



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

June 11, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Red Hawk Casino

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Max Callaghan**; Greeter **Ron Losel**; and **Tom Keating** at the desk

Program

Lunch and tour of the new Red Hawk Casino

Last Week



The El Dorado County Office of Human Services offers a very wide range of essential services to senior citizens in this County. Program Coordinator **Star Walker** gave an overview of those services. Star works with seniors and low income residents, has been with that office for ten years and is the editor of the **Senior Times**, has played a major role in implementing many of those services. According to Star, Human Services serves citizens from birth to death. The services for seniors are so many and so varied, that Star could only give a brief statement about each in the limited time that she had for her presentation.

The current economic slump is placing such a burden on Counties that cuts to senior programs are almost inevitable. There is real concern that such basic programs as "Meals on Wheels" to home bound seniors are threatened. Cuts to in-home services will force seniors out of their homes and into costly living residences. In addition to public funding, these programs rely on volunteers to keep them going. Last year, volunteers contributed 40,000 hours of service to County programs. Yet the need for services is so great that additional volunteers are badly needed.

Services offered include:

Family Caregiver Support, a widely used federally funded program.

Senior Legal Services for residents 60 years of age and older with Social Security.

Long term Care Ombudsman to advocate quality of care issues.

Senior Day Care/Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center.

Senior Peer Counseling to adults 55 and older enabling them to make choices and changes for personal growth.

Senior Nutrition Program serves 250 meals a day at seven community dining centers throughout the County and delivers close to 400 meals a day to home bound adults over 60 years of age.

You Are Not Alone (YANA) is a free daily telephone "check-in" and reassurance service for seniors living alone.

Senior Protective Services for those who are disabled or over 65 years of age. This is a particularly critical service as reports of elder neglect or abuse are on the rise. During economic hard times, there are increasing numbers of instances of financial abuse of seniors by family members.

Multi purpose senior service program MSSP

Linkages.

Rep Payee – financial counseling.

Energy assistance and weatherization programs.

The County also administers the EDC Housing Authority; CalWorks-CA work opportunity and responsibility for kids; County General Assistance program; County medical services; and food stamps.

For more complete information, go to the County web site at:
<http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/humanservices/index.asp>

Presidents Corner



WINE AT TOWN CENTER:

Ticket sales remain slow for this most important of the club's fund raising activities. The goal remains for every member to sell (buy?) at least four tickets. Not too much to ask if the club is to continue awarding scholarships to local students. Just last month, the club awarded \$14,000 worth of scholarships at Ponderosa High School and that would not have been possible without proceeds from Wine at Town Center. **Vickie Christensen-McLain** presented a serious incentive for members to sell (buy?) tickets. This included a 3 liter 2006 Estate Bottled Cambria from Katherine's Vineyard, four Reidel Overture Magnum glasses, and an Heirloom Tomato Cookbook.

Silent auction items are desperately needed. In order to match contributions from our partner club in El Dorado Hills, anyone not contributing an item is asked to consider a contribution of \$5 or \$10 to secure sufficient items to make the auction a success. We need to finalize items by this Thursday.

Visiting Rotarian from El Dorado Hills, **Terri Jessen**, was on hand to recruit help to staff the sign-in desks at Wine at Town Center. All members are asked to serve at least one-half an hour over the course of the evening. Please be sure to sign up for a time on Thursday.

BROGAN MILLER SAYS THANKS:

A recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for a second year, Ponderosa High School student, **Brogan Miller** sent a very thoughtful note of appreciation.

PATH TO LITERACY:

The Board has approved \$15,000 for the Path to Literacy to project assist the school district to replace the path that runs from Country Club Drive at the Cameron Park Library to the Camerado Springs Middle School. This path is used by hundreds of people each day. Engineer **Art Cort** is overseeing the project and **Gary Reynolds** has generously agreed to perform the grading with his own equipment. Volunteers can get out their Rotary at Work shirts and give a hand in coming months.

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. The cost to sponsor one young person for the game is \$20. Gary is collecting contributions now to get tickets for these kids. Every member is asked to support this effort and all are invited to attend the game. As the time nears, Gary will be passing the hat to make sure that we have money for refreshments. 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.

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.

CHAMBER MIXER:

Sabina Ho announced that the biggest Chamber mixer of the year will be held at the **Bass Lake Golf Course** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. As members of the chamber, all Rotarians are invited to attend.

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:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

President **Iain Marshall** continued his popular tradition

of presenting a single red rose for each member having a wedding anniversary. For some members with faulty memories, this gesture may well have saved a marriage or, at least, an embarrassing moment.

Terry Wilson explained how he actually had 2.5 weddings to **Heidi** while he was in the military. That somehow equated to twenty-five happy bucks. **Debbie Miller** needed only one ceremony with **Luke** to last for twenty-five years and twenty-five happy bucks. Still almost a newlywed, **Ben Foulk** contributed \$2 a year for each of his five years with **Gina**. **Coy Baugh** contributed \$20 for his happy years with **Cheryl**, as did **Max Callaghan** for his bliss with **Emanuela**. After twenty-five wonderful years, **Ane Deister** still gushes about **Keith** as the love of her life. Just returned from a humanitarian trip to Honduras, Ane was relieved to get home healthy and was happy to contribute five happy bucks for the trip, five for being late to Rotary and twenty-five happy bucks for her anniversary.

The meeting last week was at Faith Episcopal Church and the change of routine was difficult for some.

Tom Keating forgot to bring the flag and whined about being caught. Ten unhappy bucks for the flag and \$1 for whining. **Mike Dugan** went first to Cameron Park Country Club, but his tardiness was mitigated in two ways. First, he found **Ane Deister** and took full credit from getting her to Rotary on this day. Second, Mike reported that he secured a badly needed \$100 gift certificate for the silent auction. Even with mitigation, Mike's wallet was lightened by \$5.

For **Chuck Le Pere**, June is a happy month. Three students are headed off to RYLA this week; Chuck's eldest grandchild is graduating from UC Davis and another is graduating from Bakersfield. His family will be taking him to a River Cat game to celebrate his 80th birthday. That will mean missing Wine at Town Center for the first time and Chuck will be donating the four tickets that he purchased. He'll also give five happy bucks with a smile.

Vickie Christensen-McLain doesn't look like a grandmother, but she must be one. Vickie contributed \$10 to announce her grandson's baptism. **Norm Headley's** grandson graduates this month from Cal Poly, SLO and that will cost Norm \$5. Speaking of graduations, **Tom Keating** finally got his last child through high school and Tom will share his savings with a five dollar donation. **Bob Edwards is back from Europe where he hit several countries. With a formula that only Bob can understand, he figured a payment of twenty-six happy bucks.**

Proud papa Iain Marshall announced that his son has been promoted to Master Sergeant in the British Army. Good for the Army and good for Rotary as Iain paid \$20 to make the announcement.

Bob Clarke is off to Hawaii for his 65th high school reunion and he offered \$10 just to gloat about his travels.

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 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

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The Last Word



CAMERON PARK ROTARY WELCOMES IRINA GREEN: **Dave Crofut** inducted **Irina Green** as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Cameron Park. A Cameron Park resident, Irina was originally from Russia. Educated in Russia, Irina is an Electrical Engineer who left her homeland, along with her 14 year old son to get away from a repressive pogrom. Members may have noticed that Irina is the only person allowed to bring her dog to Rotary. Long active in "Canines for Independence," Irina already lives the Rotary motto of **Service above Self**.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Rick Spicer has been nominated for membership by **Bill Gallant** and **John Greenly** has been nominated by **Dave Sargent**. Rick is a retired FBI supervisory special agent

and John is the owner of a GM auto dealership. The Board has approved both applications for membership pending consideration of comments from the membership.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

July 7, 2009 - Monthly Rotary Club of Cameron Park Board meeting at Kobe`s restaurant in Burke`s Junction. All members welcome.

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**.