



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

January 15, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Ron Losel**; Greeter **Tom Keating**; and **Dave Tavernetti** on the desk

Program

Art Edwards, President of United Outreach of El Dorado County, will speak on homeless issues.

Last Week



President Elect **Bill Gallant** was looking for ideas for a club project for **Rotary at Work** Day in April and he couldn't have asked a better person than **Bernie Dowse**. A retired military aviator, Bernie has a long history of philanthropy and he most generously shared some of his many ideas with the club. Heavily involved with the Salvation Army, Bernie is tirelessly working for the them as well as helping people in need wherever he finds them in El Dorado County. For example, he collects firewood and delivers it to people in need of heat during cold weather periods. Last year, he delivered 75 truckloads of firewood to people in need and he has delivered over 50 truckloads so far this year.

Bernie had several ideas that for the club to use on **Rotary at Work** Day. Some would require much more than a one day effort, even if all members were to participate. For example, he could use help with the delivery of firewood to needy. That would involve locating, cutting and splitting wood and delivering it. It is obviously much more than a one day effort during the winter. Another possibility would be to help low income people to winterize their homes; again, more than a one day project. There is need for a "handyman" program to help seniors and disabled individuals with needs around the house. The county has such a program, but clients must pay for materials and labor, often beyond their means. Bernie talked about the problems of disadvantaged people living in rural areas. While delivering wood, he has experienced many instances of houses difficult to locate because addresses are not marked. This situation could prove fatal if emergency vehicles are unable to find someone needing help. Bernie suggests a project to locate such house and visibly mark their locations.

Bernie recognizes that the needs that he has identified will require more than one **Rotary at Work** day and suggests that the club consider a one day project to raise funds for the Salvation Army. With the depressed economy, they have already experienced a 25% increase in families requesting help from the Salvation Army during the first quarter of this year. He anticipates that demand for assistance will continue to increase during difficult times. The Salvation Army historically raises money from the "Red Bucket" collections each year during the holiday season. They have never attempted to collect with Red Buckets at any other time of the year. Bernie is proposing to the Salvation Army that they authorize the use of Red Buckets to collect funds for one day in the month of April. They had anticipated that collections would decline last month because of the economy. Instead, they managed to collect \$43,000, a 140% increase over the 2007 Holiday Season. Bernie notes that, with support from a local radio station, the Salvation Army in Los Angeles managed to collect over \$1 million. If approved by the Salvation Army, Bernie asks that the club consider staffing Red Buckets in two hour shifts for one day in April. He anticipates that a substantial amount of money could be collected, all to be put to good use right in El Dorado County. The membership will be discussing and deciding on a project(s) for **Rotary at Work Day** in coming meetings.

Amanda Harbert a Program Assistant with El Dorado County Senior Services was on hand to talk about the many social services available from the county. With over two dozen programs for seniors and nearly as many for families and individuals in need, the County is still struggling to keep up with ever increasing needs. Amanda shared brochures listing the many programs available with contact information.

Presidents Corner



BURN TANK FOR EQUADOR:

International Service Chair, **Anne Eckert** reports that the Board has tentatively approved a \$2,000 donation to support a project to provide a burn tank for a community in Equador. Spearheaded by **Dee Russo** who has visited the area, the project is being led by the San Rafael Evening Rotary Club. They will provide six to eight thousand dollars and enlist participation from other clubs. The local club in Equador and their District will each contribute \$1,000. Additionally, the San Rafael club is seeking funds from their District and a matching grant to make this \$26,800 project a reality. Burn victims are only too common in third world countries that rely on open fires for cooking and heat. It is anticipated that the tank will be used to treat 12 to 14 burn victims each day.

The project was put to a vote of the memberships who overwhelmingly voted to approve the \$2,000 donation.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT:

The Board has approved club sponsorship of a foreign exchange student from Ponderosa High School in 2009/10. **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Knobloch** will spend her senior year in high school in Brazil next year. We can look forward to meeting Lizzie in the near future.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE:

The District will be hosting visitors under the Ground Study Exchange program this year from Italy. The program sends groups of young professionals, non-Rotarians, between the ages of 25 and 40 overseas each year and hosts a similar group from the same country. We will have the opportunity to host our guests from Italy for a few days.

In 2010, the District will exchange groups with District 3201 in the Southern tip of India. That District encompasses two Indian States, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. The Exchange will last from January 18, 2010 thru February 17, 2010. Anyone interesting in accompanying the group traveling to India can contact **Anne Eckert**.

Rube Jessop has long been active in support of United Outreach, a program to provide housing for homeless people in El Dorado County. Rube thanked Supervisor **John Knight**, who was visiting last week, for the million dollar grant that the Board of Supervisors approved for a homeless shelter. They are currently looking for a suitable location. Rube also gave thanks to **Dave Bunje** and his congregation for all of the help that they have provided to homeless families during this cold winter.

Noted Rotarians



TWO NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:

Past President **Gary Reynolds** made presentations to two new recipients of Paul Harris Fellowships. **Bobbi Hunner**, widow of lifelong Rotarian, **Gene Hunner** was presented with the award that represented a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation. Gene had nearly qualified for the award at the time of his passing and **Fritz Engel** completed the donation to recognize Bobbie for the remarkable care that she provided to Gene during his life. Gene was a member of Rotary for fifty years in the Bay Area before moving to El Dorado County and

Rotary was a very important part of his

life. He is missed by his friends in Cameron Park.

President Gary also presented a Paul Harris Fellowship to **Gwen Headley** on behalf of her husband Norm. Norm is a lucky man and he knows it, describing his wife Gwen as a wonderful woman and a nurse who he admires and respects. Good reasons, for him to contribute for a Paul Harris Fellowship in her name. Congratulations are in order for both Bobbi and Gwen, two outstanding women.

HAPPY BUCKS:

Bob Edwards is grateful to **Dee Russo** for her capable assistance to star in a DVD about the Observatory. To show he is sincere, Bob contributed Ten Happy Bucks to thank Dee.

Chris Moore is relieved to see the second semester of the year is underway at Ponderosa High School. Their sports teams are continuing with great success and Chris thought that worth Ten Happy Bucks. The downside is that they are doing so well that they will move into Division 1 where high expectations will continue.

Dave Sargent was spotted at the new Red Hawk Casino one morning last week by Past Pres **Gary Reynolds**. Dave seemed so preoccupied with his gaming that he didn't even acknowledge Gary. When asked about his winnings, Dave was not exactly forthcoming, but it must have been good. He contributed Ten happy Bucks.

It's clear that **Vickie Christensen-McLain** has reason to be happy. She is off for seven weeks in Hawaii to wait out the Spring. To share the happiness, Vickie generously contributed \$300 to Polio Plus. Thanks Vickie and have a great time. We'll miss you.

Birthdays in January

Anne Eckert

Bill Ettlich

-----Spouses-----

Joanne Clarke

Luke Miller

Colleen Oliver

Anniversaries in January

Jim & Marilyn Bowen

Art & Helen Cort

Van & Linda Dossey

Sig & Dian Hansen

Upcoming Calendar

January 15, 2009 - **Art Edwards**, President of United Outreach of EDC. Will speak on homeless issues

January 22, 2009 - **Bob Dorr** will speak on status of Philippine boat project completion

January 29, 2009 - **Frank Dibbell**, chief docent at observatory will discuss recent developments

February 5, 2009 - **Chris Moore** will sponsor the Club Speech contest

February 12, 2009 - Club Assembly meeting

February 19, 2009 - **Chris Moore** will sponsor the Club Music contest

February 26, 2009 - **Dave Sargent** will take us to the Galapagos Islands

March 5, 2009 - **Star Walker** for EDC Agency on Aging to discuss available programs

March 12, 2009 - Dinner meeting at CPCC to judge area music competition

March 19, 2009 - **Shiva Frentzen** will discuss Iran`s Political Revolution

March 26, 2009 - open

March 31, 2009 - Tuesday evening meeting at Pollock Pines to judge area Speech competition

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

January 15, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Ron Losel**, Greeter **Tom Keating**, Front Desk **Dave Tavernetti**

January 22, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Bob Dorr**, Greeter **Tom Keating**, Front Desk **Carla Carlson**

January 29, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Brian Silverthorn**, Greeter **Sabrina Ho**, Front Desk **Shiva**

Frentzen

February 5, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Norm Headley**, Greeter **Rube Jessop**

February 12, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Chris Moore**, Greeter **Shiva Frentzen**, Front Desk **Eric Pohl**

The Last Word



DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 3, 2009 - Monthly Rotary Club of Cameron Park Board meeting at Kobe`s restaurant in Burke`s Junction. All members welcome.

March 12, 2009 - Dinner meeting at CPCC to judge area music competition

March 31, 2009 - Tuesday evening meeting at Pollock Pines to judge area Speech competition

Mike Neal has put together another of his photo series of highlights of our 2008 Christmas Dinner & Auction. The link is at the bottom of this web page. Recent pictures of the Philippine Boat project are now posted in the link below entitled, ``Agusan Marsh Project in the Philippines.``

Gear Up is written by **Jim Buckley** and **Art Cort**. Photography and artwork through the talents of **Mike Neal**.