jerry**?

For the rest, you had to be there!

Our program was put on by EMS Div. Chief for Big Bear City and Bear Valley, Rick Ralston and his son

Jason, also a Firefighter EMS. **Prez Ron** volunteered to take the place of the dummy - we hardly knew the difference! With pecs and ab muscles rippling on **Ron**, Jason was just *bearly* able to attach the multiple sensors with super glue. Sticking a breathing tube in **Ron's** mouth kept him quiet through most of the demonstration. Once **Ron** was fully wired with a 4 lead and a 12 lead, his vitals began to appear on the monitor. Rick dialed up Loma Linda University Medical Control Room where they confirmed they were receiving **Ron's** inputs. Had this been the real thing, lead one was down and **Ron** would have been dead! No, actually, Loma Linda was receiving most of **Ron's** data and they would have prepared for his arrival during his transport and taken him direct to the proper treatment, saving significant time when there isn't any to spare. Some of the equipment demonstrated by Rick and Jason is being used on a trial basis. We are very fortunate to have state-of-the-art emergency equipment here in Big Bear. A big hand was given **Ron** for faking it!

Rick pointed out the need for new and replacement equipment that there is not sufficient funds to purchase. Rick will be starting campaigns to raise the fund for this critical equipment. A 12 lead cardioscope cost approximately \$28,000.00. Over the next few years they will need nine new units.

Rick also reminded us of the advantages of signing up for the Valley Life Care Program.

President Ron thanked Rick and Jason and presented Rick with a Rotary book mark in appreciation for his presentation.

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming meetings:

- Sept. 29, 2005 - Regular Meeting. Paul Harris Medals Program - City Matters, Mayor Darrell Mulvihill and City Mgr. Michael Perry*
- October 2, 2005 - Katrina Fund-raiser 6:00 PM at the PAC \$50.00 per person.*
- October 6, 2005 - Regular Meeting Program - Fireworks recap*
- October 13, 2005 - Yom Kippur. Board Meeting Regular meeting Program - Video game design - Jay Obernolte, FarSight.*
- October 20, 2005 - Regular Meeting Program - Craft Talks - Paul Johnson, Paul Penardi*
- October 27, 2005 - Spouses Night. Brief Meeting. Halloween party*
- November 3, 2005 - Regular Meeting Program - To Be Announced*
- November 8, 2005 - ELECTION DAY - PLEASE VOTE!*

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