



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

May 29, 2008 at 12:15p.m.Elks Lodge

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Carol Hodgson**; Greeter **Gary Gall**;

Program

May 29, 2008 - **Mike Sproull** from the Red Hawk Casino

Last Week



We were privileged to hear **Beth DeCaprio**, Executive Director of the Grace Foundation, explain the functions of that organization. Started near Folsom four and a half years ago with the rescue of 16 horses which were near death because of an abusive owner the Grace Foundation now operates on 600 acres off Latrobe Road. They specialize in the foster care of large animals which most animal shelters are not equipped to handle.

The Directors of the Grace Foundation thought that children with special needs might be helped if they were involved in caring for these animals. A program was initiated in which children who had been abused or had been involved with petty crimes were brought to the facility to help to care for the animals and to construct

facilities to house them. Many of the children had never seen a large animal up close before and by learning horsemanship through enjoyable equine activities, they experience physical, mental and emotional growth. Their parents are thrilled with their progress. Policemen from Folsom participate in some programs with the children which gives the children a chance to see policemen in a different light.

There are only two permanent employees at the facility and much of the work is performed by volunteers. Thirty employees from Intel and employees of Umpqua Bank have worked there and Roebbelen Contracting Inc. has donated a tractor.

It takes 60,000 pounds of food a month to feed the animals which takes a large part of the annual budget of \$250,000.

A big event, **BOOTS AND BUCKLES**, is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th from 6 to 10pm.

For more information, volunteer opportunities, or to make a donation call (916) 941-0800.

Presidents Corner



WINE AT TOWN CENTER

Debra Miller reports that tickets are going fast for Wine at Town Center on June 14, 2008. There is a firm limit on the number of tickets to be sold and once they are gone, no more will be made available. Anyone interested in tickets should contact Debra now, before tickets runs out.

PHILIPPINE BOAT PROJECT

Jim Buckley reports that construction of the floating health clinic for the Agusan Marsh in Mindanao is proceeding on schedule. The hulls for the catamaran boat were completed before the end of April and moved close to the Agusan River. He received pictures on May 7

showing the floor in place, connecting the two hulls. It is beginning to take shape and the boat should be completed by the end of May. Jim predicts that the first birth on the boat will take place soon thereafter. He also announced that he has received a considerable donation of medical text books from a contact in the publishing business. These books will be placed in the library on the boat. Follow the progress of the project and view pictures of the construction at: <http://www.cameronparkrotary.org/cpagusan.asp>

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS

Carol Hodgson returned recently from a trip to Brazil where she is involved with FAITH UNLIMITED, a Christian based organization whose mission is to save the lives of Brazilian street children. While there she was presented a very nice and unique plaque by the children and offered \$10 Happy Bucks. **Billy V** offered \$1.00 for some trivial matter.

Pres. Gary levied a \$5 fine on recently returned **Ane Deister** but **Bob Dorr, Norm Headley** and **Steve Long** each volunteered \$5 in lieu of Ane`s contribution.

Sabrina Ho`s golf course has cost her again. A \$10 fine was levied for another golf tournament held at her facility. **Shiva Frentzen** proudly introduced her daughter

who has advanced from 7th to 8th grade for which she offered \$10.

Bob Dorr made a deal for his birthday. Each Rotary Club is to try to raise \$1000 for the eradication of polio. Bob contributed \$100 toward this goal.

Birthdays in May

Bob Dorr
Tom Keating
Steve Long

Anniversaries in May

Mike & Chris Reeg Collom
Verne & Chris Sanders

Upcoming Calendar

- Meeting at Elks Lodge (tentative)

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

May 22, 2008 - Words of Wisdom - **Terry Wilson** after a greeting from **Coy Baugh**

May 29, 2008 - Words of Wisdom - **Carol Hodgson** after a greeting from **Gary Gall**

The Last Word



CAMERON PARK ROTARY ENDOWMENT FUND:

Mike Collom reports that contributions to the Endowment fund exceed \$22,000. We are over 20% of the way to securing the entire \$100,000 pledged by **Darol Rasmussen** to build this fund for scholarships. Have you written a check lately?

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 10, 2008 - Monthly Board meeting at Kobe`s restaurant at noon. **NOTE** this is not the first Tuesday.

June 14, 2008 - **Wine at Town Center**

June 15 - 18, 2008 - Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles