This Week

**Meeting Date and Place**
March 8 2007 at 12:15 p.m. at Cameron Park Country Club

**Words of Wisdom**
Words of Wisdom, Fritz Engle: Greeter Dave Bunje: The Desk Debra Miller

**Program**
International Astronomy Day. Speaker Nicole Gauthier, Lead Docent at the Rotary Observatory

Last Week

Kathye Russell and Kim Beal presented an interesting program on the make up and objectives of the El Dorado Business Alliance in developing mutual support on community-wide issues. The organizations making up the El Dorado Business Alliance are the El Dorado Builders` exchange, the El Dorado County Association of Realtors, the El Dorado Joint Chambers Commission, the El Dorado Forum, the North State Building Industry Association and the Surveyors, Architects, Geologists and Engineers. Monitoring the community, government and public agency activity that affects the building, development and business environment in the county is the goal and objective of the Business Alliance. They diligently watch proposed ordinances that pertain to land use and that may prevent a property owner from utilizing his property. Many hours were spent by members helping the Board of Supervisors develop an acceptable General Plan.

One thing that the El Dorado Business Alliance cannot, and does not do is act as a political action committee. They do not give or take funds for political purposes and do not endorse political candidates.

**The Business Alliance....Update** is a newsletter that is published twice monthly and covers actions in all levels of government that affect land use in El Dorado County. To subscribe to this newsletter go to: KathyRussell@sbcglobal.net

**Presidents Corner**

Norm Headley gave an update on Ruth Cameron’s recovery and reports that she has abandoned her walker in favor of a cane. She hopes to be attending our weekly meetings in one or two weeks.

Norm Headley did his usual thorough job in inducting Rebecca Stewart-Grisholm and Shiva Frentzen into the Rotary Club of Cameron Park. They are well experienced in the business world and should be a great asset to our club.
Noted Rotarians

HAPPY BUCKS:
Ron Losel chartered a cruise ship to see the west coast of Mexico, took 12 members of his family along for the ride and celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary. After several combinations of numbers he settled on $20. Dave Sargent announced that flyers were available for A SPRING BANQUET which is being held on Friday, March 23, to raise funds for scholarships. He proffered $5, one tenth of the banquet cost. Norm Headley was on the receiving end of a Happy Birthday chorus and being without a badge he lightened his assets by $20. Chuck LePere visited his old haunts in Imperial County and offered $10, he then called attention to the fact that Bill Ettlich travelled with him and did some drug dealing in Mexico. Bill offered $10 out of the fortune he saved procuring his prescription drugs across the border. Iain Marshall vacationed in Panama City, why one will never know, but he thought it was worth $10. Peter Nolan coughed up only $5 for attending a bike race in Southern California. He also pointed out that while waiting to board the airplane for the return trip he saw two characters that he was sure security would pick up. It turned out that it was only Joe Ryan and Gary Coverdale returning from a NASCAR event. Joe parted with $5. Rube Jessup was absent during his birthday month of February and came up with $13. Was it 8+5 or 7+6?

It was nice to have former member Larry George, seen above with Verne Sanders, drop by for a visit. Larry is retired now and says he is busier than ever.

Birthdays in March
Gary Gall
Norm Headley
Joe Ryan
Julie Sandberg
-----Spouses-----
Marilyn Bowen
Beverly Check
JoAnn LePere
Dawn Losel

Anniversaries in March

Upcoming Calendar
March 8: International Astronomy Day---Nicole Gauthier
March 15: Brenda Hanson: Work in Eretria (N. of Ethiopia)---Bob Dorr
March 22: Annual Rotary Area Speech Contest (Dinner Meeting)
March 29 Snowline Hospice Services: Susannah Maddox
April 5 Annual Rotary Student Music Contest
April 19 Annual Area Student Music Contest (Dinner meeting hosted by Placerville Rotary at Sequoia Restaurant)

Upcoming Words of Wisdom
March 8: Words of Wisdom Fritz Engle; Greeter Dave Bunje
March 15: Joe Ryan; Greeter Steve Long
March 22: Shiva Frentzen; Greeter Billy V.
March 29: Coy Baugh; Greeter Darol Rasmussen
Debbie Miller has volunteered to handle the desk duties for the month of March.

The Last Word

DATES TO REMEMBER:
March 6, 2007, Monthly Board Meeting at Umpqua Bank at noon.
April 14, 2007, the Rotary District Assembly at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. All club officers and board members are expected to attend.
April 26 to 29, 2007 – The Annual District 5190 Conference in Sparks, Nevada. Your chance to see our own Bob Dorr, District Governor in action.
Jim Bowen and Darol Rasmussen enjoy lunch with former member Jim Dills pictured on left.
The Observatory needs a Rotary presence and is looking for Club members to welcome the visitors, keep an attendance tally and other odd jobs as required. This duty would be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. When daylight savings time resumes, it will be from 8:30 to 10:30 PM.

Do you need a makeup? Go to http://www.rotaryclubone.org/ Any Rotary member that accesses the page and spends approximately 30 minutes reviewing the Rotary information will be issued a valid makeup for a regular meeting. Hopefully this will improve our attendance figures which are among the worst in the District.

Donations to the Observatory project should be mailed directly to the Rotary Community Foundation, Box 1791, Cameron Park, CA 95682. Indicate on the check that it is for the Observatory project.

Bob Laurie reports that "our adopted Army unit, the 2-37th Armored Battalion, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored division, is now home, having served honorably and with pride under combat conditions for the last 14 months. Many thanks to our Club for the outstanding support of the troops."

Gear Up is written by Jim Buckley and Art Cort. Photography and artwork through the talents of Mike Neal.

Observatory Update

An evening at the Cameron Park Rotary Observatory on September 28, 2006 was enjoyed by 19 Rotarians and 15 guests. Forrest Lockhart, a Lead Docent, spoke about his first visit to the observatory when a docent pool was being formed. He was surprised at the quality of the equipment and the facility. He spoke about the people who visit the observatory, both amateur astronomers and those that have never looked through a telescope, and the Ohs! and Ahs! and an occasional "cool" when viewing a planet or the craters on the moon. Shown on the left are the docents that were present. From left to right they are Docent Mike Turney and Lead Docs Nicole Gauthier, LuAnn LePere, and Forrest Lockhart. The person on the far right is, of course, Pres Joe.

HERE are more pictures of our visit to the Observatory.