



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

July 24, 2008 at 12:15p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Mike Collom**; Greeter **Bob Dorr**; and **Tom Keating** on the fornt desk

Program

Ron Nieme - The current situation in Iraq

Last Week



Debbie Betts, Equity Loan Officer for Bank of America specializing in Reverse Mortgages, gave a most informative and interesting presentation on reverse mortgages and who should and who should not consider them. A reverse mortgage loan is designed to supplement retirement income by converting a portion of home equity into tax-free income. The borrower has the choice of receiving the fund as a lump sum, in monthly installments, as a line of credit or a combination of the other options. Borrowers make no reverse mortgage repayments as long they reside in the property and meet the conditions of the mortgage. The borrower has unlimited discretion to use the proceeds of the loan. Perhaps the biggest benefit claimed for a reverse mortgage is the ability to enjoy financial security and

maintain independence—all while staying in your home.

Who is Qualifies for a Reverse Mortgage?

All borrowers must be at least 62 years of age and must be title holders of the property. The existing mortgage must be paid off (may be paid from proceeds of the reverse mortgage). The property must be a single family home or condo (a mobile home does not qualify for a reverse mortgage). Eligibility is not based on a person's income or credit.

A reverse mortgage is not right for anyone considering a move within a few years, or who wants to leave their home to their heirs who cannot or will not pay back the loan with other funds or financing. Proceeds should not be used for funds to invest.

How much can you get?

The reverse mortgage loan amount you may receive is generally based on your age(s) as the borrower (s), the appraised value of your home, and current interest rates. Generally, the more valuable your home and the older you are, the more you can borrow. The amount may not exceed the FHA loan maximum of \$362,790.

How is the reverse mortgage repaid?

A reverse mortgage is an adjustable rate loan and the borrow may choose whether the rate is to adjust monthly or annually. No payments are required until the loan matures or becomes due. When the loan is due, a person never owes more than the value of the home at that time. If the value of the home exceeds the loan repayment amount, the borrower (or estate) retains the difference, minus

commissions and selling expenses. If the home is worth less than the amount due, the person owes only the amount equal to the value of the property.

Loan maturity and repayment

There are some circumstances that will cause the loan to mature and the balance to become due and payable.

The most common are:

- The last remaining borrower sells the home
- The last remaining borrower passes away
- The borrower fails to live in the home for more than 12 consecutive months

Other circumstances that may cause the loan to become due include:

- The borrower transfers the title to another person or entity
- The borrower fails to pay property taxes
- The borrower fails to maintain and/or repair the home
- The borrower fails to keep the home insured

Debbie described the application process as simple and easy for most people. There is a counseling step to assure that borrowers fully understand the terms and implications of a reverse mortgage. As with any other mortgage, there are substantial fees involved and those fees may be paid from the proceeds of the reverse mortgage. Finally, Debbie advises that individuals taking out a reverse mortgage should place their property in a trust and make sure that their heirs are given a power of attorney.

This summary is not meant to be comprehensive. Anyone with questions is welcome to call Debbie . Additionally, there is considerable information available on the Bank of America Reverse Mortgage web site at: <http://reversemortgage.bankofamerica.com/>

Presidents Corner



COASTAL CLEANUP DAY:

The Rotary Club of Cameron Park, along with the other clubs in our area will be actively involved in the national Coastal Cleanup Day on September 20, 2008. Five volunteers are needed to join others to clean up Folsom Lake, the South Fork of the American River and Hangtown Creek. **Bill Gallant** is organizing the effort for this club and has recruited the clubs from Georgetown, Placerville and Pollock Pines to participate. **Billy V** has volunteered to enlist participation from the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills.

SHOW AND SHINE:

The annual "Fly-in" auto and air show is also on September 20, 2008. The Rotary Club of Cameron Park

has agreed to partner with the long time sponsor of this event, the Soroptimist International of Cameron Park. A great event with lots of visibility for both clubs. New this year will be music presented by our own **Pete Oliver**. Assignments for members will be forthcoming from **President Iain Marshall**.

CHAMBER MIXER:

Shingle Springs/Cameron Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, **Carolyn Doty** announced that the Chamber's monthly mixer will take place at the Red Bud Café this Thursday, July 24, 2008, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. Remember, the Rotary Club of Cameron Park is a member of the Chamber and all members are welcome at the monthly mixers.

CONDOLENCES TO VAN DOSSEY:

With sadness, President **Iain Marshall** reported that **Van Dossey's** mother has passed away. Van is in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS

A red faced President **Iain Marshall** had to acknowledge that his announcement of **Shiva Frentzen** as the club representative for the **Cameron Park Pool Fund** was in error. After consultation with **Jana Ellerman** it was learned that **Vickie Christensen-McLain** is serving that role. Mistakes come with a price and for President Iain, that will be \$10.

It was nice to see **Dave Sargent** for the first time in recent weeks. Back from travels to Peru that included the

Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu, Dave and Carol also ran into **Michael Jordan** along the way. This eventful trip generated fifteen happy bucks; five for the sights, five for a happy return home and five because Jordan remembered Carol, one of his staunchest fans.

Terry Wilson has not been getting protection from the sun since his hat disappeared. It somehow ended up in President Iain's hands and cost a chagrined Terry \$5 to get it back.

You can't say that **Billy V** is a bad uncle. He traveled all the way to Texas to spend time with his nephew, a serviceman about to be posted in Iraq. BV offered up \$5 and prayers for his nephew's safe return.

A tanned **Ben Foulk** just returned from swimming with turtles and dolphins in Maui. He paid \$10 to gloat about the experience.

Much buzz about the debunking of past president **Gary Reynolds**. **Dee Russo** thought it was so much fun that it was like the "good old days." **Darol Rasmussen's** ranch was a perfect venue with enough room for Gary to finally come out of the closet (see link to photos below). Easily worth five Happy Bucks from Dee.

Retirement brings too many obligations for **Gary Gall**. Why else would he be so late for the meeting that it cost him ten Happy Bucks?

Birthdays in July

Fritz Engel

Pete Oliver

-----Spouses-----

Cheryl Baugh

Janet Bunje

Michael Davis

Dianne Ettlich

Linda Pohl

Chris Sanders

Anniversaries in July

Bob & Sara Edwards

Chris & Alice Moore

Brian & Stephanie Silverthorn

Ben & Lacey Young

Upcoming Calendar

July 24, 2008 - **Ron Nieme** - The current situation in Iraq

July 31, 2008 - **David Greenwood** - Hypnotherapy

August 7, 2008 - **Bob Clarke** - The Cameron Park Rotary Community Foundation annual meeting.

August 14, 2008 – **Shannon Guzzo** - Travelogue to Antarctica
August 21, 2008 – Annual meeting at **Bob Clarke's** Latrobe Vineyard (Speaker TBA)
August 28, 2008 - **Mike Neal** - Vocational Service
September 4, 2008 - Sacramento River Cats Rally
September 11, 2008 - Patriots Day with **Maj. Ken Ashworth** from the California Military Museum
September 18, 2008 - **Kyleen Cornell** - Boys & Girls Club of El Dorado County Western Slope
September 25, 2008 - **Tammy Mefford** with Cameron Park Community Service District on exciting progress with new Community Center (at Faith Episcopal Church)

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

July 24, 2008 – Words of Wisdom by **Mike Collom** after a greeting from **Bob Dorr** with **Tom Keating** on the front desk
July 31, 2008 – Words of Wisdom by **Vickie Christensen-McLain** after a greeting from **Bill Gallant** with **Fritz Engel** on the front desk

The Last Word



Dinner at the Cameron Park Country Club

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 12, 2008 - Monthly Board Meeting at Kobe's Restaurant in Burke's Junction at noon.

September 20, 2008 - Coastal Cleanup Day

September 20, 2008 - **Show and Shine** annual ``Fly in`` Airplane and Auto Show at Cameron Park Air Park

November 13, 2008 - Annual Area Rotary Foundation

Gear Up is written by **Jim Buckley** and **Art Cort**. Photography and artwork through the talents of **Mike Neal**.