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Larry Champion, President

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Editorial Team: Christine Applegate, Dick Beddoe (alternate), Valerie Lucero, Barbara Miller, Tiffany Tracey, Will Murphy and Scott Sherman (alternate)

Program Personnel:

Greeter: Val Lucero
Invocation: Dick Beddoe
Pledge: Will Murphy
Introductions: Sr. Pat Manoli

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests of Rotarians:

Francois – our International Exchange Student
Lucrecia Wright – wife of Rod Wright

Member Birthdays:

Bob Brainerd, October 25, 58 Years
Rolland Papendick, October 29, 60 Years
Tiffany Tracey, October 29

Partner Birthdays:

Linda Lucas, October 26

Wedding Anniversaries:

Ann & Darrell Illian, October 27, 35 Years
Stu & Sharon Smith, October 30, 2 Years

Rotary Anniversaries:

Tom Moisey, October 27, 13 Years

Announcements:

Jim Hixson announced the Paul Harris Luncheon would be held on November 8th. Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members must RSVP with Jim by Tuesday, November 1st if they will be attending this luncheon.

President Larry made the following announcements:

The Regional Conference was a success. Francois joined 25 other Exchange Students during the meetings. Thanks to Mike Metherd for the Red Bluff Rotary sign displayed at the meeting.

Thanks to Secretary Ev McDonough for coming back from vacation.

The Club website is almost up. Minor glitches are being addressed.

Farm City Night is November 7th. This Club presents the Young Farmer award.

It was good to see all the Club members present at the St Elizabeth Fall Event.

8th Grade Career Day is November 3rd. A sign up sheet is going around for volunteers to help with the event from 9:30-11:30am. Una Jordan is the Team Leader.

The Board of Directors met last week and approved a \$500 award to the Tehama County Historical Society to help with the cost of their publication. We'll work with them and hopefully get the history of Red Bluff Rotary into the publication. The Board approved the final expenditures for the dictionary project as well. The Board also granted John Picot the status of senior exempt. The nominating Committee has been formed and will meet to fill a slate of 4 candidates for office. The membership will vote on the slate on December 13th and the new members will take office on July 1, 2006. Dale Stroud will take over as President Elect on January 1st. The Board will meet briefly after lunch today to discuss Rotary rules in regard to club involvement in political issues such as support of candidates for office.

New members Jay Harn and Tim Murphy were welcomed again and given Rotary pins. Their sponsors Ron Judson and Don Cole

were recognized and given sponsorship and Service Above Self pins.

Jim Hixson was presented with his International Rotary Scouting patch from the District conference, as a recipient of the Cliff Dochterman Award.

Barbara McIver announced that **Francois is in need of a costume** for the District Halloween Party. Please contact her as soon as possible if you have one.

Recognitions:

A number of members were recognized for "A Penny A Mile":

Ev McDonough was recognized \$100 for traveling 11,500 miles on a recent trip to Canada, Alaska, Newfoundland, New England, etc.

Rod Wright was recognized \$41 for traveling 4,100 miles to Texas or "God's Country". He was offered an opportunity to brag about Oregon State, but apparently didn't have much to say about that other than to knock Cal.

Jack Bullen was recognized only \$50 for his trip to Hawaii because he tragically lost his home to a fire while he was away. Talk about Service Above Self!

Jim Hixson was recognized \$25 for his trip to Tennessee.

Program Notes:

As a member of the Board of Directors, Gregg Avilla introduced Dr. Bud Tysinger as our speaker on Bringing Sight to the Blind". Dr. Tysinger is an ophthalmologist and cofounder of the International Vision Volunteers, which was incorporated in 1994. He shared a slide presentation about his recent trip to Zambia where he and his colleagues saw 700+ outpatients, performed 113 cataract surgeries, and fitted hundreds of patients with glasses. A local administrator who is also a pastor runs the hospital. Bud's sister and brother-in-law, Patty and David Linton, built the eye hospital in 2000. Zambia is a very poor country and patients travel for many miles to the hospital, camping out with their families during their treatment. Blindness in this population is caused primarily by cataracts, although patients with glaucoma are also treated. Unfortunately, some patients cannot be helped because they waited too long to seek treatment. Restoring vision allows individuals to move from dependence to independence. The supplies that are needed for the Zambia hospital are not available locally, so they are all purchased and shipped there. It costs approximately \$1,000 per month to keep the hospital open. About 45,000 pair of glasses have been donated and shipped to this hospital. Bud would like to see this part of the program become much more organized and well-run and invited John Gumm to accompany the team on the next trip.

Dr. Tysinger spoke highly of all of the volunteers that help with these trips. Participants receive no compensation and have to pay their own travel and living expenses for the 16 days they are gone. Bud has also traveled to hospitals in Sierra Leone, Haiti, and Mexico.

The Board of Directors took action to support this very worthwhile cause as our International Project by committing one Foundation dollar for every dollar collected from club members. Several members made donations at the end of the presentation. Dr. Tysinger was commended for his dedication and hard work, with all being very proud that he is now a part of our club.

Drawing

Won by Barbara Miller

ABSENTEES

Allen, Amundson, Ash, Blunkall, Brainerd, Brownfield, Dolling, Dunbar, Garton, Gibbs, Glenn, Hake, Illian, Jordan, Kelley, Klemm, Patidar, Robison, Rubright, Snider, Townsend.