



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

**Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 12:15 p.m.....Cameron Park Country Club**

### Words of Wisdom

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

### Program

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

## Last Week



The annual Student Speech Contest featuring students from Ponderosa High School reinforces what is already know; Ponderosa produces some very smart and talented young people. Once again, five students showed impressive skills in constructing and delivering their speeches. This year, each was asked to give a five to seven minute speech on the theme, "The Four-Way Test/Living a Life that Matters." While each student spoke directly to the theme, they established themselves as individuals in their approach to the topic as well as their manner of delivery. Students were judged on delivery, originality and content.

The first to speak, **Kerri Buckholz** is a freshman whose academic objective is to attend UCLA School of Medicine. Kerri cited Ghandi as an example of honesty and integrity leading to not only a life that matters, but a life that benefits the world as well as the individual. She also talked about the value of assessing all life decisions that could hurt others as a means to being fair to all concerned.

**Maris Dyer** is a sophomore who loves literature and wants to pursue related studies at UC Berkeley. Maris used the concept of heroes, characterized by individuals who put honesty and integrity first, as people who matter while contributing to a better world. A mountain climber who returned to Nepal to help educate children is an example of a true hero who made his life matter.

**Chase Bisson** is a senior with ambitions to attend a conservatory in New York on his way to an acting career. Chase talked about how his experiences as a high school actor have led him to understand truth and empathy for others. Actors necessarily must be good liars to sell a part. At the same time, they know that they are acting and must understand their actual roles in life and the importance of living a life that matters.

**Brock Dyer** is a junior with plans to attend Sacramento State to become an engineer. Brock's premise was that we have a choice to live a life that matters. He talked about the importance of giving to others. A person is defined by what they say and what they do. A measure of what they are is found in the Four-Way Test. Whether a life matters cannot be determined by others, it can only be

determined by an individual's self assessment.

**Ben Sathis** is a sophomore who plans to attend UC Berkeley to study computer technology. Ben talked about each element of the Four-Way Test and how, almost by definition, living up to each element makes for a better life and contributes to a better world. He cited Martin Luther King as an example of someone who lived up to the Four-Way Test and mattered in the most profound way. While each step in the Four-Way Test makes for a better life, combined, they take life to a higher pinnacle.

Ponderosa High School Principal and fellow Rotarian, **Chris Moore** introduced Speech Coach **Travis Summers**. Travis was once a student at Ponderosa and he won the Cameron Park Rotary Student Speech Contest in 2001. As a recent member of the program he understands and empathizes with the students. As a student, Travis benefited from this program and now he is giving back as a volunteer coach. Travis talked about the commitment of the students and the contests in which they will compete in coming months.

### Presidents Corner



#### AND THE WINNER IS.....

The winner of the 2010 speech contest, receiving \$200, is **Chase Bisson** who will represent the Rotary Club of Cameron Park at the area contest in Placerville on Thursday evening, April 15, 2010. Chase was the runner up in the contest last year. This year's runner up, receiving \$100, was **Ben Sathis**. Will Ben follow in Chase's footsteps to win next year? He's going to have to beat some pretty stiff competition to do so. **Kerri Buckholz, Maris Dyer** and **Brock Dyer** all received a well deserved honorable mention and each received a check for \$50. Since Chase is the only senior in the group, there's good reason to anticipate a very strong group of students for the contest next year.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECT:

**Tom Keating** reports that the next community project will involve improvements to the ball park near the Path to Literacy Project. Tom observes that the facility is in poor condition and can use our help. More information will follow.

On a separate note, Tom sent out a list of items needed for the new homeless shelter in Placerville. He reports that three women and six children are now living in the facility. Anyone who can help with the needed items is urged to contact Tom.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

President **Bill Gallant** announced that comedian **Michael Pritchard** will be the keynote speaker at Lunch on Friday, May 21, 2010. The conference will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno from May 21 to May 23, 2010. The theme of the conference is, "The Sky's the Limit" and it promises to be a great weekend. Don't miss it.

#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE:

Past District Governor **Bob Dorr** reports that he attended the Rotary meeting at Loyalton last week where it was announced that Loyalton Rotarian **Sam Wilbanks** has been named District Governor Nominee. Slated to be District Governor for the 2012-13 year, Wilbanks is well known and respected in the District and promises to be a great District Governor.

## Noted Rotarians



### **DENNIS HAMILTON: MASTER OF CERAMONIES AND GAME SHOW HOST EXTRAORDINAIRE:**

Once again, **Dennis Hamilton** hosted the speech contest and his version of a popular (?) game show to fund the prizes. Doing an excellent job of putting the students at ease and entertaining the membership in between speeches, Dennis makes sure that everyone has a good time while he makes their wallets a little lighter. This year, Dennis introduced the Shark Game. He assured all that it wasn't important for anyone else to understand the rules; he claims that he did. Posing statements for each table, Dennis took \$5 from each member who did not offer money to challenge the accuracy of the statement. If a challenge is wrong, that person's wallet

was even lighter. On the other hand, a successful challenge could prove profitable. **Doug Bisbee** successfully challenge a statement for \$6 and prospective member **Michel Fourcroy** and a guest of **Dave Crofut** were successful with their challenges and each earned \$8. Not so lucky were Rotarians **Bob Dorr, Joe Ryan, Fritz Engel** and **Dave Crofut** who lost \$6 each or **Ben Foulk, Coy Baugh** or **Dee Russo** who lost \$7 each.

### HAPPY BUCKS

**Doug Bisbee** attempted to sneak in a few minutes late and was assessed a five dollar fine. **Joe Ryan** received a similar fine for sneaking in a plug for Mother Lode Insurance.

**Iain Marshall** will finally get to Pebble Beach for the AT&T this week and he paid \$5 to brag about it. Speaking of bragging, **Chris Moore** had good reason after Ponderosa High School won the Academic Pentathlon for the 18th consecutive year over all of the other Western Slope high schools. Last year his school placed third in the entire state. Congratulations Chris. You have every right to be proud and your ten Happy Bucks are much appreciated.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CHUCK AND JOANN LE PERE

**Chuck Le Pere** has \$5.70 in Happy Bucks for his fifty-seven great years with JoAnn. Congratulations to both of you.

### 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 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

April 15, 2010 - Polio Plus with **Al Frumkin**

April 22, 2010 - Red Hawk Casino field trip and Program with new General Manager

April 29,2010 - Program with District Governor **Janice Gage**

May 6, 2010 - Vocational Day **Tom Keating** and **Norm Headley**

May 13, 2010 - NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business) **John Kabateck**

May 20, 2010 - tentative visit with Assemblyman **Ted Gaines**

May 27, 2010 - **Rick Spicer** will talk about **Canine Companions for Independence** Note: This meeting will be held at the CAMERON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

### Upcoming Words of Wisdom/Greeter Assignments

#### The Last Word



#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

April 8, 2010 - Club Assembly

April 15, 2010 - Area Speech Contest at the Sequoia Restaurant in Placerville. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and contest begin at 6:30 p.m.

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**.