



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

February 19, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Ben Young**; Greeter **Eric Pohl**; and **Tom Keating** on the desk

Program

The Annual Club Student Music Contest

Last Week



A Club Assembly was held last week to give members an opportunity to catch up on the status of club activities from Board members.

Club Service:

Fritz Engel is

responsible for the program at the meeting each week. He elicited program ideas from the membership, noting that there are open dates beginning in June 2009. He cited the programs, listed below, until he got to the May 28, 2009 meeting. CPCC is dark on that date and he has tentatively scheduled a meeting at the regular time at the California Military Museum in Old Town Sacramento to be followed by a tour of the museum. The membership was surveyed to determine if there was sufficient interest to depart that far from the normal venues. A majority of the members indicated an interest and the May 28 meeting will be scheduled for the museum. **Art Cort** noted that June 30, 2009, marks the 40th anniversary of the charter of the Rotary Club of Cameron Park and suggested that a program to mark that milestone be considered.

International Service:

Anne Eckert gave an overview of International Service programs and goals. Noting the successful conclusion of the Philippine Boat Project, she proposes to concentrate on a few smaller projects at this time before identifying a major, long term project that could run into next year. Under the Rotary Youth Exchange program the club's nomination of **Elizabeth Knobloch** has been approved to go to Brazil in summer 2009. CP Rotarians will be hosting the Group Study Exchange team from Italy for two days at the end of April. Anne told of several potential hands-on projects that are still under consideration.

Dee Russo reports that the Guayaquil Ecuador Burn Tank project, for which the Board has already approved support in the amount of \$2,000, is expected to receive grant funding in the next couple of weeks. **Jim Buckley** described a project in the Philippines to provide pumps that will bring potable water to seven villages. The Board has already approved a donation of \$500 and the membership voted to support that expenditure.

Debbie Miller discussed the Polio Plus program for which the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has put forth two matching grants totaling \$355 million. Shooting to raise \$200 million, RI set a goal of \$3,000 from every club in every district each year until 2012. They asked that clubs raise money in a visible way to involve the community. Debbie cited activities being considered to reach the club's goal.

Community Service:

Pete Oliver reports that, he has been looking for a major community project and that two potential projects are now under consideration. The first is a dog park in Hacienda Park. The second, a larger

project, is a ball park with four baseball or softball diamonds in the area behind the Community Center. He mentioned that a ball park could be named in memory of **Ruth Cameron**. Pete will be providing more detailed information to help the membership decide on a project. In addition to major projects, the club will continue to support numerous worthy community groups, such as the Boy Scout road cleanup effort, the Boys and Girls Club and some Eagle Scout projects. He emphasized his objective to do projects that bring more visibility to Rotary.

Tom Keating reports that the Board has approved club support of "Christmas in April" for the **Rotary at Work Day**. Forty-five Rotarians will be needed to staff Salvation Army pots for two hours each on April 25, 2009. This is an important effort for the club and all members should strive to be available for at least two hours on that day.

Treasurer

Coy Baugh reports that club finances are in good shape, with a balance of \$86,000 at year end. This is about \$10,000 less than last year because of the funding for the Philippine Boat project. Coy thanked members for getting their checks in on time. He noted that Happy Bucks and Bell Ringer income generated approximately \$6,000 last year and those funds will be transferred to the Community Foundation. Members will receive letters from the Foundation that may be used for tax purposes.

Vocational Service:

Chris Moore notes that the student music and speech contests are underway and well supported. Participation of two or three students in RYLA is progressing as planned and the Interact Club is doing well. Chris referred to Interact Club sponsor, **Chuck LePere** as a "Saint" for his unending support for these young people. He also reported that it is time to recruit new faculty liaison for the Interact Club and that it will present an opportunity for additional Rotarians to become involved with Interact.

Membership:

Bill Gallant filled in for Membership Chair, **Dave Crofut**. He reported that the year started with 62 members. Three new members have been added and there were four resignations. The Annual Fireside Chat is scheduled for March and is a good opportunity for all members to refresh on the objectives and activities of Rotary. If the club is to stay vibrant, new members will be needed, particularly members willing to contribute time and effort. Bill suggested that each member should bring at least one guest each year. While all won't become members, attendance at meetings is an effective means of attracting the members who share Rotary values and who will be active

Bill also reports that there will be a Rotary booth at **Wine at Town Center**, and other events, and he asks that veteran members consider putting some time in at those booths. Bill announced that we will be competing with the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills to see which club will sell the most tickets for Wine at Town Center. An undisclosed prize will go to the winning club.

Cameron Park Rotary Endowment Fund:

Mike Collom announced that he will be presentations to other clubs to solicit contributions for the Endowment Fund. He is scheduled appearances at Georgetown and Pollock Pines and is working on a date for the Placerville Club. Bill Gallant proposed that each member solicit at least one donation of \$200 or more and estimates that, in this way, we can fully match the \$100,000 challenge by **Darol Rasmussen**.

Presidents Corner



A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME MEANS MONEY FOR THE ENDOWMENT FUND:

President **Iain Marshall** is known for giving a rose when a member has an anniversary and they are always well received. Perhaps they serve as a good reminder for well intentioned, yet forgetful, members. Always thinking, Iain wondered if Valentine's Day would be an opportunity to raise money for the Endowment Fund while making points at home for some thoughtful members. With a vase full of roses, Iain started with individual roses for auction. Starting a bit slow, he managed to get \$7 from **Steve Long** for a single rose to give to his visiting granddaughter. Matching Steve, **Ben Young** secured a rose for his bride. **Pamela Johnson** was the guest of husband **Dave** who managed to win a rose for

her at the cost of \$10. **Chris Moore** and **Fritz Engel** also paid ten to take a rose home. The record for a single rose went to **Gary Gall** who generously contributed \$100 for a rose for his bride. Bidding picked up when Iain offered roses in pairs and **Bill Gallant** took it to new heights when he offered \$500 to win roses for **Sharon**. Not to be outdone, **Mike Collom** matched the \$500 bid to give roses to Chris, as did **Pete Oliver** for his wife, **Colleen**. All in all, a very productive auction for the Fund.

INTERACT CLUB SUPPORTS ST. JUDE:

Ponderosa High School Interact Club President, **Amy Wisdom** was on hand to publicize their "Walk for Children" to raise money for the Children of St. Jude's. This annual event is set for April 25, 2009, at Ponderosa High School and community support is essential to its success. Amy is seeking donations of food, water, money or time. She would love to see a big group of walking Rotarians on April 25. This event is well worth our support. To donate or to get further information, contact Amy at walkforchildren@live.com.

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS:

Everyone was looking forward to hearing brilliant words of wisdom from **Chris Moore**, only to be disappointed. Too many things happening at PHS for Chris to remember his Rotarians friends. **Chuck LePere** filled in nicely with no advance notice and Chris offered \$20 to salve his conscience. With all of the great things happening at Ponderosa High School, Chris' oversight is understandable. PHS won its 19th consecutive wrestling sectional title, their ski team won the regional title and, perhaps most impressive, they won the county academic decathlon an incredible 17th consecutive year. All this good news was worth another ten Happy Bucks from Chris.

Norm Headley isn't the only musical talent in his family. Proud to announce that wife **Gwen** has been accepted to become one of the **Sweet Adelines**, Norm gave five Happy Bucks. Happy Granddad, **Tom Keating** offered twenty Happy Bucks for his granddaughter, born just last week. We all know that **Sabrina Ho** is a valued Rotarian. Evidently she is just as important to the Shingle Springs/Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce. Sabrina was honored with a presidential award from the chamber and paid \$10 to tell about it. Just back from New Orleans, Sabrina gave another ten Happy Bucks for the trip.

Happy birthday to **Barbara Dorr** for which **Bob** matched her age with twenty-nine Happy Bucks. Not so happy, **Dee Russo** passed the 4-Way Test by offering \$5 before President Iain could levy a fine.

Happy Anniversary:

Chuck LePere knows that he is a lucky man to be married to **JoAnn** for 56 years and he offered \$5.50 as proof of his good fortune. Seems that **Mike Neal** is even happier, to the extent of \$20 for his anniversary with **Trudy**. Each was awarded a rose from President Iain, sure to be a hit at home.

Blood Red:

Seems that President **Iain's** edict for all to wear red was actually a plot to bleed money from members. Most members complied, but that was still not good enough for our esteemed President. On this day, he upgraded his edict to his vague assessment of shades of red in order to extract fines from innocent Rotarians. After the debate on shades, President Iain managed to get five dollars each from **Fritz Engel, Gary Gall, Verne Sanders, Coy Baugh, Chris Moore, Joe Ryan, Russ Lloyd, Carla Carlson, Norm Headley, and Mike Neal**. He even managed to blackmail visiting Rotarian, **John Knight** for five dollars in cash. Is that any way to treat a guest? There was grumbling about unreasonable taxation and threats of throwing tea in Iain's swimming pool.

Birthdays in February

Coy Baugh
Bob Clarke
Mike Collom
Sig Hansen
Rube Jessop

Eddie 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 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 - **Greg Patton**, President of Sierra Vista Bank, will discuss banking challenges ahead.
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 2, 2009 - no meeting because of dinner meeting earlier in the week.
April 9, 2009 - **Larry George** will give an update on Israel/Palestine conflict
April 16, 2009 - **Dee Russo** will discuss **Project Amigo** and her December visit with her daughters to Mexico
April 23, 2009 - ``Sewards Folly`` travelogue with **Art ``North to Alaska`` Cort**

May 7, 2009 - Folsom Lake College development, including Performing Arts Center
May 14, 2009 - Vocational Service experiences by **Norm Headley** and **Tom Keating**
May 21, 2009 - **Star Walker** from EDC Office on Aging about available programs
May 28, 2009 - Trip to California Military Museum for meeting and tour

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

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March 19, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Chuck LePere**; Greeter **Steve Long**; and **Sabrino Ho** on the front desk

The Last Word



DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 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**.