



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

May 14, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Ben Foulk**; Greeter **Mike Dugan**; and **David Tavernetti** at the desk

Program

Vocational Service experiences by **Norm Headley** and **Tom Keating**

Last Week



President Elect **Bill Gallant** filled in for missing President **Iain Marshall** who could have been anywhere between Santiago, Chile and Cameron Park California. Also missing on this day were the Sergeant-at-Arms, **Tom Keating** when he was most needed to control a restless crowd, **Fritz Engel** who is responsible for providing speakers and, to compound the challenge for PE Bill, the scheduled speaker. Always up to the challenge, PE Bill called upon **Dave Sargent**, his Co-Fine Master for next year, to entertain while generating a few dollars for the club coffers.

Dave made it clear that he would be taking control over fines next year by exempting fine free status from any Bell Ringer that he deemed to be whining. He also let it be known that he would exercise his great wisdom to distinguish between politically correct and what he considered blatantly offensive statements and accordingly impose fines. With these warnings, Dave proceeded to extract every loose dollar from a weary membership. He started with happy bucks and went downhill from there.

Brian Silverthorn had both happy and sad dollars. Either way, he came up with \$25 to boast about his trip to Cabo the previous week with **Stephanie**. The happiness is understandable, given Brian's passion for the area. Sadness came from his concern over the media deterring tourism in Mexico because of unwarranted concerns about flu and crime. Feeling safe as ever in his second home, Brian managed a makeup at a local Rotary. **Mike Duggan** was a little too close the Santa Barbara fires last week, noting the smoke filled air from a room full of lawyers taking depositions. A change of wind miraculously cleared the air and made make happy to the extent of twenty five happy dollars.

Debbie Miller came up with five happy bucks for her young teenage daughter who passed her check out dive in Monterey last week. **Mike Collom** is also a proud papa who contributed ten happy dollars for his daughter's birthday. Mike had another twenty-five for his anniversary with wife, **Chris**. Another father, **Bob Clarke** gave away the age of his oldest daughter. That age won't be repeated here, but it was good for ten dollars from Bob.

Joe Ryan had an interesting day in front of the Cameron Park Bel Air for **Rotary at Work Day**. His son stopped by for a visit and apparently left the keys in his locked car with the engine running. No sooner

did he get the door open than another family did the same thing with a child in the car. No harm done and Joe apparently enjoyed the day as he offered \$5. Proud grandfather, **Bob Dorr** missed Rotary at Work Day, but had a good reason. He contributed \$10 to talk about his granddaughter's wedding that day in Lodi. Another five dollars was extracted from Bob's wallet when Fine Master Sargent observed Bob eyeing another cookie. **Steve Long** should be thanked for bringing the cookies for every table. Instead, Sargent used the thoughtful gesture as an excuse to take \$5 from Steve. It was good to see **Doug Bisbee** whose properties have kept him busy over the last several months. The good news is that he finished work on his house in Stockton. The bad news is that even more work awaits in Tracy. Doug noted that he must have been away too long, with Bill Gallant wielding the gavel and Dave Sargent levying fines. To catch up with lost time and missed birthdays, Doug generously pledged fifty happy bucks.

Another unfamiliar face of late, **Jim Buckley** gave ten happy bucks to talk about his great travels in China. According to Fine Master Sargent, **Gary Gall** made a similar trip and, although not present to defend himself, Gary was assessed a similar ten dollars.

The meeting last week started with the recitation of the 4 Way Test, led by **Bill Ettlich**. Fine Master Sargent noted those who mumbled and fumbled through the recitation and offered lenient fines for those who fessed up. **Bob Edwards** observed that such fines were not fair to all concerned because some members could see the 4 Way banner, concealed to others. Dave still managed to coerce five unhappy bucks each from PE **Bill Gallant** and **Anne Eckert**. The fact that **Dave Bunje** was helping a fellow member complete his next Paul Harris level did not deter Sargent who fined Dave \$5 for talking during announcements.

Fine Master Dave wrapped up his fine session by noting that President **Iain Marshall** had claimed to be in Chili on business. Considering that Iain claims to have a community based business, it's hard to imagine how such a trip could be anything more than a boondoggle. For failing the 4 Way test, Iain was assessed ten unhappy bucks in his absence. Finally, Sargent called on (picked on) **Ben Foulk** to name a Cameron Park Rotary Foundation Board member not listed on the recent minutes. He could have named **Gary Gall, Darol Rasmussen** or even **Dave Sargent** himself. Failing to do so cost Ben five unhappy bucks.

Presidents Corner



INTERACT CLUB:

Chuck Le Pere reports that the club will be sending four students and two faculty advisors to Reno for the Interact Conference which coincides with the District Conference. Additionally, we will be sending two students to RYLA this June, including the incoming Interact President from PHS for next year.

CAMERON PARK ROTARY FOUNDATION:

Foundation Board member, **Mike Collom** distributed minutes from the Foundation Board's February 10, 2009, meeting. The change of name approved by the membership last year has been filed with the State. Mike notes that the Endowment fund now has raised \$72,000 towards matching the \$100,000 pledged by **Darol**

Rasmussen. Mike will be announcing plans for raising additional funds in the near future.

SUGARLOAF FINE ARTS CAMP:

Bob Edwards advises that the next Rotary at Work Day will call for ten Rotary volunteers to help with the upcoming Sugarloaf Music and Arts Camp for kids on July 11, 2009. The Pollock Pines/Camino Rotary club has already committed to provide their share of volunteers. Cameron Park Rotary has supported this wonderful camp for young people of El Dorado County and needs to continue to help. Founded in 1951 and taking place at Sly Park, this camp provides such memorable experiences that some youth attend for up to six consecutive years. For additional information, check their web site at: <http://www.sugarloafcampa.com/>.

PHILIPPINE BOAT PROJECT:

Bob Dorr reports that a Christening of all babies born to date on the boat will take place in Mindanao in June and all Rotarians are invited to attend. The club will be sending gifts for each of the babies from monies already collected. Anyone wishing to contribute is asked to contact Bob.

It has been determined that a powered shuttle boat is needed to transfer patients from remote areas to the floating clinic in the Agusan Marsh. The cost of the boat is estimated at \$3,000, of which \$1,500 has been pledged by our partners in Mindanao. The Interact Club of Oak Ridge High School has pledged \$1,400 for this purpose. Bob asks that this club come up with another \$100 to build the boat. Construction of the shuttle boat is scheduled to begin in June

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM CHILI:

The fifteen year old Chilean foreign exchange student will be here in late July or early August and host families must be identified right away. Paperwork for approved host families can take up to six weeks to process. Anyone interested in hosting this young lady from Chili should contact **Anne Eckert** as soon as possible.

WINE AT TOWN CENTER:

Coming up fast is our biggest fund raising event of the year. **Dave Crofut** reports that big and small flyers are available for posting in business locations or just to share with friends. **Debbie Miller** reports that to date, members have taken 148 tickets. The goal for this club is to sell 450 tickets and each member is expected to take at least four tickets.

RUS LLYOD IS RECOVERING:

Gary Reynolds reports that Rus is doing well in his recovery from a stroke. Currently undergoing therapy, Rus plans to be back at Rotary by next month.

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.

Noted Rotarians



SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT AT PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL:

Last Thursday night was scholarship night at Ponderosa High School. Over sixty sources of scholarships

gave approximately 100 scholarships to students graduating from PHS in 2009. The Rotary Club of Cameron Park gave two **Don Peterson Memorial Vocational Scholarships** and five merit scholarships for \$2,000 each. The students receive \$1,000 when they enter college or training program this fall and an additional \$1,000 when they continue in the following year. **Chuck Le Pere** presented the Don Peterson scholarships and President Elect **Bill Gallant** was on hand to present the merit scholarships.

Don Peterson Memorial Scholarships were presented to **Heather Laruen** and **Lauren Griffiths** on the left.

Merit Scholarships were presented to **Brianna Juhrend, Brogan Miller, Stephen Matzat, Brian Wells** and **Christen Phillipsen**.

Over sixty applications were received for CP Rotary scholarships this year and it was very difficult to choose from so many highly qualified and impressive young students. It was a pleasure for the review committee to read about their extraordinary achievements. Congratulations to all of them.

Birthdays in May

Bob Dorr

Tom Keating

Steve Long

-----Spouses-----

Frank Carlson

Keith Deister

Anniversaries in May

Mike & Chris Reeg Collom

Gary & Sheilah Gall

Bob & Pamela Laurie

Verne & Chris Sanders

Upcoming Calendar

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 - Faith Episcopal Church **Star Walker** from EDC Office on Aging about available programs.

June 11- Red Hawk Casino-Gary Reynolds has the scoop.

June 18-Faith Episcopal Church-Ponderosa High School football coach Mr. Tanner.

June 25-CPCC-CELEBRATING 40 YEARS. Bring photos of yourself from 1969 (our Charter year). Club Service Chair and International Service Chair will highlight noted accomplishments over the years

July 2 - CPCC - Program by Peter Voy from Furniture for Families.

July 9 - CPCC - Program by Janeen Rich from Calif. OES Hazmat team.

July 16 - CPCC - Program by Pat Barron from Kacies Ride for Help.

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

May 14 - Words of Wisdom **Ben Foulk**; Greeter **Mike Dugan**; **David Tavernetti** on the front desk.

May 21 - Words of Wisdom **Dave Sargent**; Greeter **Fritz Engel**; **David Tavernetti** on the front desk.

May 28 - Words of Wisdom **Mike Dugan**; Greeter **David Crofut**; **Ben Young** on the front desk.

June 4 - Words of Wisdom **Chuck LePere**; Greeter **Vickie Christensen-McClain**; **Tom Keating** on, at or near the front desk.

The Last Word



DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 12, 2009 - Monthly Rotary Club of Cameron Park Board meeting at Kobe`s restaurant in Burke`s Junction. All members welcome.

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

Mike Neal has put together a 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**.