



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

September 10, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Chuck LePere**; Greeter **Dave Crofut**; and **Eric Pohl** at the desk

Program

District Governor Janice Gage will honor us with her presence.

Last Week



What better place to address the Cameron Park Rotary Club about the charitable organization The First Tee than our own Cameron Park Country Club?! Guest speaker **Tom Kees**, Golf Director and General Manager at the William Land Park Golf Course in Sacramento, provided insightful information on this 12 year old now-international organization which is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation and uses the essential elements of golf to instill 9 core values in children between the ages of 5 and 18.

Tom cited the Sacramento First Tee chapter's standing as one of the three oldest chapters and also observed that by the time a chapter is about three years old, it must raise 100% of its funding through its own efforts. Tom

lamented that over the past two years the Sacramento chapter of The First Tee has lost \$250,000 in funding. Later this month the Sacramento chapter will hold a major two-day fundraiser "The Golf and Grapes Gathering" on September 27 and 28. There will be a food and wine pairing event with a wine auction on Sunday the 27th at El Dorado Hills Town Center attended by Morgan Norman, daughter of golfing great Greg Norman. On Monday the 28th, a golf tournament will be held at the Rancho Murieta Country Club. Tickets which cover both days activities are \$160 per person and include two tickets to the Sunday night event in EDH, and golf, lunch and dinner at Rancho Murieta on Monday. Tickets for just the Sunday night event are \$40 per person, or \$300 for a block of 10 tickets.

Tom also graciously donated \$20 Happy Bucks to the club, which was given to Debbie Miller for Polio Plus.

Presidents Corner



SHOW & SHINE:

Past-President Iain Marshall announced planning for the Show & Shine in October is coming along well. The Ponderosa High School Marching Band has confirmed their attendance and it appears the military will be represented by static displays of a Black Hawk helicopter and a "Hum-vee" (HMMWV). Iain advised the possibility of a fly-over by an F-16 is still being negotiated. Shingle Springs Honda will have a vendor booth and Thompson's Automotive Group is donating the use of one of their vans for shuttle service. Iain also asked for available E-Z ups to help cover the pancake breakfast crowd. Ben

Young added that at least one gas grill for cooking the pancake breakfast has been located with two or three other possibilities being researched.

POLIO PLUS:

During last week's meeting, starting with guest speaker Tom Kees' donation of \$20 Happy Bucks, Debbie Miller was able to raise \$100 for Polio Plus for which the donors got a purple pinky. Great job Cameron Park Rotarians and many thanks to Tom Kees!

DEBUNKING OF PAST-PRESIDENT IAIN:

Gary Reynolds passed around the sign-up sheet for Past-President Iain's Debunking Party being held Saturday, September 12th at Ulla Petersen's home south of Shingle Springs. Although only 12 names were listed, more are expected to attend. Those who are planning to attend but have not signed up should contact Gary ASAP and provide their information, including what side-dish they will be bringing. Time is running out, so don't wait to be part of this sure-to-be hysterical, oops, historical event!

LOBSTER ON THE RIVER:

Debbie Miller auctioned off one ticket for the Placerville Rotary's "Lobster on the River" event, with the caveat that the winner would be provided transportation to and from the event by our own President Bill. Mike Collom, at \$50, out-bid all comers for the privilege of having "The Prez" as his personal chauffeur for the evening. Well done, Mike!

NEW INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CHAIR:

President Bill announced that, due to the resignation of Brian Silverthorn from Rotary, **Vickie Christensen-McLain** will be taking over the responsibilities of International Service Chair for our club. In addition, Vickie is also participating again this year in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life", to be held at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, September 12 & 13.

UPCOMING FIRESIDE CHAT:

Dave Crofut announced an upcoming Fireside Chat at the home of **Bob Clarke** on September 16th from 6 to 8 PM.

VISIT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR JANICE GAGE:

DG Janice Gage will be attending the September 10th Board Meeting followed by our regular meeting and is also reportedly a golfer. President Bill solicited anyone who might be interested in playing golf with DG Gage while she's here. We DO meet at a country club!

CHRISTMAS PARTY & AUCTION:

Dave Sargent announced the Christmas Party Committee has finally set Thursday December 10th as the confirmed date for the annual Christmas Party and Auction.

CP ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR ANDREA FORD:

Chuck LePere provided the mailing address for Andrea Ford, our Ambassadorial Scholar to Ghana. Chuck commented that this is a \$25,000 scholarship. Andrea's mailing address is: Andrea Ford; c/o International Programs Office; University of Ghana; P.O. Box LG 586; Legion GH and her email address is alillyf@gmail.com.

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.

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.

DESSERT! :

Ane Deister was commended for the exceptional brownies she prepared and served for dessert after lunch. After tasting her incredible confection, it's easy to believe there were only a few crumbs left of two full pans of brownies. Thanks, Ane!

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS:

Even though he was the primary "target" of Fish & Chips Day, **Past President Iain** was happy to the tune of \$25 to have missed his helping of Fish & Chips because he was instead celebrating his wedding anniversary and his bride's birthday.

Mike Dugan felt that the great write-up the Cameron Park Rotary Club received in this month's "Style" magazine due to Carla Carlson's efforts was worth \$10 of happiness.

Bob Clarke and Joanne celebrated both a record grape harvest for recent years as well as his niece's wedding in Ft. Collins, CO, this past weekend with 10 Happy Bucks.

Who would have guessed that a successful long-running marriage would be worth 50 Happy Bucks? **Dave Sargent** feels his 41-year marriage to lovely wife **Carol** is worth more than that, but since Treasurer Coy had just handed out the bi-monthly bills, that's all Dave could afford at the moment.

A wonderful and relaxing two-week trip to Canada was worth 14 Happy Bucks for **Dave Tavernetti**.

While Story-Teller-In-Residence **Ron Losel** came through with two stories on the tip of his tongue when asked by President Bill, unfortunately, Ron also managed to involuntarily contribute \$10 in gender-neutral not-so-Happy Bucks for potentially maligning any females present due to such phrases in the stories as "...bags are loaded...." and "...two lanes or four ..." (you had to be there to appreciate it).

While trying to ascertain who would be interested in playing golf with visiting District Governor Janet Gage after the next meeting, **President Bill** ended up fining himself 5 not-so-Happy Bucks for not being able to count. His Excellency also commented that if he failed in future meeting openings to include our allies and non-military personnel who are in harm's way protecting our freedoms during

the moment of silence, he will have himself fined for 10 not-so-Happy Bucks for each violation.

Birthdays in September

David Bunje

Dennis Hamilton

Sabrina Ho

-----Spouses-----

Howell Ellerman

Dale Christiansen Russo

Heidi Wilson

Anniversaries in September

Dave & Gina Crofut

Bob & Barbara Dorr

Dave & Carol Sargent

Upcoming Calendar

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 - Assemblywoman **Alyson Huber**, 10th Assembly District

December 10, 2009 - Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction

December 17, 2009 - A program you do not want to miss. The **Ponderosa High School Choir**

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

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

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

September 10, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Chuck LePere**; Greeter **Dave Crofut**; and **Eric Pohl** at the front desk.

September 17, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Mike Dugan**, Greeter **Ulla Petersen**, and **Dave Tavernetti** at the front desk

September 24, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Vickie Christensen**, Greeter **Gary Reynolds**, and **Carla Carlson** at the front desk

The Last Word



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 off South Shingle Road. To find Ulla`s hideaway take South Shingle Rd. south 6.5 miles from Shingle Springs to Heffren Drive which is just past a horse barn on the right. Turn right and go by a cemetery on your left and to a gate which should be open. Continue on and turn left at Dodson from which location you will drive to Bryant and turn right. When you reach 5412 Bryant and a riding arena you have reached your goal. 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 near Latrobe from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It`s the second driveway on the left past the vineyard driveway.

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 Hogan will start the next series of workshops 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.

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**, **Art Cort** and **Rick Spicer**. Web site, photography, and artwork through the talents of **Mike Neal**.