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Greeter: Jeri Symons
Invocation: Dick Beddoe
Pledge: Don Cole
Introductions: Mike Metherd

Training Session and the fun he had helping out with this and visiting the Hawaiian Suite where Hawaiian Rotary members provide their colleagues with 50 different kind of MaiTais – plus the little paper umbrellas that Tony managed to get stuck to his shoes on his way back to his room.

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests of Rotarians:

Mike Hawthorn from Vancouver, Washington – guest of Bill Patidar
Shirley Wheeler from Mineral, guest of Richard Schueler

Member Birthdays:

None

Partner Birthdays:

Donald Blunkall, March 11

Wedding Anniversaries:

None

Rotary Anniversaries:

Beth Glenn, March 10, 8 Years

Announcements:

President Larry announced we had 76% attendance at the meeting last week....and that's a good thing!

Don Jones offered the prayer last week, and included Doug Sale in it, and today Doug came in without his walker. Don will be accepting more names for future mentions.

Mike Metherd shared about the President Elect training he attended last weekend. It was very informative and inspiring. He encourages all of us to take advantage of additional training being offered on April 8th up in Redding at Simpson College.

Dale Stroud thanked those who helped with the judging on 4H Presentation Day in Corning last weekend. Those who helped were **Barbara Miller, Gregg Avilla, Tim Murphy** and his wife Lucy who helped out, **Una Jordan, Gregg Cohen, Richard Schueler** and Dale himself.

Dr. Bud Tysinger shared about his latest trip to Zambia recently and they were able to perform 600 outpatient visits, and 120 surgeries – mainly for cataracts. There was a Dental Clinic there as well. It was a successful trip and he thanked the Club for the \$5,000 donation towards the work of the clinic.

President Larry mentioned the good press our club has been getting lately – like the article highlighting the \$50,000 donation from the Masons to the Cone Kimball Plaza Project.

Rolland Papendick rounded up more volunteers needed to drive and host the UC Davis International Students who will be joining us at the end of the month – March 25th through March 28th. Please call him if you can host one or more students – more homes are needed.

Recognitions:

Tex Ash has been visiting Mickey Mouse at Disneyland twice within the last few months – so he had to pay up \$40...

JoAnn Perkins has been to Africa recently – near Livingston, Zambia. She went on Safari and at night she was locked into her lodge accommodations – not to keep her in, but to keep the wild animals out! Lions, elephants, hippos, "oh my"..... She settled for a \$50 recognition – far cheaper than the penny a mile formerly the norm for this sort of thing.

Una Jordan, media darling, was recognized \$60 for seemingly always being in the picture when the newspaper covers Rotary events.

Barbara McIver offered \$10 for the fun of introducing Judge **Richard Schueler** as a guest in his own club.

Then **President Larry** paid \$10 for the fun of calling **Tony Kelley** "Sir" and Tony doubled it for the fun of talking about PETS – President Elect

Program Notes:

"Elusive Facts and Courtroom Dilemmas"

SPEAKER – Introduced by **Scott Rubright** was **Judge Richard Schueler** who had practiced law for 25 years in the area and was UC graduate, in addition to being a "pretty good judge."

Judge Schueler wanted us to consider how facts can be diametrically different in the retelling, and all parties think they are telling the real true facts – who's lying? Our perception of facts and truth are based on our perspective and biases as well as what we see and experience. He described a training exercise "Gorillas in the Midst" where groups are tested on what they see, and the reports of what the individuals observe can vary widely.

What Judges have to do is be "finders of facts" in situations where testimony is presented giving very different versions of what happened. The human memory is very fallible and people see things differently – even eyewitnesses. False information is a problem these days, as is disinformation meant to confuse so we need to be careful in trying to reach understanding and not leap to conclusions. A good book to read along these lines is Voodoo Science by Parker.

Judge Schueler suggested that members of society need to know the flaws that abound from leaping to conclusions and take that into account when interpreting what's happening around them. That's what trial court judges do – try to make the best decisions and come to the best conclusions based on the imperfect facts presented in court. They have to ask the questions about whether the facts are true, debate and understand.

We were cautioned that the next time we seek to reach the right conclusion, step back and ask "Have you failed to see the gorilla in the midst of the action?" Get and analyze all the facts before you leap into a conclusion!

Drawing:

Dick Beddoe won \$15 this time.

ABSENTEES

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Brainerd, Blunkall, Dolling, Dominick, Douglas, Dunbar, Elloway, Glenn, Gottlieb, Hake, S. Judson, Sr. Manoli, Moisey, R. Sale, Vine

RED BLUFF ROTARY PROGRAMS – MARCH 2006 –

March 14: Focus on Youth. It's Camp Royal time again! Let's have an outstanding show of support from our members as Dave Nichols introduces the outstanding students from several Tehama high schools in their quest to be selected for the awesome Rotary Camp Royal experience. Club members will cast their ballots.

March 21: Focus on Community Safety: Gangs in Tehama. Recent events in our county call us to examine the truth, the myths and the response to gang organization in our communities. District Attorney Gregg Cohen will introduce this timely program, featuring Sheriff Clay Parker, investigator Eric Clay and Red Bluff High School principal Patrick Gleason.

March 28: Focus on Adventure/UC Davis Annual Event. Bob Madgic, author of Shattered Air-An Account of Catastrophe and Courage on Yosemite's Half Dome, will bring our club an outstanding speaking and visual program, adding us to his wide and successful book tour. Shattered Air is a true adventure tale of 5 hikers in 1985 that decide to climb Half Dome despite a gathering storm that brings tragedy by nightfall. The book has been very favorably reviewed and compared in the genre with The Perfect Storm and Into Thin Air. Our own adventurer, Dr. Bob Dunbar, will introduce the program.

March 28 also marks the annual UC Davis hosting project, through which Rolland Papendick coordinates our club's hospitality for foreign graduate students. Come and be amazed again by the brilliance and gratitude of the group.