



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

July 9, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. ....Cameron Park Country Club

### Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Chuck Le Pere**; Greeter **Sabrina Ho**; and **Ulla Petersen** at the desk

### Program

Program by **Janeen Rich** from California Office of Emergency Services Hazmat team

## Last Week



While working at a food bank, **Jan Voy** learned of a woman who had shelter, but no furniture, not even a bed in which her daughter could sleep. She and her husband **Peter** also knew of more fortunate people who had quality furniture that they no longer needed and would welcome a way to put it to good use. Putting these contrasting circumstances together, **Furniture for Families (FFF)** was founded by Jan and Peter in May 2001. Their mission is to provide children and families with beds to sleep on, a table to eat and study at, and perhaps a dresser to put their things in. Both Peter and Jan were on hand last week to report on the activities of this Folsom based non-profit organization.

FFF is a local, nonprofit, all volunteer furniture bank.

They solicit good, serviceable used furniture, store it in their Rancho Cordova warehouse, and distribute it (free of charge) to qualified clients who are referred by caseworkers from social service agencies familiar with the specific needs of the clients. The goal of FFF is to redistribute safe, clean, functional furniture in a professional, dignified manner, to those truly in need. For these reasons, potential clients come to the warehouse only by appointment. Accompanied by a case worker and FFF volunteer, they then select furniture to fill their specific needs.

Quoting Bill Gates, Peter talked about "Reversing the Flow" or giving back to the community after a successful career. He found that giving his time to his cause has been contagious as friends have heard what he was doing and became committed volunteers themselves. The best part has been watching less fortunate people benefit from this program. Peter talked about the impact on a blind woman who received the first new sofa that she ever owned. He expressed particular satisfaction working with **Alta California Regional Center** to help developmentally disabled adults with independent living. In eight years, they have given away over 15,000 pieces of furniture to more than 1,500 families. All of this would not be possible without the considerable efforts of the volunteers and support from many groups and companies. Specifically, he named the **Ronald McDonald House** and **Pacific Coast Building Products** for cribs, and **Sleep Train** for donating hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of mattresses. **Umpquah Bank** has been a key supporter.

FFF arranges to pick up donated furniture from Rancho Cordova, Folsom and El Dorado Hills. They found that it is not cost effective to pick up donations outside of that area. They seek only furniture in good working condition and have a list of what they can and cannot accept on their web site. Anyone interested in making a donation can call (916) 635-0664 or visit their web site at: <http://www.furnitureforfamilies.org/>

## Presidents Corner



### **NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW:**

Past President **Iain Marshall** had the honor of presenting a Paul Harris Award to **Sabrina Ho**. Sabrina, along with the eleven other members who achieved Paul Harris Awards during Iain's term in office, is invited to attend a party honoring them at Iain and **Sally Marshall's** house on July 17.

### **PE ANNE ECKERT PRESIDES:**

This was the first meeting under new President **Bill Gallant** who was nowhere to be seen. Filling in for Bill, President Elect, **Anne Eckert** explained that Bill was in Barcelona following his attendance at the RI convention in England.

PE Anne announced that **Maryann Knobloch**, mother of our outbound Rotary Exchange Student **Lizzie Knobloch**, sent a thank you note for being the club's guests last month. Maryann also invited all members to attend a passport party on July 25, 2009 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. to wish Lizzie farewell before she goes off to Brazil. Contact Anne for the location.

### **ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION AND THANKS:**

Among his last official acts as President, **Iain Marshall** made presentations to two key individuals who were instrumental to his success. Iain gave a token of appreciation to **Anne Eckert** for her service on his Board of Directors.

The club web site with all of its extraordinary pictures wouldn't be possible without the talents of web master and photographer extraordinaire **Mike Neal**. Iain made a special presentation to Mike for his contributions to the club.

### **SUGARLOAF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Bob Edwards** announced that a total of 18 volunteers are needed from the three Western Slope Rotary Clubs to help setup the Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp on July 11, 2009. In the past, Sugarloaf has paid for this work and the donation of labor by Rotary Clubs means that they will be able to afford up to eight additional scholarships for young people to attend. Recently inducted members, **Irina Green** and **Rick Spicer** showed that they have the Rotary spirit by volunteering for this worthwhile effort. Additional volunteers are urgently needed. Anyone who can help out is asked to contact Bob.

### **SHRED DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

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. Twelve volunteers will be needed on that day to each put in a two hour shift. Please contact **Mike Collom** to sign up.

### **PATH TO LITERACY:**

Nine volunteer Rotarians did a professional job last week of grading the path from Camerado Springs Middle School to the Cameron Park Library. More volunteers will be needed in coming weeks to finish the job. The paving work will go out to bid and the path must be completed before school resumes in mid August. To see the great work that volunteers are doing on this path, be sure to click the **Path to Literacy Project** link below.

### **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.

### **ROTARY GOES TO THE BALL GAME:**

**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.

### Noted Rotarians



#### HAPPY BUCKS:

**Anne Eckert** was gone last week to camp, hike and celebrate her wedding anniversary with husband **George**. For all that, Anne had twenty very happy bucks.

**Bob Edwards** was delighted that **Rick Spicer** and **Irina Green** were so quick to respond to his appeal for volunteers to help setup the Sugarloaf Fine Arts Camp and he offered ten happy bucks to prove it.

Due to his travels, **Dave Tavernetti** didn't get the special recognition that past President Iain lavished on members celebrating an anniversary. That didn't stop Dave from contributing forty-five happy bucks to tell the

world how lucky his is to be married to **Suzanne**. Congratulations to Dave and Suzanne and thanks for your generosity.

**Art Cort** is a Bell Ringer, exempt from fines, but he still wanted to contribute eight happy bucks for wife **Helen's** significant birthday. So significant, that their son gave her a recent model Mercedes convertible.

**Dave Bunje** didn't even try to sneak in late. It wouldn't have done him any good with "Eagle Eye" Anne Eckert presiding. Better just to offer five dollars, which he did.

### Birthdays in July

**Fritz Engel**

**Pete Oliver**

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**Cheryl Baugh**

**Janet Bunje**

**Dianne Ettlich**

**Linda Pohl**

**Chris Sanders**

### Anniversaries in July

**Bob & Sara Edwards**

**Chris & Alice Moore**

**Brian & Stephanie Silverthorn**

**Ben & Lacey Young**

### Upcoming Calendar

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

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

July 16, 2009 - Words of Wisdom by **Bob Dorr**; Greeter **Art Cort**; and **Shiva Frentzen** on the front desk.

July 23, 2009 - Words of Wisdom by **Bob Clarke**; Greeter **Carla Carlson**; and **Dave Tavernetti** on the front desk.

July 30, 2009 - Words of Wisdom by **Vickie Christensen**; Greeter **Dave Tavernetti** ; and **Shiva Frentzen** on the front desk.

August 6, 2009 - Words of Wisdom by **Steve Long**; Greeter **Eric Pohl** ; and **Sabrina Ho** on the front desk.

August 13, 2009 - Words of Wisdom by **Art Cort**; Greeter **Ulla Petersen** ; and **Tom Keating** on the front desk.

### The Last Word



#### 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 16, 2009 - Meeting of Show and Shine Committee immediately after regular weekly meeting.

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 9, 2009 - Rotary International night at the River Cats ball game.

August 15, 2009 - Shred Day for the Endowment Fund

September 12, 2009 - Debunk outgoing President **Iain Marshall**

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**.