

**ROTARY CLUB OF BIG BEAR LAKE**

**MEETING November 10, 2005 Best Western Chateau**

**President Ron** opened the Rotary meeting at precisely 7:30 p.m. with the clang, clang of the Rotary bell. **P-E Anne Zimmerman** gave the Invocation "...help us to share our strengths...watch over our soldiers and leaders...Amen." **Skipster Suhay** led us in the pledge and **Mr. Jerome** brought song to our hearts with "When the saints go marching in" with a little "Row, row, row your boat" thrown in! Of course, we threw in a verse of R-O-T- too! **Dave Leach** was asked to do a quick round of intros - and he did. We had exchange students Thiesa from Brazil and Carol from China. **Michael Beveridge** introduced Susan Pierce. Former BBL Rotarian John Tincher and visiting Rotarian Jack Reiner joined us. **Jerry Gruber** introduced John King.

Back to **Ron** - Our condolences go out to **Walter Con** and family on the passing of his mother.

See **Dick Shaw** to help Interact with their phone directory project **Queen Anne** is again looking for a large presence by our Club in the new District directory. Her court will pursue you until you relent! You can't win - so just do it!! Speaking of her Court - past president, **Rob Shepherd** read the second reading of nominated officers for next year. They are:

President Elect - **Dick Shaw**  
Secretary - **Dave Leach**  
Treasurer - **Garry Dokter**  
Directors - **Rusty Barnes, Alan Clark, Larbi Loucif, Darrell Mulvihill and Vince Smith.**

There will be one final reading of the nominations and a final call for nominations from the floor. After which time, the nominations will be closed and voting take place.

Rotary clothing is available - see **prez Ron**.

Our Club had 21 representatives at the District Foundation Gala. The District recognized fund raising efforts for Rotary year 2004 - 2005. Congratulations past president **Rob Shepherd!** We were only about number three this year - of course, we were competing with a \$1,000,000.00 donation made to one club - the obvious choice for number 1!!! Our auction items raised some \$800.00 for our Club. Thank you donors! Congratulations Rotarians!

**Rich Lambert's** guest Rotarian, Jack Reiner, held the lucky raffle ticket and answered the Rotary question correctly for all the cash!

Next up was the inimitable FineGuy in the person of Mountain King **Diick Kuuunnnn!** **Dick** stated that we missed fines two weeks ago and he was charged to make up for it - "There's a lot of money at stake and it's not my fault!" Aaah, pins and badges - either or both - 5 bucks each. **Simeon** tried to negotiate out of this one because he had his badge for a change- didn't work! Visiting Rotarian Jack, you won all the money - a finable offence - \$10.00! **Michael Beveridge**, you missed your obligation to the Interact kids last Sunday? **Michael**: "Yes, but I told on myself." O.K. that'll be \$10.00. **Jerry Gruber**, you have some household projects going on? **Jerry**: "Just a little remodeling." Like what? **Jerry**: "New windows, doors, room stuff and landscaping." Landscaping? Will it require watering? **Jerry**: "No, it's all hardscaping and requires no water at all." O.K. only \$10.00 - it would have been 50 if it needed water! **Skip Suhay!** **Skip**: "Yes, FineGuy, nice shirt with your logo on it and oh, nice pic in the paper of you!" You know there used to be professional courtesy but that's long gone. What is your Rotary jacket worth? Make it 5 bucks and we'll **Skip** my transgressions! **Dave Leach!** **Dave**: "Do you have my Rotary briefcase?" Yes, 10 bucks! Your Bulletin editor was queried on the goings on at the airport but it was decided to wait until after adjudication. I did get it for 15 bucks though for having failed to turn in a list to the FineGuy of all those not fined in the last month or two. The FineGuy invoked the 4-way test and asked all those who have not been fined in the last month to stand and shell out 10 bucks each. **Jean Brownie** has a nephew that had a baby good for 10 bucks and both **Steve Hirschler** and **Paul Penardi** had to shell out 10 bucks each for their daughters reining supreme in High School sports! **Rich Lambert** got it for the picture of him and Virginia in the paper as sumo wrestlers at the Halloween party. When asked "Who won", **Rich** tactfully answered "She did!" Good answer **Rich** - 20 bucks. **Rich's** son Ryan also made him proud by winning 2nd in the whole district as a runner. That added another 5 bucks and congratulations to Ryan! Retired Minister, John Tincher (former member of our club) here to visit ex-friends and be part of the fun, was asked, how are we doing? He said pretty good so far - until he got hit with a \$20.00 fine! **Ron Peavy** had to answer a multiple choice question about what he was doing in a picture taken of him

on the boyz fishing trip. His choices were (a) bored (b) sea sick (c) must be crazy (d) falling asleep (d) none of the above acceptable. Needless to say it didn't matter what the answer was, it still cost him the bucks! **Penardi** got it again for something to do with his shirt and then **Gary Antes** wanted to negotiate a package deal for all the time his grand kids will be making the paper for excelling in sports. What's good for the FineGuy isn't necessarily good for the FineMaster and the PHD! There was also a challenge by **Scotty** of the 50 bucks paid for the purchase of a new Audi. **Scotty** said "The cost of a wheel at \$100.00 each for one then the other thrree even before they were mounted from the rack to one another and one each of the four that first came on the car when either or not it was a Porshe or given it was a Hummer even if it was still my wife's and none of my own is there no justice for which a man of title is entitled too having purchased one or the other?" That was obviously true and cost **Scotty** 20 bucks. Now **Scotty** also had dealings with the IRS that confused them to the point they want to give **Scotty** money back! It was suggested that this whole ploy by the IRS may just be a sting operation to round up a few perpetrators! Check six, **Scotty!** **Dick Kun** fessed up his transgressions and apologized, saying the timing was bad with him being the FineGuy and all - sorry about that!

Program. **Ken Markling** saved the day having volunteered at the last minute to fill a blank change in programs. Thanks to **Ron Peavy** and **Ken** for stepping up to the plate and getting us this great program just when I needed it most! I suggested most of us know there is a lot of electricity locked up in the little light switch box on the wall and **Ken** was going to tell us how it gets there. At the source, electric power is generated at between 250,000 - 500,000 volts to transmit long distances. It's reduced down to 12,000 - 4,000 volts for distribution then down to local supply voltage to 240 / 120 volt. For the Big Bear Valley, we get 34,500 volts from down in the desert and drop that to 4,000 volts for distribution. The high voltage lines are on the top of transmission poles and the lower voltage below. Big Bear Valley Electric has seven natural gas fired 8.4 megawatt generators to augment power from down the hill. This plant cost \$13,000,000.00 and is capable of supplying 25% to 100% of the needs of the valley depending on the time of the year. Meter reading has progressed to a computerized state-of-the-art system employed in something approaching half of the meters that need to be read each month.

