



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

April 23, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Bob Clarke**; Greeter **Norm Headley**; and **Tom Keating** at the desk

Program

Group Study Exchange from Italy presentation.

Last Week



What happened to Power Point and laser pointers? **Art Cort** showed up with a slide projector and a stick to point out various river routes on a map of Alaska and North West Canada that he travelled from 1979 to 2004. Time did not allow a detailed description of each of the trips in the north, in fact time did not allow completion of the program. Over the years 60 people joined Art in one or more of these northern excursions. Jim Bowen, Tom Check, Ben Foulk, Norm Headley, Steve Long and Darol Rasmussen, current members of Cameron Park Rotary, have participated in from two to fourteen of

these northern trips. Art showed a few slides of the first trip which was made in the summer of 1979 when 9 voyagers left Whitehorse, YT, Canada, in 4 canoes and headed down the Yukon River toward Dawson 460 miles away.

Upon arriving back to El Dorado County the glowing accounts of this trip ignited the interest of others and 1980 saw 16 eager participants flying to Fort Simpson, NWT, Canada, and an eight canoe flotilla heading down the Mackenzie River toward Fort Norman. This trip proved that 16 people and eight canoes was perhaps too many so later trips never exceeded eight participants.

Folding kayaks replaced canoes in 1987 on the Koyukuk River. Starting at Wiseman, just downstream from the oil pipeline crossing, were Darol Rasmussen, Ron Pizer, Art Cort and Brett Willis, a YES student from Australia. Darol and Brett dropped out at Bettles and Ron and Art continued on alone.

Art was just getting into the logistics of getting to the point of departure on a river and getting home again when time ran out. The lights were turned on, the audience woke up, the projector was turned off and the program was over.

Presidents Corner



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT:

It is official, the Rotary Club of Cameron Park will be hosting a foreign exchange student from Santiago, Chile for the next school year. That doesn't leave much time to identify the first host family to provide accommodations beginning in late July or early August. Three or four families will be needed who will commit to a 2-3 month stint during the course of the year. Hosting a foreign student can be a fulfilling experience and anyone interested in doing so is asked to contact **Anne Eckert** as soon as possible.

Rotary DISTRICT 5190 CONVENTION:

The District Convention is coming up fast. To be held at the Peppermill Hotel and Convention Center in Reno on May 14 to 17, the program promises inspirational speakers and lots of good information about Rotary programs. Interact students and Group Study Exchange teams in attendance always bring good energy. This year's program promises to be a good time for all. The Rotary Clubs of Georgetown and Pollock Pines will both join Cameron Park to sponsor a hospitality room. Members planning to attend are asked to tell **Bill Gallant** and to bring refreshments for the hospitality and fellowship. Conference registration may be accomplished on the District Web site.

Debra Miller announced that tickets for **Wine at Town Center** and 1,200 tickets are now available. Avoid the rush and obtain your tickets at only \$45.00 each.

May 2, 2009 is Astronomy Day and there will be special programs at our observatory. Volunteers could help on the 4-6pm or 8:30-10:30pm shifts. Those with ``ROTARY AT WORK`` shirts should don them for the event.

Pete Oliver announced that the ``Path to Literacy`` project is moving along and that the time is coming when manual labor will be solicited. Another opportunity to wear the ``ROTARY AT WORK`` shirts.

The Cameron Park Rotary Club Board of Directors has approved the membership application of Catherine Thornton with the classification of financial advisor.

Noted Rotarians



FINES AND HAPPY BUCKS:

When Pres. Iain announced that he would not be at the April 30 meeting **Mike Collom** was happy to the tune of \$5.00. **Dave Sargent** was tardy and blamed it on a flagman. A poor excuse for which he coughed up \$5.00. Speaking of ``flagmen`` and ``coughing up`` It is suggested that you read The Ballad of Casey's Billy-Goat by Robert Service. **Gary Reynolds** was \$5.00 happy that his team won a recent tournament. He didn't say who hit the grand slam homer that decided the game. **Vickie Christensen-McLain** poffered \$10.00 to announce ``Komen for the Cure`` a walk scheduled for May 9 to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer. **Bob Edwards** using a mathematical formula that defies

logic came up with \$11.00 for his birthday and 13 years for being cancer free. **Ben Foulk** said he was happy \$10.00 to have spent 7 days in Hawaii and then added another \$5.00 for a total of \$15.00.

Birthdays in April

Doug Bisbee
Bob Edwards

Shiva Frentzen
Russ Lloyd
Mike Neal
Brian Silverthorn
Terry Wilson
-----Spouses-----
Dottie Bisbee
Jeff Frentzen
Gwen Headley
Pamela Johnson
Carol Sargent
Stephanie Silverthorn

Anniversaries in April
Norm & Gwen Headley
Edie & Paul Liebergot

Upcoming Calendar

April 30, 2009 - GSE Team presentation

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 - **George Eckert** - California Mortgage Association: Legislative Update
May 28, 2009 - Trip to California Military Museum for meeting and tour

June 4, 2009 - **Star Walker** from EDC Office on Aging about available programs

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

April 30, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Bob Clarke**; Greeter **Norm Headley**; and **Tom Keating** on the front desk

The Last Word



Christensen at (916) 835-5704.

May 14 to 17, 2009 - Rotary District 5190 Conference at the Peppermill Hotel and Conference Center in Reno

June 13, 2009 - **Wine at Town Center**

July 17, 2009 - Cocktail party for new **Paul Harris Fellows** at **Iain** and **Sally Marshall's** house.

October 10, 2009 - **Show and Shine** at Cameron Park Airport

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 5, 2009 - Monthly Rotary Club of Cameron Park Board meeting at Kobe's restaurant in Burke's Junction. All members welcome.

May 9, 2009 - Walk to raise funds to fight breast cancer. For details as to how you can participate contact **Vickie**

It was nice to see **Larry Shuler** at our meeting.

Mike Neal has put together another of his photo series of highlights of our 2009 Rotarians at Work Day. The link is at the bottom of this web page.

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