



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 12:15 p.m.....Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom by **Irina Green**; Greeter **Irina Green**; and **Cindy Sutorka** at the front desk

Program

Club Music Contest

Last Week



Shiva Frentzen introduced Cameron Park Design Review Committee (CPDRC) member **Eric Driever**. Eric holds a degree in architecture from Cal Poly and his position on the CPDRC is an unpaid, volunteer position. Eric, his wife and two children moved to Cameron Park in 2001. Their son is a senior at Ponderosa High School and their daughter is in 6th grade at Camerado.

Eric provided a brief background of the CPDRC, advising DRCs were established under the auspices of the El Dorado County Planning Office's "General Plan" in order for that office to have assistance in planning in unincorporated areas. They were originally known as Area Planning Committees. The purpose of the DRCs is to

review commercial, industrial, multifamily and developer plans to ensure designs and plans are consistent with the nature, atmosphere and desires of the community and in accordance with a "Community Design Guide" which was written in 1981. The CPDRC consists of five positions, all volunteers, and currently has one vacancy due to a recent resignation. Eric is the senior member of the CPDRC at this time, having served since 2008.

Eric observed the two biggest problems with DRCs in the past have been the criteria used in the 1981 Guide are so generic that they are difficult to enforce and also that the opinions of the DRCs were based on what the currently standing committee members' assumptions were of the local community feelings and opinions. This last item is problematic in that each time the committee membership changes, so does the "vision" of what the community wants.

In discussing some of the issues confronting the CPDRC, Eric commented that a major goal of the Committee is to establish a set of Cameron Park Design Guidelines, which would be specific to Cameron Park development and reflect the feelings and opinions of the residents. In addition, Eric advised the Committee is seeking to establish a Cameron Park Specific Plan, which would reflect the desires of the community residents and provide guidance and direction for future design and planning.

When addressing why creating the Cameron Park Design Guidelines would be of value, Eric observed such a document would provide several benefits: It would provide land owners and developers with clear and definable guidance for their projects; there would be consistency in the "vision" of Cameron Park across Committees; it would create a more cohesive community; and it would allow the vision

and future of Cameron Park to be determined by its residents and not be influenced by outside sources. Eric stated that the formulation of a Cameron Park Specific Plan would also be beneficial as it would provide direction for future growth and land use, as well as protecting and improving property values.

The CPDRC has recently established a Vision Sub-Committee in order to formulate a vision statement for Cameron Park. The target goal is to generate a plan for Cameron Park which would address what the residents want Cameron Park to look like by the year 2030. This "visioning" will be undertaken by seeking residents' input through workshops, on-line surveys, and a process known as Charrette. The Charrette process has been equated to a combination of a Town Meeting and a barn-raising. It involves assembling detailed facts about the community from many perspectives, meeting with professional planners, breaking into groups by neighborhood or area and thoroughly addressing all concerns in each neighborhood. Once this is done, the results of the comprehensive discussions are refined and literally mapped out, thus giving everyone involved a real picture or actual vision of what the participants want to see in the future for their communities. This process can take from 3-7 days, depending on the complexity and size of the area being addressed. Eric commented that the CPDRC is currently looking for grant monies to obtain a professional contractor to assist in the Charrette process for Cameron Park.

In closing, Eric stated the CPDRC has reviewed projects in the past, but none in the last year. He believes that the lack of projects this past year has been good as it has allowed the Committee to focus and concentrate on looking at the future of Cameron Park and to start moving in that direction.

Presidents Corner



RISING TEMPERATURES:

Mike Collom has giant thermometers for every purpose. The first shows that the drive for the **Cameron Park Rotary Education Endowment Fund** has raised \$88,500 toward matching the \$100,000 challenge by **Darol Rasmussen**. Including the matching funds, the Endowment Fund now has \$177,000 and will begin awarding scholarships this year. With another \$11,500 the initial goal of reaching \$200,000 will have been met.

The second thermometer displays the club's progress on selling tickets for **Wine at Town Center**. This major fund raising event will be held this year on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Presented by the Rotary Clubs of Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills, each club has a goal of selling 250 tickets. Tickets will soon be available for sale will be \$45 each.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MONTREAL:

President **Bill Gallant** announced that District 5190 has been given the honor of staffing the Rotary at Work Day booth, along with Rotarians from District 5340, at the Annual RI Convention in Montreal from June 20 to 23, 2010. Anyone going to this convention will want to represent the District and have a great time while doing so. Members going to the convention are asked to sign up with President Bill to put some time in the booth.

PLACERVILLE ROTARY PRESENTS 32nd ANNUAL BON VOYAGE BALL:

Norm Headley reports that Placerville Rotary's Annual Bon Voyage Ball will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the El Dorado County Fair Grounds. Tickets for dinner and dancing are \$60 and Drawing Tickets only are \$100. Tickets are now available from any Placerville Rotarian, Thompson's Toyota, Thompson's GMC, Big O Tires and The Paint Spot. Norm has attended this event many times and promises that a good time will be had by all.

BALL PARK RENOVATION PROJECT GETS UNDER WAY:

Pete Oliver announced that the board has allocated \$3,000 for the ball park renovation project. Work will get going on Saturday, April 10, 2010, and volunteers will be needed. Additionally, Pete called for volunteers to help with procurement of materials, which will begin this week.

ROTARY CLUB OF POIPU BEACH, HAWAII FUND RAISER:

International Service Chair **Vickie Christensen-McLain** reports from Hawaii that she attended a Rotary Meeting at Poipu Beach where their major fund raising activity is a Vacation Raffle. The prize includes seven nights at the luxurious Grand Hyatt Kaua'i at Poipu Beach, air fare for two from any US airport, mid-size rental car and \$1,000 for expenses (the winner can opt for a \$5,000 travel certificate for a vacation of choice). 2,000 tickets will be sold and the drawing is March 31, 2010. If our club sells (buys?) 12 tickets, it will net \$85 for the club. Anyone wanting a ticket should contact President Bill.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY DATE CHANGE:

Please note that the date for the District Assembly has changed and it will be held in Reno on Saturday, April 10, 2010. The District Assembly is open to all Rotarians and all incoming Board members are urged to attend. Car pools will leave from Cameron Park on the morning of April 10.

GI VET TO SPEAK AT ROTARY CLUB OF POLLOCK PINES/CAMINO:

Carol Abernatha reports that **Mike Cullen** who is home on leave from duty in Iraq will be speaking at a morning meeting of the Pollock Pines/Camino Rotary on Tuesday morning, March 23, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Pizza Factory in Pollock Pines. This will be a good opportunity to get a first person perspective on conditions in Iraq.

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS:

Scholarship Committee **Chair Chuck Le Pere** announced that students from Ponderosa High School have submitted thirty-eight applications for academic scholarships and six applications for Vocational Scholarships. The committee will review the applications and make their decisions by the end of this month. Reviewing scholarships is a lot of work, but for Chuck it is a labor of love. He even paid five happy bucks to announce this workload.

Max Callaghan continues to endow the club with happy bucks. This week he paid five dollars for almost being on

time.

Norm Headley may be junior to **Bob Clarke** and **Art Cort**, but he is still good for \$8.10 in happy bucks for his birthday.

How did President Bill overlook **Dave Sargent's** February birthday when Dave is not one to be overlooked? Passing the Four-Way Test with flying colors, Dave pointed out this oversight with ten happy bucks.

Birthdays in March

Gary Gall

Irina Green

Norm Headley

Joe Ryan

Cathy Thornton

-----Spouses-----

Marilyn Bowen

Beverly Check

JoAnn LePere
Irina Green Spicer

Anniversaries in March
Sabrina & Alex Ho

Upcoming Calendar

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

March 11, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Irina Green**; Greeter: **Dave Bunje**; and **Cindy Sutorka** on the front desk

March 18, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Chris Moore**; Greeter: **Rick Spicer**; and **Shiva Frentzen** on the front desk

March 25, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Ron Losel**; Greeter: **Mike Collom**; and **Ulla Petersen** on the front desk

April 1, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Norm Headley**; Greeter: **Norm Headley**; and **Rick Spicer** on the front desk

April 8, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Rick Spicer**; Greeter: **Shiva Frentzen**; and **David Tavernetti** on the front desk

April 15, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Max Callaghan**; Greeter: **Ben Foulk**; and **Shiva Frentzen** on the front desk

April 22, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Bob Dorr**; Greeter: **Art Cort**; and **Cindy Sutorka** on the front desk

April 29, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Dee Russo**; Greeter: **Bob Clarke**; and **Cindy Sutorka** on the front desk

May 6, 2010 - Words of Wisdom: **Ben Young**; Greeter: **Cathy Thornton**; and **Cindy Sutorka** on the front desk

The Last Word



DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 6, 2010 - Monthly Board meeting at noon. Bass Lake Golf Course

April 8, 2010 - Club Assembly

April 10, 2010 - District Assembly in Reno

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 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**.