



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

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

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Chris Moore**; Greeter **Shiva Frentzen**; and **Eric Pohl** on the desk

Program

Club Assembly meeting

Last Week



The Annual Student Speech Contest featured five impressive students from Ponderosa High School. The theme, **Make Dreams Real** was presented from five different perspectives, each very effectively articulated. The winner of this contest will move on to the area contest with representatives from the four Rotary Clubs in this area. The winner of the area contest will represent the area at the District Convention in Reno on May 16, 2009. Each year, the talent from Ponderosa High School has insured that Cameron Park would be well represented at the area contest and this year was no different. Each of the five students made an original and thoughtful speech. The

Club would be proud to have any one of them represent us. Each would be more than capable of giving a serious challenge at the area and District contests.

The first student, **Christine Hipp** is a Senior who acknowledged not having a clue about her future. Christine related Dreams to the patriots of the American Revolution. Calling dreams powerful, she concluded that, "When people dream, miracles happen." **Maris Dyer**, a Freshman who wants to be a writer, showed her skills with words to convey her theory that dreams evolve in a different way for different people and that dreams give purpose in life. **Enoch Simms**, a Senior who is currently applying to Universities, plans to use his skill with words to build a career as an entrepreneur. Enoch skillfully applied humor in relation to his music lessons to get his point across and pointed out that over 6 million impoverished youths don't always have the opportunity to realize their dreams, calling the "American Dream" a myth for them. **Chase Bisson**, a Junior whose ambition is to go to New York to become an actor, is right at home in the spotlight. Chase effectively used self deprecating humor to talk about family acceptance of dreams and how dreams actually drive him. He put forth his belief that we must pursue our dreams or we lose our being. Concluding, **Anneleise Graph** is a Sophomore who wants to dedicate her life to teaching others. Anneleise referred to the dream of a child and noted that some dreams can be achieved for very little money. She thoughtfully put forth the "Make a Wish Foundation" as an example for making dreams real.

Scored by five Rotarian judges, the final tabulations were very close. First place and a check for \$200 went to **Enoch Simms**. This is the second appearance for Enoch, who won this contest in 2007 and went on to win both the area and District contests. **Chase Bisson** came in second and received \$100. Third place and a check for \$50 went to **Christine Hipp**. Both **Maris Dyer** and **Anneleise Graph** can be proud of their presentations which received honorable mention and a check to each for \$50.

Speech and Debate Coach **Tavis Summers** was on hand to guide his team. It is clear that he is developing a lot of talent at PHS which bodes well for rotary Speech contests in coming years. Hopefully, Maris, Chase and Anneleise will be back next year.

Moderating this event once again, was **Dennis Hamilton** who continues to employ creative and entertaining means to extract money from innocent Rotarians. In years past, Dennis used his version of games, such as "Deal or No Deal" after each speaker to raise money to pay the prizes. This year Dennis brought us "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?" with a real fifth grade student to embarrass everyone with his superior knowledge. Introduced only as **Jack** from El Dorado Hills, he was one smart fifth grader who clearly knew more than any Rotarians present that day. Because of the average intellect of the membership and exceptional performance of Jack, the voluntary donation was reduced from \$25 to \$2 per member. Anyone who chooses not to contribute can simply cross the amount off of the invoice.

Presidents Corner



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION:

The Rotary Club of Cameron Park welcomes **Edie Liebergot** who was inducted as the newest member by **Dave Crofut**, membership chair. Dave gave a brief history of Rotary International and talked of its purpose. Edie was then given a few fine free moments to talk about herself. Part of Edie's passion is reaching out to children, which will make her a welcome addition to the club. Edie is a bank manager for Umpquah Bank, where she has been employed for the past three years. A resident of Cameron Park, Edie has worked many years in the banking industry. Every member should take an opportunity to welcome Edie and to get to know her.

2008 CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AUCTION:

Dave Sargent reports that, together with **Coy Baugh**, he has determined the final figures for the December event. The evening netted \$11,200, including \$1,200 from the Chocolate Decadence that will go to Polio Plus. That leaves the club coffers enriched by an even \$10,000. Good work and thanks to everyone who put so much effort into making this event a success.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM FROM ITALY:

Dee Russo announced that the club will be hosting the GSE team for the nights of April 30 and May 1, 2009. Anyone thinking of being a host family should check their calendars and contact Dee.

CAMERON PARK ROTARY EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

We are sneaking up on matching the \$100,000 challenge put up by **Darol Rasmussen**. **Mike Collom** reports that a year end contribution of \$2,500 from **Bob Clarke** brings the current total to \$65,000. Mike announced plans to ramp up the drive to collect the next \$35,000.

A RED ASSEMBLY:

President **Iain Marshall** reminded all that the meeting next week will be a Club Assembly. This will give all members an opportunity to catch up with the club's activities. Last week, President Iain asked that all members wear red for this Valentine Day meeting. This week, all pretense was dropped and he threatened fines for those who fail to comply with his dress code. Don't forget, there will be roses for auction next week.

CONDOLENCES:

With sadness, **Rube Jessop** reports that former Cameron Park Rotarian, **Brace Carpenter** passed away on January 28, 2009. Our condolences go out to the family.

Noted Rotarians**FIRST BABY BORN ON THE M.V. CAMERON PARK:**

Beaming like he was the proud papa, **Bob Dorr** announced the arrival of **Cameron Jane** this week. The first baby born on our boat in the Philippines, Cameron Jane and mother are both healthy and doing well. More exciting news came from Butuan City Rotarian, **Dr. Dick Estacio** who visited the boat last week. Dick reports that seven expectant mothers are likely to deliver on board February alone. Bob was so happy that he donated \$20 to go to Cameron Jane and auctioned a pink rose to get her even more. After moderate bidding, **Mike Collom** secured the rose for only \$40. We are told that pictures of Cameron Jane will be coming soon.

HAPPY BUCKS:**Happy Valentine Day at Bass Lake Golf Course:**

Bass Lake Golf Course is offering an afternoon of golf and a super twilight dinner for two on February 14, 2009. An announcement of the event appeared on every table and an unabashed plug was made by **Eric Pohl**, Head Golf Professional at Bass Lake. Well aware that there is no such thing as free advertising at Rotary, Eric was prepared for the inevitable. While President Iain was trying to extract \$14 for the announcement, Eric beat him to the punch with a \$50 donation. It looks like a fun event for golfing couples. Anyone interested should contact Eric.

Happy Birthday:

Notorious gambler, **Dave Sargent** will be taking Carol to Las Vegas to celebrate his birthday. President Iain wisely got Dave to cough up twenty happy bucks now while he still has it. Sometimes happy bucks hint at age. For example, why did **Ron Losel** cough up \$7.70. There must be logic to **Sig Hansen's** donation of \$12 or Bob Clarke coming up with \$10. **Dave Tavernetti** celebrated 17 days in Hawaii. Combining his age with 17 doesn't come near to 100, but that's how much he contributed for his birthday and trip. Happy Birthday to all.

NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED:

There is a sign at the entrance to the Cameron Park Country Club that cell phones are not allowed in the dining room. That should be sufficient reminder for common sense and just plain good manners. When **Jim Buckley's** cell went off during a student's speech, Jim was more than a little red faced. He was deservedly poorer by twenty very unhappy bucks. That should teach him a lesson.

Birthdays in February**Coy Baugh****Bob Clarke****Mike Collom****Sig Hansen****Rube Jessop****Edie Liebergot****Ron Losel****Dave Sargent****David Tavernetti**

-----Spouses-----

Barbara Dorr

Gina Foulk
Starleen Keating

Anniversaries in February
Vickie & Christensen-McLain
Chuck & JoAnn LePere
Mike & Trudy Neal

Upcoming Calendar

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

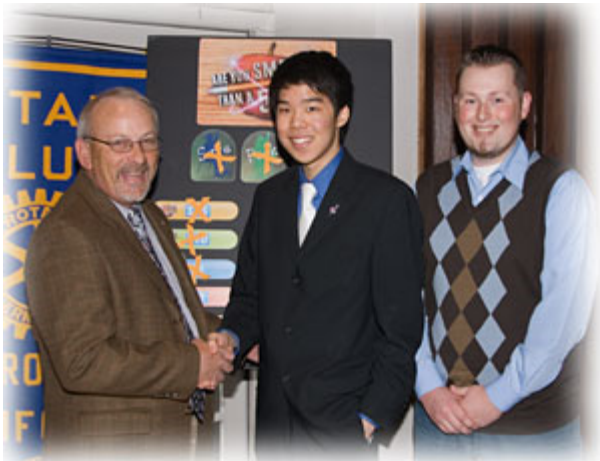
March 5, 2009 - **Star Walker** for EDC Agency on Aging to discuss available programs
 March 12, 2009 - Dinner meeting at CPCC to judge area music competition
 March 19, 2009 - **Shiva Frentzen** will discuss Iran`s Political Revolution
 March 26, 2009 - Mountain Democrat Columnist **Bob Billingsley** will speak on the Cherokee Indian method of meditation
 March 31, 2009 - Tuesday evening meeting at Pollock Pines to judge area Speech competition

April 16, 2009 - **Dee Russo** will discuss **Project Amigo** and her December visit with her daughters to Mexico

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

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

The Last Word



DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 10, 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**.