



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

June 4, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Faith Episcopal Church

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Chuck Le Pere**; Greeter **Vickie Christensen-McClain**; and **Tom Keating** at the desk

Program

Star Walker, from EDC Office on Aging, will discuss available programs.

This meeting will be held at Faith Episcopal Church on Country Club Drive in Cameron Park

Last Week



The club met last week at the **California State Military Museum** in Old Town Sacramento. After lunch and the regular meeting, Museum Director **Dan Seby** gave a brief overview of the museum followed by a personal tour.

The museum is one of only three State museums not under the jurisdiction of Department of California State Parks. Opened by Governor Pete Wilson in 1991, it is the official military museum and historical research center of the State of California. The objectives of the museum are to showcase the California National Guard and to document the military history of California and its citizens. Operating under the California State Military department, the location in Old Town Sacramento was

recently made permanent, allowing staff to make long term plans for the facility. Dan describes his experiences at the museum as being like Christmas every day. He was referring to new items for their collection that can show up by UPS delivery on any given day. For example, he showed an 1875 Gatling gun that was referred from an estate by the Oakland Police Department. He also showed a World War II vintage German made machine gun that was found by the Kern County Sheriff's Department. In each case, the items were donated to the museum.

The following was taken from the Museum's web site:

Museum Director **Dan Seby** states, "It should be noted that our program does not glorify war. Rather, its intent is to remind this and future generations of the sacrifices made by previous generations to keep our state and nation free."

Today the museum houses over 30,000 artifacts as well a substantial library and archives. In addition to the main facility in Sacramento, the museum also has five satellite museums at Camp Roberts in southern Monterey County, Camp San Luis Obispo, Fresno Air National Guard Base, the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base in Orange County and the National Guard Armory in San Diego. The museum also maintains relationships with the Aerospace Museum of California at the former McClellan AFB in North Highlands and the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California Library in Glendale.

Californians have a long and proud tradition of service that stretches back over two centuries when Alta California was a Spanish colony and later a Mexican province. Since joining the Union, California has provided more of its citizens to our common defense than any other state. From the lonely 18th century colonial presidios of the El Real Ejército de California (Royal Spanish Army of California) to the mountains of Afghanistan, Californians have always been there and continue the tradition of selfless

service.

Californians who have served our nation reads like a who's who of American Military History. Generals William T. Sherman, Henry Halleck and Joseph Hooker all served in the California State Militia before the Civil War. Many of the leaders on both side of that war served in California. California Volunteers were among the first to enter Manila during the Spanish-American War. Nelson Holderman, considered by many to be the most decorated American soldier of the First World War, served in the California National Guard before and after the war. Generals George Patton and James Doolittle were native Californians and Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz and General of the Air Force Henry ``Hap`` Arnold considered California their home state.

For anyone interested in the history of California, the museum web site contains a wealth of information about California that goes well beyond military history. The links lead to fascinating stories that show the essential role that California played in the history of this country. Simply go to their main page, hit the link to **California Military History** and select the topic or era that you would like to research. Be careful, each link leads to more information and more questions. The curious can spend days at this site. You can find that page at: <http://www.militarymuseum.org/>

Presidents Corner



WINE AT TOWN CENTER

President **Iain Marshall** reminded all that the club's biggest annual fund raising event is coming up next week. He was embarrassed to report that Cameron Park is yet to contribute to the silent auction, an important element of the day. Our partner club in El Dorado Hills is holding up their end and Cameron Park members need to get out and secure some donations. The economy appears to be catching up as sponsors are fewer this year and ticket sales are behind expectations. If each member sells a minimum of four tickets, the event will be a success. Additionally, every member is asked to be available to assist for 30 minutes each during the evening of Wine at Town Center. Members not already signed up should do so at the meeting this week.

DENTAL PROJECT IN SANTIAGO, CHILE

President Iain reports that he exchanged email messages with a partner club in Santiago, Chile and they indicate strong support for a dental project in that city. The Board has indicated tentative support. More details will follow on this promising potential project.

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's** term will be held on June 25, 2009, and he proposes to dedicate it to the club's anniversary. What better way to celebrate this day than to share stories about Rotarians from those early days. Anyone with a tale to tell should let club historian, **Art Cort** know in advance. Also, 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.

COMING MEETING LOCATIONS:

The club meets at the regular time next week, but at a different location. The meeting will be held at Faith Episcopal Church on Country Club Drive in Cameron Park. Help will be needed with setup, so those who can are asked to get there a bit early.

June 11, 2009, promises to be another fun meeting with the location set at the new **Red Hawk Casino** in Shingle Springs. Details will follow.

SHRED DAY IS SET FOR AUGUST 15:

The Rotary Club of Cameron Park and **Shred Biz** present **Shred Day** on August 15, 2009. This will present a great opportunity for any business or person with lots of confidential papers that should be destroyed. All proceeds will go to the Cameron Park Rotary Community Foundation Endowment Fund.

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS:

For being a few minutes late, **Dave Bunje** must pay \$5. For staying fit and taking the stairs to this second floor meeting,

Norm Headley had \$5 extracted from his wallet. Most unforgiveable, **Mike Dugan's** cell phone went off during the meeting. Deemed a greater offense than being late or staying fit, Mike must fork over \$10.

Birthdays in June

Jim Bowen

Vickie Christensen-McLain

Bob Laurie

Chuck LePere

Verne Sanders

Larry Shuler

-----Spouses-----

Helen Cort

Linda Dossey

Jane Engel

Dian Hansen

Anniversaries in June

Coy & Cheryl Baugh

Max & Emanuela Callaghan

Bob & Joanne Clarke

Ane & Keith Deister

Anne & George Eckert

Fritz & Jane Engel

Ben & Gina Foulk

Rube & Dee Jessop

Steve & Judy Long

Debra & Luke Miller

David & Suzanne Tavernetti

Terry & Heidi Wilson

Upcoming Calendar

June 4, 2009 - **Star Walker**, from EDC Office on Aging, will discuss available programs. Meeting to be held at Faith Episcopal Church

June 11, 2009 - Meet at the **Red Hawk Casino-Gary Reynolds** has the scoop.

June 18, 2009 - Ponderosa High School football coach **Mr. Tanner**. Meeting to be held at Faith Episcopal Church.

June 25, 2009 - 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, 2009 - Program by **Peter Voy** from Furniture for Families.

July 9, 2009 - Program by **Janeen Rich** from California Office of Emergency Services Hazmat team.

July 16, 2009 - Program by **Pat Barron** from **Kacie's Ride for Help**

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

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

The Last Word



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

Irina Green has been nominated for membership by **Bill Gallant**. Her classification is Electric Utilities. The Board has approved her application for membership pending consideration of comments from the membership.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 2, 2009 - Monthly Board meeting at Kobe`s Restaurant in Burke`s Junction, Cameron Park

July 7, 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**.