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Editorial Team: *Christine Applegate, Dick Beddoe (alternate), Valerie Lucero,
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Program Personnel:

Greeter: Beth Glenn
Invocation: Del Skillman
Pledge: Ron Judson
Introductions: Ryan Sale

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests of Rotarians:

Shirley Judson, wife of Ron Judson, was introduced by her "boyfriend" Dave Hutchinson

Wes Smith, nephew and guest of Jim Hixson

Martha McCoy-Nagel, from Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, guest of Dick Beddoe

Dan Emry – guest of Les Wolfe

Member Birthdays:

Gregg Avilla, April 29, 64 Years
Bill Cornelius, April 30, 61 Years
Mary Martin, May 1, 33 Years

Partner Birthdays:

Cathy Gumm, April 26

Wedding Anniversaries:

Gregg & Nancy Frey, April 27, 43 Years

Rotary Anniversaries:

Gregg Cohen, April 27, 7 Years

Announcements:

- Rotary Stars – Ron and Shirley Judson were honored as Rotary Stars for their work on the Chili CookOff and other events that benefit the club's work
- Mike Metherd put together a photo album to showcase the work of Rotary in our chapter
- Larry Jantzen, the silent partner of Bill Cornelius in all things rodeo, reported that the beer sales this year took 35 volunteers a day to staff all the beer stands and thanks go out to friends and family of Rotary as well as the members for helping three days in a row. The stand captains did a fine job, and the gross revenues was \$54,776 of which we netted \$15,795 to use in our community projects and scholarship programs.
- Una Jordan reminded us that the Special Olympics are coming up in May and we'll need volunteers to help serve the lunches.

Recognitions:

Steve Judson paid \$20. for missing phone calls even with a cell phone strapped to his body at all times

Jack Vine was captured on film getting close enough to a whale off the coast of Mexico to rub it's snout – that's up close and personal whale watching! He paid \$50. for that photo and closed out his year up to \$100.

Jim Hixson was voted by his peers as the latest Rotary Star! He is always active, "he never stops" according to some, and he's always doing something for the club....

Program Notes: 4-Way Speech Contest Winners

Carl Havener introduced the three top finalists (all from Gerber) of the 4 Way Speech Contest. The judges of the contest, held on April 11th, were Richard Scheuler, Del Skillman, Barbara McIver and Una Jordan. Summaries of the three top winning speeches are as follows:

3rd Place: *Julia Palos, "Racism Against Hispanics"* Julia shared with us her personal experiences as a bi-cultural citizen of how people's preconceived notions often color their interactions with people who speak another language, or come from another culture. She spoke of every family's struggle to improve their lives and those of their children

and that her hope is that in the future, all citizens will learn to live together better.

2nd Place: *Megan Wilbanks, "Rodeos are Not Cruel to Animals"*

Megan, who came with many sets of proud grandparents to cheer, shared with us her speech regarding a misperception that rodeo events are cruel to animals. She has done research, and personally observed rodeo events that prove that rodeo participants and organizers watch out for the welfare of their animals because they care about the animals and their livelihood depends on them. They have veterinarians on site at rodeos just in case, and take special precautions to wrap horns, use restraints and other ways to ensure the safety of animals as well as people at rodeos.

1st Place: *Roger Christianson, "Need to Support Agriculture"* Roger asks us "Where does our food come from?" – no, not the grocery store, but from agriculture throughout the world. He made the case that many Americans are ignorant about how their food is grown and raised and suggested that classes in agriculture be mandatory in all schools so that everyone understands the way agriculture works. If people believe that "agriculture is a cult that worships cows" (as has been said by some) then future decisions about everything from regulations and law governing agribusiness and land use, as well as general governing decisions will be made in a vacuum. There is an "agriculture illiteracy" that we need to do something about for today and future generations so that everyone can continue to eat well, and we can work on solutions for feeding the world.

Carl Havener and President Larry Champion presented the students with prizes for their winning speeches - \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place. Congrats to the winners!

Drawing:

Jim Hixson won the pot – rumored to be over \$3,725 (in our dreams....)

Red Bluff Rotary Programs

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MAY 9: "AU REVOIR, FRANCOIS!" Francois L'Haridon, our Youth Exchange student from France, will return to his home on May 12. Francois will deliver a short program on his experiences, highs and lows, as a visitor to the U.S. **Joe Dominick** and **Barbara McIver** will introduce the speaker. Let's give a rousing Red Bluff Rotary farewell to our honored guest!

MAY 16: FOCUS ON PUBLIC RESOURCES: Denise Snider will present the program on the county's First Five Tehama Commission, working to build strong futures by targeting the needs of infants, young children and their families. This is a great opportunity to gather more information on Proposition 82 (universal preschool in California), appearing on your local ballot on June 6. Red Bluff Union Elementary School District Superintendent Charles Allen will honor the program with introductions.

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

Allen, Amundson, Avilla, Blunkall, Dominick, Douglas, Garton, Gibbs, Gottlieb, Gutierrez, Hake, Ham, Kelley, Lucero, Sr. Manoli, Martin, Rubright.