



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

August 27, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: ; Greeter ; and at the desk

Program

Former Congressman **Norman Shumway** and his wife **Luana** will be speak on ``There IS a life after Congress (besides being a lobbyist).`` AND Folsom Lake College Performing Arts Center with **Lori Rianda**

Last Week



Cameron Park Rotarian **Mike Dugan** saw a need to help unemployed people in El Dorado County and he did something about it. While unemployment is reported to be 11.5%, Mike knew that the situation was even worse because of people dropping out of the labor market and others who are underemployed. Noting that four major employers in the county have shed over 1,500 jobs in 2009 alone, Mike estimates that the actual unemployment rate is in excess of 20%. With cutbacks in State funding, there are fewer services for people who need help to find work. Responding to the needs of these people for assistance, Mike came up with the idea of combining resources from three Rotary Clubs and work with churches in the area to present the **Job Seekers** program. After getting a commitment of \$1,000 from the

Rotary Club of Cameron Park, Mike secured a similar contribution from the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills and \$1,500 from the Rotary Club of Placerville. The program is now hosted by the Green Valley Community Church.

Job Seekers presents an eight session training program to build job seeking skills, meeting on Mondays for three hours beginning at 6:00 p.m.. On the first evening, participants are assigned a coach who will work with them over the course of the program. The first series of workshops with 45 participants was completed on August 17, 2009. Twenty-seven volunteer coaches were on hand to assure support for everyone in the program. During the course of the eight weeks, five participants managed to find employment. Mike emphasized, "We can't give them jobs, but we can give them hope and the skills to find work."

The next series of workshops will begin on Monday, September 14, 2009. There is a charge of \$35 which does not cover the full cost of the workshops. Participants will end up with a binder containing over 200 pages of valuable information for someone seeking a job. Similar workshops offered by for profit organizations would cost thousands of dollars. Anyone looking for a job can sign up and need not be a resident of the County. The program will be helpful to anyone looking for work, ranging from those seeking entry level positions to individuals with extensive experiences and/or education. For more information, contact Mike at (916) 873-7860 or call **Cindi Ehrogott**, Green Valley Community

Church Life Skills Director at (530) 622-3231.

Presidents Corner



PATH TO LITERACY:

Pete Oliver announced that work on the path between Camerado Springs Middle School and the Cameron Park Library is complete. The project began under **Iain Marshall's** term as President of the club and Pete wanted to make sure that Iain was given proper recognition for getting the project underway. Combining an angle with a gold colored rock taken from the site, Pete constructed a plaque to commemorate Iain's leadership for the project. All members were invited to sign the plaque and Iain now has a memorable keepsake.

ROTARY FOUNDATION AREA DINNER:

The annual area dinner for the Rotary Foundation will take place on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at the Sequoia Restaurant in Placerville. Keynote speaker **Jean Irwin** is known for giving inspirational talks and promises to make the evening a night to remember. Cameron Park Rotarians will get an opportunity to hear her at the regular meeting on October 1, 2009, when she comes to talk about the Rotary goal for literacy. The Foundation dinner at the Sequoia is a reasonable \$25 per person.

EVENING IN THE ORCHARD:

The **Rotary Club of Pollock Pines-Camino** will hold their major fund raising effort of the year, "Evening in the Orchard" on September 16, 2009, at Rainbow Orchards in Camino. For \$40 a person, there will be a tri-tip dinner, music and raffles. All proceeds will go to buying dictionaries for third grade students and other special programs for the schools in the Pollock Pines-Camino area. The Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary has been very supportive of Cameron Park and they deserve support from us. A good showing from Cameron Park Rotary would be a good way of showing our appreciation.

LOBSTER ON THE RIVER:

The **Rotary Club of Placerville** will be presenting their big fund raising event for the summer on September 19, 2009. This event is another way to have lots of fun while having a good time. Mark your calendars.

CAMERON PARK ROTARY COMMUNITY OBSERVATORY:

Bob Edwards reports that our observatory gang is having a stargazing party at the Girard Vineyard on Friday, September 18, 2009, to raise money for equipment and maintenance at the Cameron Park Rotary Community Observatory. Telescopes will be provided at no charge, but donations will be accepted.

The Office of Education is hosting a docent recognition night on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, and Bob would love to have Rotarians accompany him. It will be a good opportunity to see our army of dedicated volunteer docents.

VISIONING:

The planning sessions led by **Ane Deister** have been consolidated and postponed until October 8, 2009. With participation from representatives from Rotary District 5190, goals and objectives for the club will be established for coming years. This day will be important to the future of the club and the change of dates is intended to assure maximum participation from the membership. Mark your calendar and plan to be there.

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS:

Board members work hard to keep the club on course and deserve recognition, but at a price. Secretary **Debra Miller** presented pins of office to each of the Board members and all agreed that it was worth \$10. All except **Pete Oliver, Iain Marshall** and President **Bill Gallant**. Pete decided that his pin was worth twenty happy bucks. As past President,

Iain felt that his badge was worth \$25. Recalling that he had \$100 extracted from his wallet last year, Iain persuaded President Bill to match him with \$100 for his pin.

Chuck Le Pere reports that Ambassadorial Scholar **Andrea Ford** arrived in Ghana, is settled in, matriculated at the University and made contact with a Rotary Club there. Chuck is so impressed with Andrea that he contributed ten happy bucks.

Dave Crofut missed the Shred Day because he was at a 20 year high school reunion in Oregon. To compensate for all the hard work that he missed, Dave came up with thirty happy bucks. Also missing the Shred Day work, **Max Callaghan** blamed his helpers for making him late and he compensated with twenty-five not so happy bucks.

Gary Reynolds was looking good in an old Rotary shirt and he had five happy bucks because it still fits. **Steve Long** was happy to see former Cameron Park Rotarian **Kent McNair** and showed it with five happy bucks.

Ten happy bucks came from **Bill Ettlich** who went to San Diego to help his daughter-in-law get settled there. Bill wasn't happy that his son was away on training and unable to help.

Bob Clarke made everyone happy by hosting the meeting the previous week at his vineyard in Latrobe. Bob and **Joanne** were so happy with the good turn out that he offered ten happy bucks. **Mike Neal** paid twenty happy bucks to wish wife **Trudy** a happy birthday.

Birthdays in August

Max Callaghan

Chris Moore

Gary Reynolds

-----Spouses-----

Barbara Lloyd

Sally Marshall

Alice Moore

Trudy Neal

Lacey Young

Anniversaries in August

Doug & Dottie Bisbee

Carla & Frank Carlson

Bill & Dianne Ettlich

Dennis & Michelle Hamilton

Iain & Sally Marshall

Gary & Robin Reynolds

Upcoming Calendar

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September 3, 2009 - Presentation from First Tee Organization by **Tom Keyes**

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

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

September 24, 2009 - Meeting at new Cameron Park Community Center lunch and tour

October 1, 2009 - **Jean Irwin** will speak on one of Rotary goals: Literacy in District 5190

October 8, 2009 - **Dave Bunje** will speak on his African trip with Compassion International

October 15, 2009- **Rob Roscoe** with Sacramento Water District will speak on water challenges in the Delta

October 22, 2009 - **Vicki Barber, Ed.D**, Superintendent of the El Dorado County Office of Education will speak on education issues facing our county.

October 29, 2009 - **Ane Deister** will relate her recent life changing experiences in Honduras. Note: this meeting will be held at Faith Episcopal Church in Cameron Park

November 5, 2009 - **Dave Bunje** will give an update on the Rotary Foundation

November 12, 2009 - Annual Rotary Foundation dinner 11/12 Rotary Foundation DINNER at Sequoia Restaurant in Placerville at 6:00 p.m. **Jean Irwin** speaking.

November 19, 2009 - **Bob Edwards** will discuss the Sugarloaf Arts and Music program

November 26, 2009 - No meeting this week. Happy Thanksgiving

December 3, 2009 - Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction

December 10, 2009 - TBA

December 17, 2009 - TBA

December 24, 2009 - No meeting this week. Merry Christmas

December 31, 2009 - No meeting this week. Happy New Year

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

The Last Word



CARLA GETS HER BLUE BADGE:

No longer a new member, **Carla Carlson** was presented her blue membership badge. **Ron Losel** proudly paid \$25 for the privilege of presenting Carla with her new badge. Carla was grateful for the badge and happy about her upcoming anniversary with **Frank** and she contributed \$30.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 10, 2009 - Monthly Board Meeting at the Cameron Park Country Club at 10:00 a.m. with District Governor **Janice Gage**. All members are welcome.

September 12, 2009 - Debunk outgoing President **Iain Marshall** at **Ulla Petersen`s** house in Shingle Springs. Cocktails at 3:00 p.m., Debunking at 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:00 p.m.

September 16, 2009 - Fireside Chat at **Bob Clarke`s** home in Latrobe from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 8, 2009 - Visioning session to determine future direction of the club.

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

November 12, 2009 - Annual Area Foundation Dinner

Mike Neal has put together a photo series of highlights the Path to Literacy project and Shred Day project. The link is at the bottom of this web page and was last updated on 08/15/2009 when the paving was completed.

Gear Up is written by **Jim Buckley** and **Art Cort**. Web site, photography, and artwork through the talents of **Mike Neal**.