



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 12:15 p.m.....at Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom by **Art Cort**; Greeter **Carla Carlson**; and **Cathy Thornton** at the front desk

Program

Visioning with **Jerry Hall**. A working session will follow the regular meeting until 5:00 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Last Week



After an introduction by **Verne Sanders**, the founder of the Cameron Park Education Endowment Fund, **Darol Rasmussen** talked about the objectives of the Fund. During his introductory remarks, Vern, a member of the Board of the Cameron Park Rotary Community Foundation, noted that that \$85,590 has been raised to date toward the \$100,000 matching donation pledged by Darol for the Endowment Fund. Verne also noted that the fund has earned sufficient proceeds to award a scholarship this year. Fellow Board member and former principal of Ponderosa High School, **Dave Sargent** has started the process to identify qualified applicants for a vocational scholarship. Verne also reported that the Board managed investments have earned a 6.5% yield.

Darol spoke passionately about conditions in our society that led him to put up \$100,000 to create an endowment fund to provide vocational scholarships to help young people on the Western Slope of El Dorado County. Recalling the prosperous times immediately following World War II when optimism prevailed and people were rewarded for their hard work, he contrasted that period with today when banks are seen to impede the fair distribution of wealth for their own gain. Darol views skilled workers as being at the heart of prosperous times and not the so called "professionals." The wealth of America is our workers. There have been times in the past when the government has acted in society's interests in a way that creates jobs and opportunities. Darol cited the Louisiana Purchase for providing opportunities for individuals to acquire land and the G.I. Bill for providing education for millions as examples of positive government action. He reiterated that Wall Street control of the distribution of wealth comes at the workers' expense.

Darol expresses concern that society is putting an emphasis on high school students getting ready for college and is ignoring those at the bottom of the class who have much to contribute and who receive little support. He used an example from **Cleveland Amory's** "Who Killed Society," to note that failures of English society, those at the bottom of their classes, made up the pilgrims of 1620 and the basis for the foundation of this country. Quoting statistics from the **Sacramento Bee**, he expressed real concern that 20% of African American males between the ages of 16 and 24 are in the corrections systems as opposed to educational institutions. The disparity of income between college graduates and high school drop outs continues to expand, having a particularly disproportionate negative impact on this population. The escalating costs of all forms of education are further reducing the options of many young people.

Darol created the Endowment Fund as the first step to help young people on the Western Slope with vocational training. As the fund nears a initial objective of \$200,000, Darol announced that he wants to ultimately target the amount of \$500,000. With a 6.5% return, that would enable the fund to award over \$30,000 in scholarships every year from the proceeds. It is important to note that 100% of the proceeds go to scholarships and that there are absolutely no administrative costs. Observing that we have yet to meet his original challenge to raise \$100,000, we have not yet achieved the first objective in raising funds. The initial concept of the Endowment Fund was for the Rotary Club of Cameron Park to sponsor the fund and get word out for community support. It was not for the club to provide sole financial support. We have an opportunity to do wonderful things for young people in our community if we can build this fund and put it to work.

In recognition of Darol's presentation on this day, President **Bill Gallant** donated a check from the club for \$25, which adds a total of \$50 to the fund. Inspired by Darol's generosity and the case that he makes for helping young people, **Norm Headley** donated \$1,000, thus increasing the fund by another \$2,000. Through the generosity of people like Norm, the initial target of \$200,000 is on the horizon.

Presidents Corner



BANBANON WATER PROJECT:

Pictures of the Banbanon Water Project construction projected during lunch showed considerable progress since the last report. **Bill Ettlich** gave an update on the project reporting that first stage of the project began with the \$15,000 sent to the Rotary Club of Metro Surigao, our partner in this project in the Philippines. The storage structure at the source of water is now complete. Construction of intake and filter structures will follow, as will the installation of a 2 mile pipeline. A distribution system in Barangay Banbanon will take place during the final stage of construction if \$10,000 in District funds are approved. Over all, the project is well under the original budget of \$40,000 and should be complete within three months.

BOARD ELECTED FOR 2010/11

President **Bill Gallant** announced nominees for the Board of the Rotary Club of Cameron Park for next year. After the announcement, there was a motion to elect. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the membership. The Board for 2010-2011 will consist of:

Anne Eckert - President
Ben Foulk - President Elect
Mike Collom - Vice President
Bill Gallant - Past President
Jim Buckley - Secretary
Rick Spicer - Treasurer
Fritz Engle - Club Service
Shiva Frentzen - Vocational Service
Vickie Christensen-McLain - International Service
Tom Keating - Community Service
Mike Dugan - Membership

Non-Board member officers for next year will include:

Carla Carlson - Publicity
Ben Young - Sergeant at Arms
Dave Bunje - RI Foundation
Chuck LePere - Youth Services

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

Vickie Christensen-McLain distributed an announcement calling for host families to take in a youth exchange student from a foreign land during the next school year. While it is quite a responsibility, the experience also provides incredibly rewarding experiences. If you haven't seen the announcement, be

sure to get one from Vickie. Anyone considering the possibility of being a host family is asked to contact Vickie at vjeanc@pacbell.net. It is important to identify host families before the end of March.

Speaking of exchange students, Vickie shared an email from the club's outgoing student this year, **Lizzie Knobloch**. Lizzie related some extraordinary cultural and geographical experiences that she has enjoyed during her time in Brazil. She fondly relates her Christmas experience with the host family that has become such an important part of her life this year. If you haven't read this email, talk to Vickie and she will send you a copy.

ROTARY AT WORK DAY SET FOR APRIL 24,2010:

Anne Eckert announced that Saturday, April 24, 2010, will be Rotary at Work Day. Once again, the club will help the Salvation Army by ringing bells for collections. With the pressing demands on the Salvation Army during these tough economic times, this Christmas in April will help them to meet those demands. Last year was a huge success with over \$4,000 collected in one day. This year Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Georgetown will join in to staff the bells and pots. Anne still needs 20 to 25 volunteers for an hour or two on that day. The reward? In addition to satisfaction from working on a good cause, President Bill will host a party for all volunteers at the end of the day. An event that should not be missed.

BOB CLARKE IS RECOVERING:

President **Bill Gallant** reports that **Bob Clarke** recently experienced a cardiac event while doing work for Rotary. Bob was hospitalized and received a pacemaker before being released. We all wish Bob a speedy recovery. Hurry back Bob.

ERIC POHL RESIGNS FROM ROTARY:

Job demands have prevented **Eric Pohl** from attending Rotary meetings of late. It is with regret that President Bill announced that Eric has concluded that he must resign from Rotary. Eric has been a valuable member and he will be missed. Hopefully we will see him as a visitor at future club functions.

JANUARY 28, 2010 MEETING AT CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM:

Fritz Engel reports that the club has been invited to the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento for the January 28, 2010 meeting. Speaker **Karen McLaughlin** is scheduled to come to Cameron Park for this meeting, but thought that the club would get more out of her presentation at the museum. The membership was polled and a significant majority voted to accept the invitation and meet in Sacramento. The museum is located at 2200 Front Street. People are encouraged to car pool. Car pools will form and leave the Cameron Park Country Club at 11:30 on the morning of January 28.

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS:

Not looking too happy with a big patch on his cheek, **Chuck LePere** was relieved to have a basal cell carcinoma successfully removed from his face and he surrendered five happy bucks to prove it. Also not too happy, **Pete Oliver** fessed up to his failure to introduce his guest for the day and compensated with five unhappy bucks. **Chris Moore** is looking particularly relaxed these days. It turns out that Ponderosa High School is still on their holiday break and Chris volunteered ten happy bucks because he is having time to relax and read. No time to relax for **Ben Young**. Ben had ten happy bucks to announce that he's opening up another location for his business right here in Cameron Park.

President **Bill Gallant** has yet to catch up with this high tech world. He didn't realize that continuous holding of Control-C would result in many copies. Having sent many repeat copies of visioning materials to the membership, Bill had to cough up thirteen happy bucks. **Mike Dugan** failed to attend the January Board meeting and explained that he was at SFO to bid farewell to a Portuguese Water dog that he was sending to a new home in Shanghai, China. Mike paid five dollars for missing the meeting and came up with an additional five happy bucks to announce that the puppy successfully

arrive at its new home. Treasurer **Coy Baugh** is happy when the books are right. He learned that the bill from the country club for the Christmas dinner was \$300 less than anticipated. That means greater profit for the event and five happy bucks from Coy.

Proud grandpa **Tom Keating** paid twenty-five dollars to brag that his seventh grandchild, a boy, was born on Christmas Day. Congrats Tom. You wouldn't think that **Dave Sargent** would be happy to talk about his wife **Carol** falling down on New Year's Eve. Carol suffered multiple fractures in her ankle and Dave is five dollars happy that it isn't even worse. Here's wishing for a speedy recovery Carol. **Bob Edwards** attended a Boy Scout presentation dinner where **Gary Reynolds** was honored for donating his labor and tractor to scout projects. Bob had five happy bucks to talk about the scouts next project to clear a path to the observatory. **Norm Headley** paid five happy bucks to brag about his upcoming trip with **Gwen** to New Zealand and Australia. Bon Voyage and travel safe Norm and Gwen.

Happy Birthday

Not acknowledging his age, but giving a clue of seven plus four, **Bill Ettlich** donated eleven happy bucks. His announcement prompted a round of "Happy Birthday" from in resident harmonicist **Art Cort**. Even more circumspect, **Anne Eckert** pledged \$4.95 and let everyone guess the significance. Happy Birthday to both of you.

Birthdays in January

Anne Eckert

Bill Ettlich

-----Spouses-----

Joanne Clarke

Luke Miller

Colleen Oliver

Anniversaries in January

Jim & Marilyn Bowen

Art & Helen Cort

Sig & Dian Hansen

Upcoming Calendar

January 14, 2010 - Visioning with **Jerry Hall**. A working session will follow the regular meeting until 5:00 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

January 21, 2010 - **Dick Noonan** will speak about the Sacramento Southern Railroad

January 28, 2010 - **Karen McLaughlin** will present the Towe Auto Museum story. NOTE: This meeting will be held at the California Automobile Museum - 2200 Front Street in Sacramento.

February 4, 2010 - The Sugarloaf Program by **Bob Edwards**

February 11, 2010 - Club Speech Contest

February 18, 2010 - General **Doug Stone** "Battlefield of the Mind---who our enemy is and how we can defeat him!"

February 25, 2010 - **Steve Snyder** will speak on the future of the auto industry

March 4, 2010 - **Eric Driever** will discuss the vision for Cameron Park

March 11, 2010 - Club Music Contest

March 18, 2010 - **Shall Sinta** from Edmonton Alberta will speak on the origin of the Four Way Test

March 25, 2010 - **Sue Watson** from Snowline Hospice will speak to us about new programs available through that agency

April 1, 2010 - **Apiary Farming** will present program on bee keeping

April 8, 2010 - Club Assembly

Upcoming Words of Wisdom/Greeter Assignments

January 14, 2010 - Words of Wisdom by **Bob Clarke**; Greeter **Carla Carlson**: and **Cathy Thornton** on the front desk

January 21, 2010 - Words of Wisdom by **Iain Marshall**; Greeter **Ulla Petersen**: and **Sabrina Ho** on the front desk

January 28, 2010 - Words of Wisdom by **Mike Collom**; Greeter **Sabrina Ho**: and **Shiva Frentzen** on the front desk

The Last Word



ANOTHER PAUL HARRIS FELLOW:

Dave Bunje presented a pin to **Jim Buckley** signifying completion of his second Paul Harris Fellowship. A Paul Harris Fellowship is achieved by donating a total of \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation. It is the goal of every club to have 100% participation in support of the Rotary Foundation. A sustaining member commits to donate at least \$100 per year. This year, the Rotary Club of Cameron Park has 36 sustaining members. We have a way to go to reach 100%. Contact **Dave** to arrange to become a sustaining Paul Harris member.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 28, 2010 - Meeting at the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento. Meet at CPCC to car pool.

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 - Monthly Board meeting at noon at Bass Lake Golf Course. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

April 8, 2010 - Club Assembly

April 17, 2010 - District Assembly in Reno

April 24, 2010 - Christmas in April. Ring a Bell for the Salvation Army.

May 21 to 23, 2010 - District Conference at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno.

Mike Neal has put together a photo series of highlights of the 20th Annual Show & Shine Event held on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The link is at the bottom of this web page.

Gear Up is written by **Art Cort**, **Jim Buckley** and **Rick Spicer**. Web site, photography, and artwork through the talents of **Mike Neal**.