



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 12:15 p.m.....Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom by **Chuck LePere**; Greeter **Ben Foulk**; and **Cindy Sutorka** at the front desk

Program

Steve Snyder will speak on the future of the auto industry

Last Week



Club membership was given the unique opportunity this past week to obtain facts, relevant information and perspectives regarding Radical Islamic Fundamentalism, Al Qaeda, and the current War on Terrorism. The fast-paced and riveting presentation by U.S. Marine Corps Major General (MG) **Douglas Stone** was based on the general's first-hand, intimate knowledge of and direct personal involvement in these areas.

MG Stone was commissioned in the USMC in 1973 upon graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy and served five years on active duty before taking a reserve commission. During his reserve time he has been recalled to active duty on two occasions, once during Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990-91 and again during the military "surge" activities in Iraq and Afghanistan. During his most recent activation, MG Stone was responsible for detainee operations at several major facilities in Iraq and was also responsible for significantly improving the detainee process. He speaks several dialects of Arabic and has interviewed over 42,000 detainees and other personnel. MG Stone is currently nominated for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree from the USNA, MG Stone also holds advanced degrees from Pepperdine, Stanford, the Naval War College and a doctorate in Public Administration from USC. MG Stone's lovely wife of 38 years, Kathleen, and their two adult daughters, Julie and Christine, accompanied him for the presentation. They are Placerville residents and MG Stone and his wife also enjoy spending time with their eight grandchildren.

MG Stone's presentation "The Nature of Violent Islam and Enlightened Citizenry" is an off-shoot of his lecture "Battlefield of the Mind". His perception as to how to appropriately address the problem of Radical Islamists is through education, observation and reporting by the citizenry, as well as cooperation with moderate Islamic clerics. Only a small percentage of Muslims are Radical Fundamentalists and, in building a profile of Al Qaeda members during interviews with them while overseeing detention operations in Iraq, MG Stone determined that 84% of Al Qaeda members were illiterate and, therefore, unable to both read and interpret the Qur'an, the Muslim Holy Book. As a result, these illiterate members were easily convinced by radical clerics that the Qur'an calls for a violent Holy War, which, in fact, is not the case.

Within a year of taking command of the detention facilities, MG Stone had implemented an aggressive and effective adult education program for the detainees that gave them the necessary reading and comprehension skills to read the Qur'an and other materials for themselves. At the same time, he had educated moderate Muslim clerics start providing religious education to the detainees and, as a result of these two initiatives, the rate of detainees remaining radicalized and returning to "combatant" status after release dropped tremendously.

In discussing the principle difference between Al Qaeda overall and the Taliban in Afghanistan, MG Stone observed that Al Qaeda holds the U.S. as it's enemy because Al Qaeda is against Westernization, while the Taliban holds the U.S. as it's enemy because we will not allow the Taliban to do as it wishes in Afghanistan.

In closing the formal portion of his presentation, MG Stone noted that the only way to win the war against Radical Islam is to empower the moderate and tolerant Islamists so they are able to marginalize the radicals. He appropriately noted that only Muslims will be able to end the spread of radical fundamentalism in Islam. At the end of his formal presentation, MG Stone was kind enough to take several questions from the club members.

Presidents Corner



ANNUAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:

President Elect **Anne Eckert** reminded the club that the annual District Assembly will take place at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno on Saturday, April 17, 2010. This is significant District program and all incoming club officers and board members are urged to attend.

ROTARY AT WORK DAY:

April 24, 2010, is Rotary at Work Day for Rotarians from Cameron Park, Camino/Pollock Pines and Georgetown Divide. Clubs will supply Bell Ringers to raise funds for the Salvation Army. **Shiva Frentzen** has signup sheets and reports that seventeen Cameron Park Rotarians have signed up to date. A total of forty is needed. Each will put

in two hours for this good cause. A celebration of the club's efforts will take place at the end of the day in the form of a pot luck dinner at President Bill's house. It would be great to see 100% turn out.

THANK YOU NOTES:

The clubs support to various community programs is evidenced by the thank you notes that are received. President **Bill Gallant** acknowledged a thank you note from **Janet Matranga**, Chorus Teacher at Ponderosa High School for the donation after the annual Christmas Chorale performance. Secretary **Debbie Miller** announced that thank your notes were received for the Shelter Box sent to Haiti and the donation to the Cameron Park Library.

AREA SPEECH CONTEST:

The Annual Area speech contest will take place on Thursday evening, April 15, 2010, at the Sequoia Restaurant in Placerville. The weekly club meeting will take place at the regular time on the same day. An important speaker, **Al Frumpkin** was already scheduled to speak on the Polio Plus Program on that day and it is a program of real importance to all Rotarians. At the same time, it is important that members support our student that evening at the Speech Contest. Members can only be given credit for one meeting in a week, but all are encouraged to attend both meetings that day if at all possible.

HOUSE BREAK-INS ON THE RISE IN CAMERON PARK:

Retired FBI agent **Rick Spicer** maintains his contacts in the law enforcement world and he reports that a gang of sophisticated house burglars is currently active in Cameron Park. They look for homes with the front doors obscured from sight, knock the door down, back up the truck and load it with high end electronic items. They move in and out quickly. Rick urges everyone to keep eyes open, take

precautions so that it always looks like someone is home and to report unusual activities to the police.

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS:

Going to the Dogs:

Rick Spicer brought **Ina** to her last meeting a week ago before sending her off to Santa Rosa for training to become a canine companion. Going without a dog for a few days was more than Rick and **Irina** could stand, so there will be a new puppy in the house. Beginning next week, we hope to see **Tiarra** (aka "The Little Puppy Princess") who will be the next Cameron Park Canine Rotarian. Rick surrendered ten happy bucks to say good bye to Ina and another ten to greet Tara. Confused as ever, President **Bill Gallant** thought Ina really was his niece and he gave five happy bucks to celebrate Ina's

acceptance in a program for advanced studies.

Just back from the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York, **Mike** and **Cathy Dugan** are celebrating their success with the Best of Breed for their entry, a Portuguese Water Dog. Mike was showing pictures like a proud new papa. And the club benefits from Mike's generous fifty happy bucks.

Happy Anniversary:

It has been a great year for **Irina Green** and **Rick Spicer** who are celebrating their first anniversary and that is worth every bit of thirty happy bucks.

Happy Birthday:

Mike Collom isn't looking any older, but he passed the Four-Way Test by pledging ten happy bucks for his happy birthday. Another five happy bucks from Mike was in order when it was learned that wife **Chris Reeg** is getting more press than he in the Mountain Democrat.

Another youthful Rotarian who fessed up to a birthday, **Dave Tavernetti** offered twenty happy bucks, PLUS he contributed another seventy dollars toward his next Paul Harris Award.

Misc:

In addition to his role as President of the Cameron Park Rotary Community Foundation, **Dave Sargent** has the same position for the Ponderosa High School Foundation and he paid twenty happy bucks to put in a plug for their **Fifth Annual Spring Banquet and Silent Auction** with distinguished national speaker, **Barbara Riggs** a former Deputy Director of the United States Secret Service. With stories of her experiences protecting presidents and foreign officials, Riggs is sure to make this a memorable evening. Set for Friday, March 26, 2010, at the Sequoia Restaurant in Placerville, this event is a bargain for only \$50 per person. For tickets, see Dave.

When not busy with Foundation President jobs, Dave finds other mischief. This week he found a new used car for which he donated another \$5.

Bob Clarke returned from Honolulu where he reports unusually mild weather. Although it was actually cold, Bob was still happy to be there and gave five happy bucks to prove it.

In spite of having his arm in a sling, **Gary Reynolds** is five dollars happy to be recovering from recent arm surgery. Hang in there Gary, baseball season is just around the corner.

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
Chuck & JoAnn LePere
Mike & Trudy Neal
Rick & Irina Green Spicer

Upcoming Calendar

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**.