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Larry Champion, President

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

Mike Metherd presided.

Greeter: Bob Stoufer
Invocation: Dick Beddoe
Pledge: Joe Dominick
Introductions: Eric Frey

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests of Rotarians:

Rolland Papendick introduced his grandson Jacob
Tex Ash introduced his wife Sharon Barrett
Chris Applegate introduced Michelle Schafer, Tehama County
Personnel Director

Member Birthdays:

Dave Hutchinson, July 23
Tom Moisey, July 21
Scott Rubright, July 21
Rich Scheuler, July 20
Jack Vine, July 18

Partner Birthdays:

Sharon Ash, July 24
Charlotte Confer, July 23
Lucrecia Wright, July 22

Wedding Anniversaries:

Jody & Delbert Brownfield, July 21
Bob & Jackie Douglas, July 24
Barbara & Ron McIver, July 18

Rotary Anniversaries:

None

Announcements:

President **Mike Metherd** begins his reign by proposing change. Our beloved *Lassen Lava* will no longer be produced by the Tehama Trader. New partnership TBA, or we may even develop in-house.

Moving forward, future programs will be the responsibility of individual teams. All teams will be responsible for supplying the programs for their two month assignment along with their traditional duties.

Eric Frey discussed our budget and the tight rope walk we perform to attempt to stay in the black. Explaining that the past practices of robbing Peter to pay Paul were short term stop gap measures, which will not solve our longer term problem (2006-2007 budgets can be found in the directory pages 46 thru 48). Eric suggested

some tough changes needed to be made to keep the club's budget afloat during upcoming and unknown Cone-Kimball expenses. This gave the floor back to President Mike to once again taught change. Our President suggested some changes that he recognizes will not be popular with all members, but changes that perhaps could help the club's finances. He also challenged the individual teams to come up with ideas and make this a group effort.

Some of the proposed changes include:

- Raising the price of the Christmas Party. The party's cost to members has not gone up in over 20 years. Also complimentary table wine will be limited to first bottle. Additional bottles will have to be purchased by club members.
- Raising the Club Dues was also floated. This would be a small increase to the annual dues. The board will decide on final numbers if plan proceeds. President Mike also pointed out, "there are members that are just coming and getting water without buying a ticket. All members need to pay when they come. We have to reimburse the Elks for meals, and they are not making a lot off of us. Even if the guy is just sitting there, the place setting and utensils still have to be set out, cleaned up, washed, etc...." With that, the idea of prepaying for meals was tossed about, suggesting prepaying at the coffee ticket price and upgrading to a meal at the door by paying the difference. This would also eliminate the need to pay for missed meetings.
- Other potential changes include eliminating the Paul Harris free lunch, and perhaps replacing it with an upgraded meal at the traditional price. President Mike also proposes that we do not match the sustaining member contributions this year and see if that would help make up the club's shortfall.

This is just the short list of potential changes that have been floated. It is the responsibility of the club members to come up with alternative suggestions.

Recognitions:

Les Wolfe was recognized (last week) for \$25 for his wife Gerry's accomplishments. Gerri is now secretary for the AAUW.

Will Murphy was recognized for \$20, for his oversight of Les' recognition last week (see above.)

Rod Judson was recognized for \$20, for his invite to the Chili Cookin' Championships in Omaha, Nebraska.

Program Notes:

Members broke off into their respective teams, and used this program time to begin to brainstorm on ideas, not only to cut costs but potentially raise additional funds to keep the club in the black. This time also gave the individual teams the opportunity to discuss upcoming programs that they will be responsible for, as well as the group's normal responsibilities. Team Leaders took this opportunity to praise their teams for past performance and to recognize them for the tasks to come.

Drawing:

Our new leader, **Mike Metherd**, had the winning ticket, but drew the 5 of spades. Better luck next time Mr. President.

Red Bluff Rotary Programs

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July 25 Mike and Jennifer Metherd share their Rotary International 2006 Malmo-Copenhagen Convention experiences.

ABSENTEES

Amundson, Brownfield, Bullen, Champion, Dolling, Douglas, Garton, Gibbs, Goodwin, Guttierrez, Hake, Harn, Jantzen, Jones, Kelley, Moisey, Robison, Rubright, R. Sale, Snider, Stroud.