



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

May 21, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Dave Sargent**; Greeter **Fritz Engel**; and **David Tavernetti** at the desk

Program

George Eckert - California Mortgage Association: Legislative Update

Last Week



Bill Ettlich presented a plan for a new international project to replace a water system in Mindanao in the Philippines. Bill learned of the need for this project on his visit to the Philippines last year and has kept the board informed of it as a possible project for next year.

Located in Barangay Banbanon in Surigao del Norte on the island of Mindanao, the project would bring fresh water to this village of approximately 250 individuals in 50 families. The water system for the village was washed out by floods a couple of years ago and the people have had to live without potable water. The project to replace the old water system has been designed by the provincial government which does not have the funding to complete construction. Bill is an engineer with

considerable experience with water projects around the world. He has reviewed the plans, walked the site and concluded that it is a good project with a good design.

The project had an initial estimate of \$42,000, which Bill initially suggested funding with \$12,000 from District Rotary Clubs, \$12,000 from a District matching grant and \$18,000 from a Rotary Foundation grant. Since the time of the original estimate, Bill has learned that the provincial government may be able to fund up to \$10,000 and that they will assume the cost of labor. He now believes that the costs will be less than the original estimate and he will be re-assessing the amounts that will be asked of each source of funding. The cost to the Rotary Club of Cameron Park, if this project is adopted, will in all likelihood be no more than \$6,000.

Bill noted that the club has just completed a project in the Philippines and anticipated questions about why it should take on another project in that part of the world. First of all, Bill has verified the need for this project and he has confirmed that it is well planned and can be completed for a modest amount of money. He used the boat project as an example of how well we have worked with clubs in Mindanao and how we can rely upon them as good partners. Finally the project is ready to go. The provincial government would like to begin construction in October of this year and estimate that the work would be complete within three months. The membership was polled and there appears to be widespread support to proceed with this project. Bill will be collecting further information and refine figures for the Board's consideration.

Presidents Corner



PRODIGAL SON RETURNS FROM CHILI:

President **Iain Marshall** is back after a two week hiatus and told of his travels to Santiago, Chili. Initially, Iain planned this trip to attend a business conference and to enjoy a mini vacation. When he learned that Cameron Park would be hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Santiago, he added Rotary visits to his agenda and attended a Rotary meeting while there. Unfortunately, Iain wasn't able to connect with our incoming student. Nonetheless, he had an extraordinary Rotary experience at the meeting in Santiago. Iain and Sally were honored guests at a meeting in which local law enforcement officers were being acknowledged for their important works. A team of young Chilean dancers and musicians who have performed around the world were on hand to

give a taste of local arts and culture. Iain reports that the Santiago club that he attended had a big impact on their community and talked about their "Plaza Paul Harris." Iain suggested that it may be a good model for Cameron Park to consider for a local project. Iain was so obviously touched by his Rotary experience abroad that he will now look for more Rotary experiences to incorporate into his travels.

CAMERON PARK'S FIRST ROTARY ACADEMY GRADUATE:

On behalf of Rotary District 5190, President Iain presented President Elect **Bill Gallant** with a certificate to commemorate his successful completion of the Rotary Academy. The Rotary Academy is a comprehensive one-year study program that offers the fundamentals that lie at the heart of the Rotary movement. The ten lesson correspondence course provides information on the operation that has made Rotary so successful over the past 100 years. Bill is the first Cameron Park Rotarian to complete the Academy. He observed that it was a lot of work, but that it was well worth the effort.

WINE AT TOWN CENTER:

With less than one month to go, the club's biggest fund raiser is nearly here and much remains to be done. **Brian Silverthorn** reports that the economy has finally caught up with us and that there will be fewer sponsorships for the event this year. Sponsors normally buy tables for \$1,000. Brian suggests that potential sponsors consider sharing a table. For example, two small businesses could come up with \$500 each. The lack of sponsors places more importance on regular ticket sales. The goal for this club is to sell at least 480 tickets, with a minimum objective of 4 tickets for each member. Anyone needing tickets is directed to contact **Debbie Miller**.

ROTARY GOES TO THE BALL GAME:

Gary Reynolds announced the annual Boys and Girls Club trip to a River Cat game will take place on July 17, 2009. Once a year, the club sponsors approximately 35 to 40 boys and girls at a River Cat game. Of course, no game is complete without hot dogs, peanuts and soft drinks, all provided by the club. As the time nears, Gary will be passing the hat and asking who would like to attend. Always a great event, it is rewarding to watch these young people having a good night out.

Rotary International night at the River Cats is Sunday, August 9, 2009. For every Rotarian in attendance, the River Cats will donate \$5 to the Polio Plus campaign. What better excuse to have a good time? Mark your calendars.

CAMERON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

Shiva Frentzen reports that the Cameron Park Community Center is now open. She distributed a pamphlet describing the features of this wonderful new facility.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT FUN LOCATIONS:

The Cameron Park Country Club will not be available for several dates in the next couple of months. On May 28, 2009, the regular meeting will take place at the regular time, but will be held at the California Military Museum in Sacramento. Members are encouraged to car pool or to take public

transportation. Detailed directions to the Museum will be sent by email on the week of the meeting.

On June 11, 2009, the regular meeting will be held at the new **Red Hawk** Casino in Shingle Springs. Guests are welcome to both meetings, but members are asked to advise **Fritz Engel** in advance of the number attending.

CHARTER DAY FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF CAMERON PARK:

Cameron Park Rotary has hit middle age. On June 30, 2009, it will be 40 years old. The last meeting of President **Iain Marshall's** term will be held on June 25, 2009, and he proposes to dedicate it to the club's anniversary. Anyone having pictures of themselves, or other members, from this memorable time are asked to bring them on this day. Those too young to have 40 year old pictures can bring photos of their parents. It promises to be a fun day.

Noted Rotarians



CAMERON PARK ROTARY WELCOMES CATHY THORNTON:

Dave Crofut inducted **Cathy Thorton** as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Cameron Park. Cathy comes to Cameron Park from Arcadia, California after a long career at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Working there as an engineer, Cathy met her engineer husband on the day that they both started work at JPL. They both retired on the same day. Not one to settle into retirement, Cathy has started a new career in financial services. Wanting to give back to the community, Cathy has found a perfect match for her interests in this club.

TREATS FROM ANE DEISTER:

Once again, **Ane Deister** is spoiling the membership with sweets. Last week she placed cookies and ice cream bonbons on every table. While this group may not need the calories, they are still much appreciated. Thank you Ane.

LATE AGAIN:

With no attempt to conceal her late arrival, **Dee Russo** announced that she was tardy and offered to pay five happy bucks. Why would she be happy about being late? Dee is getting ready to take off with Dale on a cross country adventure in their most comfortable recreational vehicle. Unfortunately, they won't be around for the production of the "Lion King" for which they have tickets for the June 7 performance. Dee paid another \$5 to announce that they are willing to negotiate a sale of 2 to five tickets. For this brazen plug, Dee pledged another \$5. Anyone interested in the tickets should contact Dee right away.

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 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 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:

June 2, 2009 - Monthly Rotary Club of Cameron Park Board meeting at Kobe`s restaurant in Burke`s Junction. All members welcome.

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**.