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

Greeter: Jay Harn
Invocation: Del Skillman
Pledge: Beth Glenn
Introductions: Ron Judson

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests of Rotarians:

Susan Lameroux – Guest of Denise Snider and Director of the Genesis Project of New Directions to Hope, a grantee of Tehama First Five

Member Birthdays:

Larry Champion, May 15, 59 Years

Partner Birthdays:

Lucie Murphy, May 10

Wedding Anniversaries:

Shelley and Donald Blunkall, May 12, 16 Years
Will and Susan Murphy, May 14, 29 Years

Rotary Anniversaries:

None

Announcements:

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee – High School Scholarships are being awarded this Sunday and President Larry will attend.

Thanks to **Jack Bullen** – he donated Dictionaries for the 3rd Grade class at Sacred Heart School!

Una Jordan reminded us about serving lunch at the Special Olympics Track and Field event tomorrow – May 17th

Dan King is taking new photos for the Directory – get your new picture, or update your old one during one of the meetings – Dan has his camera.

Bud Tysinger is encouraging participation this Friday, May 19th for the Antioch Rotary International Vision Volunteers Annual Golf Tournament – a fundraiser for the work of this group in Africa.

Dennis Garton reminded everyone about the Annual Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony held each year to honor fallen law enforcement officers – it's May 17th at 7pm at the Bethel Assembly of God.

Recognitions:

Big time Confessions, led by our own **Dick Beddoe**. Head Interdenominational Confessor to Rotarians – dollar amounts varied, being relieved of guilt – priceless!

• **Dick Beddoe** is retiring and moving to Oklahoma to be closer to his grandkids and family

• **Bill Cornelius** either did or did not sell his house – it's between him and the confessor

• **Tony Kelley** complemented the Sheriff's Department on getting the bad guys in front of his very eyes last Tuesday

• **Dennis Garton** confessed to a 100 mile round trip motorcycle trip to Santa Barbara and back

• **George Russell** confessed to a great trip to the Amazon in November, and thanks for his daughter, an officer and nurse in the Air Force, returning home soon from a tour of duty overseas

• **Barbara Miller** confessed attending a birthday party 3,000 miles away in Connecticut for her granddaughter

• **Dale Stroud**, also a proud grandfather whose life revolves around his little one, actually wants Francois' life which sounds more fun

• **Will Murphy** will be catering the Mystery Dinner to raise money for the BareStage Theater this week

• **Tom Moisey** offered \$50 to destroy a large embarrassing photo of himself – the auction for the negative didn't generate much, though, so it must not have been that embarrassing!

• **Gregg Avilla** had NO confessions, but wanted to offer money before **Bill Cornelius** had a chance at him next week

• **Carl Havener** also offered no info, but money to beat **Bill Cornelius** to the punch

• **Richard Scheuler** owes \$40 and didn't want to confess to anything so "just take the money"

• **Jay Harn** noted that election time boosts revenue for his newspaper and for that good fortune, he donated \$40.

• **Jim Hixson** donated \$50 to the Foundation in honor of his granddaughter who graduated with two degrees from the University of New Mexico this month. Then he challenged **Jay Harn** to match the \$50 for the Foundation!

• **Ron Judson** gave \$5. on behalf of his great grandson in Oregon being voted #1 in "the slow group" in first grade

• **Dave Hutchison** donated \$50. because he wasn't on anyone's list and didn't particularly want to get on the list

Program Notes: "TEHAMA FIRST FIVE" – presenter Denise Snider

Charles Allen introduced Denise Snider, Director of First Five programs in our county. The mission of First Five in our county is:

"Tehama county children will be born healthy and thrive in safe, supportive, nurturing and loving environments; and will enter school as healthy, active, socially appropriate learners"

To accomplish this goal, the programs funded by First Five help provide children with early preschool education, provide services like counseling and child development and parenting training to parents, and provide support and education to families for a smooth transition to kindergarten and to ensure future success in school.

96% of a child's brain is "hardwired" by the time they are 5 years old, so having a successful learning and development environment for our youngest children is vitally important. Sound preschool learning leads to success throughout life.

The Tehama First Five is funded by a 50 cent tax on cigarettes and based also on the number of births in our county. In 2004-2005, the Fund Balance was \$923,910. Funding from the state for School Readiness, the tax revenue and interest on existing funds make up the financial resources for the Commission.

The funded projects are competitively bid, and once funded, are subject to rigorous evaluation every quarter, plus monitoring by Denise and her staff to ensure quality service delivery and successful outcomes. The projects currently funded are:

• First Steps Gerber and Gerber Family Center – School Readiness project and part of the Family Resource Center Network

• Family Start – a bilingual early intervention home visiting model for parent education for very young children

• Genesis Project – counseling services for pregnant and parenting women and their families

• Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Education Standards (CARES) which supports, educates and retains committed child care providers

• Family, Friends and Neighbors Caregiver Outreach program – which does outreach and support for child care providers who are not licensed, but caring for a few relatives or friends' children in their homes

• Perinatal Education Program through St. Elizabeth's hospital who provide education and support for pregnant women through the birthing and postpartum stages offering classes, breastfeeding support, infant massage and training in English and Spanish languages.

Drawing:

Richard Scheuler won, and donated the proceeds to the Special Olympics.

Red Bluff Rotary Programs

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MAY 23: FOCUS ON SCHOLARSHIP (or how Red Bluff Rotary turns beer into opportunity!) **Jack Fennell** will stand at the helm of our annual program that introduces our local college scholarship recipients. Jack will introduce his committee members and the crème de la crème of graduating high school seniors for short presentations on college and career plans. This is our crowning moment, Rotary members!

MAY 30: FOCUS ON LOCAL HEALTH CARE: Sr. Pat Manoli will introduce Tamina Carver, Manager of Nutrition Services at St. Elizabeth Community Hospital, to keep you updated on recent changes in care for pediatric patients at St. E's. How did they balance needed changes in nutrition and exercise with the need to keep kids happy while hospitalized? Come, see and hear the answer.

ABSENTEES

Ash, Blunkall, Brown, Cohen, Douglas, Elloway, Emry, Gibbs, Gottlieb, Gutierrez, Hake, S. Judson, Lucero, Sr. Manoli, Martin, Robison, Rubright, R. Sale