

MEETING December 1, 2005 Best Western Chateau

Trusting everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, **president Ron** opened the meeting on time. **Dave Leach** was asked to give the Invocation "...we ask your presence in our hearts as we step out into the community....Amen!" **Steve Schindler** led us in the pledge to our Nation's Flag. **Sir Jerome** was called upon to lead us in song but was immediately over powered by the USC Fight Song - Dashing through the snow - one horse (with Tommy on it) open sleigh - Jingle Bells, Brad Pitt and all that Trojan stuff. The Bruins, even in Big Bear Country, didn't have a chance! Ha! Ha! Ha! - jingle all the way - Ho! Ho! Ho! ...and what would you like for Christmas, little girl? **Kris Parde** (no relation to Kringle) invited everyone to the media room in her new lakeside estate for the *Big Game!* It's unsure if **Lambert** will make it as he is usually sequestered during the game in the Tommy Trojan Shrine located behind his house. He doesn't come out until you see white smoke from the chimney. You'll be able to tell who wins by whether his SC flag is high or at half staff. **Rob Shepherd** still doesn't know what all the fuss is about - where he comes from, one would be cleaning the tic marks on one's slide rule and footballs are spherical shaped object used to illustrate the relationship of celestial objects. And, if one must indulge in such frivolity, it's a game even girls can play. **Dave Leach**, himself a Trojan, mounted his white hobby horse and made the rounds for the fastest round of introductions ever. We had **Jerome's guest, John King**, **Dave's guest**, Mike Russell and **Darrell** with his twin sons **Vince** and **Walter**, **Michael Beveridge** with his significant other Susan Pierce, Exchange students Carol from China and Thiesa from Brazil. "Boots" was also here sans his wife's little bear (Bruin) purse.

Jean Brownie started around sign-up sheets for Santa Ski-Nite and Santa visits. We need everyone to participate - especially the fat guys! **John Eminger** stood (I think) and gave us an history of the Santa visits. **Trojan Ron** explained that everyone will be charged for two tickets to the Santa Ski-Nite@ \$20.00 each, to use or sell. If you find you are unable to do either by December 15th, you may turn the tickets back in for a credit to your account. Your tickets should be in this bulletin. If they aren't, please contact **Rich Lambert**. **Dick Shaw** thanked everyone that helped the Interact kids deliver their phone books. They received a check for \$10K!!!!

Prez Ron requested you get your orders in for Rotary clothes as soon as possible. **Walter Con** thanked **Mike Larson**, **Paul Penardi** and **Ron Peavy** for helping distribute Rotary dictionaries at the schools. **Rich Lambert** was the lucky raffle ticket holder. **Prez Ron** apparently misstated the prize for the winner. **Scotty** had announced that if \$500.00 or more was collected for the raffle, **Simeon** would donate a man's and woman's coat for the winner. **Ron** thought that the winner would also get half the pot as usual. **Ron** was saved when **Rich** donated the cash back to the Santa program - Wheeeew says **Ron!** Now **Rich** has an even dozen of **Simeon's** coats - three for him and nine for Virginia! Thank you **Simeon** for letting your brother **Scotty** give away so many of your coats!

With that **Skip, the grinch, Suhay** came to the podium to wrest whatever little shekels we have left from clinched fists. The first was **Kris SC Parde** for her invite to Bruins for "The Game" at her new estate. **Kris** says Bruin fans are innocent until beaten severely - again! 20 bucks for the game and 80 for the home! **Steve Hirschler** reluctantly confessed to riding his motorbike on "No bikes allowed" Cougher Crest Trail for 10 bucks! **Richard Miller** got tagged for a pic in the Griz and his stepson's team played ball for a four game clean sweep in Vegas for the Championship - 20 bucks! **Eric Lewis'** wife got a new car also for 20 bucks. **Dick Kun** was given honorable mention for inches he lacks and finding one of his employee manuals on harassment in the middle of the street. **Dick's** fine started big but with the threat of the Fine-Guy up next week \$5.00 became appropriate! **Anne** and **Skip** had an announcement then it was changed to **Anne** and **Rusty**. Each had a grandchild! **Anne's** was a "pink one" - first girl in the family. **Rusty's** was a "blue one" - #2! Both were good for \$100.00! **Vi Colunga**, complimented on her apparel, stated "**Simeon** dresses me!" That didn't distract the Fine Master who remarked **Vi** was observed driving in the exit at the post office - she wondered why the line was so short! She said that was her justification for parking in a handicap space. **Darrell Mulvihill** was complimented on his good taste, buying his wife a bottle of cologne at the airport duty free shop in Mexico on his way home. He was also complimented on the "nice letter" written about him in the Griz - 20 bucks. **Mike Larson** and **Steve Schindler** received Blue Badges - congratulations guys. New member, **Craig Smith** got it for nine days in Hawaii and having to return next week to

close escrow on a condo. The condo is to avoid the suspicious looks when checking into a hotel, with his wife, as Mr. & Mrs Smith - 20 bucks! Guest, Susan Pierce got it for 50 bucks for coming with the same guy (**Michael Beveridge**) all the time! **Simeon lucky or what Prophet** got tagged for backing his car into the front of a following car and blowing a power steering hose all on his loaner Cad, while his was in the shop. Lastly, "**Boots**" got it for five bucks a side but **Larbi** jumped to his rescue and paid his fine because he wanted to borrow them for Santa Ski-Nite!.

At the last minute our program, Medal Of Honor recipient, Walt Ehler was unable to get transportation to Big Bear. The winds were bad enough I chose not to subject an 85 year old gentleman to the rough ride in my plane. We will work out another time in the Spring.

Fire Chief John Morley stepped up to the plate with just hours to spare to bring us a great program about wild fire. **John's** presentation was in the form of a DVD that was just recently produced and contained up to the minute information on wild fire. The DVD stressed the three elements necessary to reduce the incidence of wild fire. They are: Learning from the HISTORY, implementing forest MANAGEMENT and PARTNERSHIPS with government and the public. Progress is being made but we still have a long way to go. The bottom line is to help create defensible space. Everyone needs to do their part!

President Ron thanked **John** for his excellent program. Thanks, **John**, for saving the program guy!

Meeting adjourned.

Two ticket for Santa Ski-Nite inclosed.

Upcoming meetings:

- December 8, 2005 - 5:30 Board Meeting. New Members Meeting, Regular Meeting
Program - Police Chief Pat McKinley
L.A. SWAT Team in Patty Hearst days.*
- December 15, 2005 - Stocking Stuffing party. Spouses Night.*
- December 16, 2005 - Santa Ski-Nite, Snow Summit.*
- December 18, 19 & 20 - Santa Visits.*
- December 22, 2005 - Dark for Christmas.*
- December 29, 2005 - **P-E Anne's** end of the year party.*
- January 5, 2006 - Regular Meeting
Program -*
- January 12, 2006 - 5:30 Board Meeting. Regular Meeting
Program - BBL Drainage system.*

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Respectfully submitted: **Bob McNutt**, Scribe, with the assistance of **Rich Lambert**.