



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

June 25, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Carla Carlson**; Greeter **Vickie Christensen**; and **Tom Keating** at the desk

Program

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

Last Week



Head Coach **Jason Tenner** shared insights to the success of the football program at Ponderosa High School. A teacher and a coach, Tenner's priority is academics. His background, playing college football at Villanova and professional football with the San Francisco 49ers, has given him a clear perspective on how football fits into the lives of his students. He emphasizes having fun with the game and recognizes that most of his students will not advance to big time college or professional football. He makes sure that his student athletes understand that they are more likely to receive an academic scholarship than an athletic scholarship. Every freshman in the football program is required to attend study hall. Jason strives to provide year round tutoring to every student in the program. The result has

been to show that success in the classroom can go hand in hand with success on the field. The team GPA exceeds 3.0 and in the last two years, Ponderosa has won two league titles. Due to their success on the field, Ponderosa will be moving up to Division 1 after the next football season.

After retiring as a player, Jason began his coaching career at a high school in the San Jose area. He moved to Ponderosa High School a few years ago, attracted by the sense of community in the foothills. He sees the area as a collection of bedroom communities without a central hub and views Ponderosa as a place to serve as the hub. Football games on Friday nights bring people together from all over the larger community. In fact, Jason attributes much of their success at PHS to the close knit community, including what he describes as a fantastic staff. Now, thanks to Measure Q, a beautiful new stadium is under construction and the "Friday Night Experience" can only get better.

Jason was accompanied last week by **Bruce Bitnoff** President of the **Bruin Den** the football program's booster club. The Bruin Den is a non-profit organization established to support the football program. An enthusiastic supporter of Ponderosa Football, Bruce described the fun experience of getting together for Friday night football. He also talked about the need to provide financial support to the football program at PHS. Bruce made a persuasive case for having fun at the games while helping with the financial support. For only thirty dollars, you can get your own reserved Stadium Seat for each home game (Both Friday night JV and Varsity games), use of the Express Lane at the Snack Bar – no long waits! And a laminated Bruin Box VIP Pass card with your Row and Seat number. Other ways to help the program are to sponsor a student to attend summer football camp or to help buy equipment. For further information about the Bruin Den and how you can support the football program at Ponderosa, go to their web site at: <http://www.phsbuinden.org/>

Presidents Corner



MIKE DUGAN GETS HIS BLUE BADGE:

After a four year hiatus for work related reasons, **Mike Dugan** is back in the fold as a member of the Rotary Club of Cameron Park. President **Iain Marshall** presented Mike with his Blue Badge while extracting \$40 from Mike's wallet for the privilege of being back. Not the warmest welcome from the President for an old friend that everyone is so happy to see every week.

PRESIDENT IAIN THANKS HIS BOARD:

Outgoing President **Iain Marshall** has had a memorable year with a variety of successes. Iain recognizes that the many achievements of the club are due in large part to the efforts of the officers of the club. Each officer present was recognized for their good work given a token of his

appreciation. Officers present last week included: **Coy Baugh**, Treasurer; **Dave Crofut**, Membership; **Fritz Engel**, Club Service; **Bill Gallant**, President Elect; **Tom Keating**, Sergeant at Arms; **Chris Moore**, Vocational Service; **Pete Oliver**, Community Service; and, **Gary Reynolds**, Past President.

AN AMPHITHEATER FOR THE OBSERVATORY?

Pete Oliver reports that a contingent from Cameron Park Rotary recently visited Chico where an amphitheater was built to complement their observatory. A similar amphitheater is now being considered as a potential new project for the Cameron Park Rotary Community Observatory. Screens in the center would make images from the observatory telescopes visible for large groups to view at one time. Pete talked about designing the layout to resemble a Rotary Wheel from the air. Estimated to cost approximately \$40,000 to construct, Pete envisions the proposed amphitheater as a joint project of several Rotary Clubs on the Western Slope.

PATH TO LITERACY:

Pete Oliver reports that the community project to replace the existing path that runs from Country Club Drive at the Cameron Park Library to the Camerado Springs Middle School will get underway on June 27, 2009. **Gary Reynolds** has generously volunteered to do the grading work on that day. The work will involve grading and paving the 650` path with asphalt and constructing a 50` retaining wall to ensure that the path does not get washed out again. Volunteers are going to be needed on this day, so break out your **Rotary at Work** T-shirts and let Pete know that you are willing to help. This is a high visibility path is used by hundreds of people every day that school is in session. Hopefully a large group of Rotarians will be at work on June 27.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION:

President **Iain Marshall** proudly displayed a Presidential Citation that he received at the District Conference on behalf of the club for the work it has done to improve the lives of children.

ROTARY YOUTH SERVICES SEMINAR:

Chuck Le Pere announced that a youth Services Seminar will be held on July 11, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Mountain View Montessori School in Reno. The cost is a nominal \$15. Anyone interested in working on Rotary Youth Programs, such as the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly, Interact Club or Rotary Youth Exchange should try to attend. Any questions can be directed to Chuck.

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.

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. Gary will be passing the hat this week to make sure that we have money for refreshments. Members should bring their wallets. 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.

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:

WELCOME BACK JOE:

Joe Ryan was looking good, so good that some questioned if he really had four way bypass surgery. As much as everyone was happy to see Joe, nobody was happier than Joe himself. In fact, he contributed forty happy bucks because he was happy to be anywhere. Or, was it ten dollars for each bypass? Either way, welcome back Joe.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Steve Long admits to fifty years of matrimony with **Judy** who must have been a child bride. For Steve, it was worth \$50 to brag about his good fortune. **Fritz**

Engel has two reasons to celebrate this month. Forty-four years with **Jane** who is observing another birthday, must have also been a child bride. They must have been great years as Fritz pledged fifty happy bucks.

MISCELLANEOUS HAPPY BUCKS:

The Bens, **Foult** and **Young** can't seem to find a meeting on time. Both late and both made unsuccessful efforts to negotiate to no avail, as each will pay \$10.

Back from his latest adventures, **Dave Sargent** still had money left to pay a dollar for each of his fourteen days in Ireland and another \$6 (for a total of \$20) for the private tour of Galway by Jim's nephew, **Bill Buckley**.

Chris Moore took his 4 ½ year old son to see Lion King in Sacramento and was rewarded with expressions for pure youthful joy. Chris had more fun watching his son than he did watching the show. That was worth ten happy bucks.

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 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**

July 23, 2009 - Club Assembly

July 30, 2009 - Stroke Awareness with **Nancy Ryan**

August 6, 2009 - Cameron Park Rotary Foundation meeting with **Bob Clarke** and **Mike Collum**

August 13, 2009 - Outing to Latrobe Vineyards, hosted by **Bob Clarke**

August 20, 2009 - Delta water issues with **Rob Roscoe**, Sacramento Water District

August 27, 2009 - Folsom Lake College Performing Arts Center with **Lori Rianda**

September 3, 2009 - Vocational talk with **Norm Headley** and **Tom Keating**

September 10, 2009 - Discussion with District Governor **Janice Gage**

September 17, 2009 - Hangtown Trade School presentation with **Cara Prentiss**

September 23, 2009 - Meeting at new Cameron Park Community Center lunch and tour

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

June 25, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Carla Carlson**; Greeter **Vickie Christensen**; and **Tom Keating** on the front desk.

July 2, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Ron Losel**; Greeter **Bob Dorr**; and **Sabrina Ho** on the front desk.

July 9, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Chuck Le Pere**; Greeter **Sabrina Ho**; and **Ulla Petersen** on the front desk.

The Last Word



GREAT TO SEE RUS LLOYD:

It has been a while since Rus Lloyd attended a meeting as he was recovering from a stroke. Looking no worse for the wear, Rus offered ten dollars because he is happy just to be speaking. Rus' friends are just as happy to be able to see and hear from him. A valued member of this club everyone was happy to see his return.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 14, 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.

July 21, 2009 - Joint meeting of the Boards of The Rotary Club of Cameron Park and the CP Rotary Community Foundation at noon at Bass Lake Golf Club

August 15, 2009 - Shred Day for the Endowment Fund

October 10, 2009 - **Show and Shine** at Cameron Park Airport

Mike Neal has put together a photo series of highlights of our 2009 Wine at Town Center. 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**.