



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

**Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 12:15 p.m.....Cameron Park Country Club**

### Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom by ;Greeter ; and at the front desk

### Program

Annual Club Speech Contest

## Last Week



**Bob Edwards**, who is, amongst his other endeavors, on the Board of Directors for the Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp, was excited and proud to introduce the week's guest speaker, **Paul Zappettini**, who serves as the president of the Board of Directors of the Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp. Paul is a successful attorney in Sacramento, having started out his career as a Special Prosecutor in Yolo County and he has served as the Pro Tem Judge for the Teen Court since 1990. Sugarloaf is a family affair for Paul and his wife, **Erin**. They have been affiliated with the Sugarloaf Camp for many years, with Erin being the head of the Drama Department and their daughter starting as a Sugarloaf camper, then returning as a counselor, and now off at college.

During Bob's introduction of Paul, Bob noted that three of the officers of the original Rotary Interact Club at Ponderosa High School were also deeply involved in the Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp, those three being **Andrea Ford**, currently our Ambassadorial Scholar in Ghana; **Ted Sands**, who was co-president of the Interact Club; and **Fiona Young**, who was the Interact Club's first secretary. As a result, Bob noted, in addition to Club members assisting with set-up and tear-down of the Camp in 2009, the Rotary Club of Cameron Park has a long association with the Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp.

Paul started his presentation by noting the Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp has been in existence for 50 years, having been founded in 1959. The Camp is for students in grades five through eleven who would enjoy the opportunity to explore and to develop an interest in the visual and performing arts. The Camp is held at the Sly Park Environmental Education Center (SPEEC) in Pollock Pines, California. It consists of two different sessions, each one-week in length, with 205 campers in attendance at each session. Paul noted that in 2009 Sugarloaf used \$25,000 in scholarship monies to provide assistance to 155 students who wanted to attend, but had financial difficulties. He observed that based on the number of attendees and the current economic situation, he anticipates needing about \$30,000 in funds for scholarship assistance for this year's Camp. The scholarship money comes from a variety of sources, including donations by individuals and service clubs, such as Rotary.

Each group of 8-12 campers is overseen by an adult counselor, who is paid \$150 for the week they spend 24/7 with the campers. Most of the counselors are former campers and are there for the enjoyment and obviously not the money. Paul noted the counselors donate a percentage of their pay back to the Camp to pay for a scholarship for "The Most Improved Camper" during each session. The most improved camper is selected by the counselors and supported by the counselors through the

scholarship.

In closing, Paul mentioned this year's Camp will be held from July 11th through July 24th. Session One will run from July 11 – 17 and Session Two will run from July 18 – 24. As a result, Paul is hoping to have Rotarians-At-Work help again this year on Saturday the 17th for set-up and on the 24th for tear-down. He commented again about how helpful it was to the counselors and staff to have the Rotarians available to do the set-up and tear-down, as it provides the counselors and staff much-needed time to more adequately prepare for the arrival of the campers and gives them more time with them at closing. Last year Cameron Park was joined by the Placerville and Camino-Pollock Pines clubs for this activity.

Be sure to read more about the great successes of Sugarloaf Camp at: <http://sugarloafcamp.com/>

### Presidents Corner



#### **CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE:**

The club said good bye to a good friend last week. The great puppy who has accompanied **Irina Green** and **Rick Spicer** to Rotary in recent months is off to school in Santa Rosa to become a canine companion for independence. Not all dogs make the grade, but we have a lot of confidence that this one will be a star. We are looking forward to Irina and Rick introducing us to their next canine friend. Canine Companions for Independence is a program that helps both children and adults who need assistance. It is worth reading about their good work at: <http://www.cci.org/>

#### **CLUB VISIONING CONTINUES:**

**Mike Dugan** gave an update on Visioning, the ongoing process to establish the future direction of the club. Twenty-eight members participated in the Visioning session led by Past RI Vice President **Jerry Hall** and Past District Governor **Steve Snyder** on January 14, 2010, at which time they brainstormed ideas on virtually every element of the club's activities. The "brainstorming" was narrowed to objectives that had consensus among the group. Mike distributed a list of the objectives derived from that session and asked each member to review them for consideration at the next step in the visioning process, scheduled for April 8, 2010. On that date, a Club Assembly will take place during the regularly scheduled meeting time. This will be an important working session and all members are being asked to give serious thought to this list beforehand. Members should think about what they believe should be the priorities for the club as well as those activities on which they would like work.

#### **ROTARY AT WORK DAY**

Mark April 24, 2010, on your calendar for the next Rotary at Work Day. Break out your Rotary T-Shirt and ring the bell for the Salvation Army's Christmas in April. The struggling economy is placing a tremendous demand on the Salvation Army to serve people in need. Along with Georgetown Rotarians, this effort raised a significant sum for that Salvation Army last year and, if anything, their needs are even greater this year. Over twenty Rotarians from Cameron Park are needed to join with Rotarians from Georgetown Divide and Camino/Pollock Pines to make this effort a success again this year. Every member is urged to sign up to help. As a reward, a pot luck dinner will follow at President **Bill Gallant's** home.

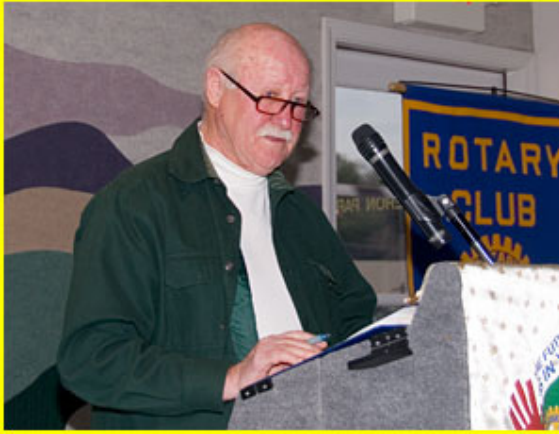
#### **A CHOCOTATE AFFAIR:**

Soroptimist International of Cameron Park and Placerville in sponsoring "A Chocolate Affair" for 2010 on Saturday evening, February 13, 2010, at the El Dorado County Fair Grounds. Soroptimists have supported Rotary and partnered on Show and Shine. Now it's time to support their efforts to raise funds to help women and children. See **Iain Marshall** for advance tickets or pay an additional \$5 per ticket at the door.

#### **AREA SPEECH CONTEST:**

President Bill announced that the Annual Area Speech Contest is now scheduled for Thursday evening, April 19, 2010, at the Sequoia Restaurant in Placerville.

### Noted Rotarians



#### HAPPY BUCKS:

Just back from "Down Under," **Norm Headley** reports that he and **Gwen** had a terrific time. Norm noted that the problems facing people in New Zealand are the same as those confronting Americans. It's a small world and Norm paid \$5 to say so. **Mike Collom** had ten happy bucks for being just back from Elko, Nevada. Not sure from where **Bob Edwards** returned, but it was worth \$2.

Taking credit for the good return on Cameron Park Rotary Community Foundation investments was an unabashed plug for Edward Jones, costing **Iain Marshall** \$5.

It is rumored that **Rick Spicer** is cutting corners when it comes to wife **Irina Green's** health care. It seems that she had secondhand surgery when everyone knows that she should get the best. Rick tried to explain that the surgery was actually the second instance of hand surgery for which Irina is recovering well. That and a visit from a good friend from Russia are reasons for Rick to contribute twenty happy bucks.

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

**Bill Hughes** has good reason to celebrate. Forty-seven years of wedded bliss to **Kathe** is worth every bit of ten happy bucks.

#### Birthdays in February

**Coy Baugh**  
**Bob Clarke**  
**Mike Collom**  
**Sig Hansen**  
**Rube Jessop**  
**Ron Losel**  
**Dave Sargent**  
**David Tavernetti**  
 -----Spouses-----  
**Barbara Dorr**  
**Gina Foulk**  
**Starleen Keating**

#### Anniversaries in February

**Vickie & Christensen-McLain**  
**Irina & Green**  
**Chuck & JoAnn LePere**  
**Mike & Trudy Neal**  
**Rick & Irina Green Spicer**

#### Upcoming Calendar

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

#### The Last Word



#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 13, 2010 - **A Chocolate Affair** the El Dorado County Fairgrounds (6:00 to 9:30 p.m.)

March 2, 2010 - Monthly Board meeting at noon. Bass Lake Golf Course

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.

June 12, 2010 - **Wine at Town Center** (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

October 9, 2010-**Show and Shine**

**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**.