



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

**September 17, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. ....Cameron Park Country Club**

### Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Mike Dugan**; Greeter **Ulla Petersen**; and **Dave Tavernetti** at the desk

### Program

Hangtown Trade School presentation with **Cara Prentiss**

## Last Week



**District 5190 Governor Janice Gage** was introduced by Area 6 Assistant Governor, Doyle Patrick. Governor Gage has impressive credentials, both as a Rotarian and personally. She joined the Auburn Rotary Club in 1997. Janice was elected as Auburn Rotary's first woman President in 2003. She was District Conference Chair in 2005, Area 5 Assistant Governor from 2005-2007 and District 5190 Paul Harris Society Chair from 2006-2008. She has traveled extensively to Mexico on Rotary projects which include assembling surgical kits for a dental project in Ensenada and building a block security wall at an orphanage in Buena Vista. Janice received the Four Avenues of Service Award in 2006 and District 5190 Foundation Service Award in 2007. She is a charter member of the District 5190 Paul Harris Society, a

multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society.

Personally, Janice also does extensive volunteer service for the Auburn community, including serving as a Juvenile Justice Commissioner and Vice Chair on the Placer County Child Advocates Board of Directors in order to be a "voice" for children who are victims of neglect and abuse. She resides in Loomis and is proud of her three sons, two daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

In addressing Rotary International's direction for the current year, Governor Gage observed that the theme "**The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands**" means the power of sustaining Rotary and moving it forward is literally in the hands of its members, especially in these hard economic times. The two biggest challenges for Rotary now are membership and funding. Regarding membership, Janice commented that due to the current economic situation, more people are focusing on their businesses and their families. She stated the clubs who are "doing it right" are the clubs which are providing a venue for fun, fellowship and productivity. From an economic standpoint, the Rotary Foundation is holding its own and has realized no real losses.

With those comments as a foundation, Governor Gage commented that the Cameron Park Rotary Club is fulfilling its Rotary responsibilities with great enthusiasm. She specifically cited the success of our club's fundraising efforts, as well as our numerous projects, including the Path to Literacy, the observatory, the Philippine Boat Project and our club's support of the Job-Seeker Program. She summed up her acknowledgement of the Cameron Park Rotary Club's efforts by saying "Thanks for what you are doing and just keep doing it! You are a great role model for the community and for our youth!"

Governor Gage's closing observation about the Cameron Park Rotary Club was "Keep on doing what

you're doing, because you're doing it right!"

## Presidents Corner



### MYSTERY ROTARIAN:

Even with the clues given by President Bill to date – “linguist”, “polyglot”, “several skiing accidents”, no one had yet guessed the Mystery Rotarian. President Bill provided an

additional clue – “the classification is Banking and Lending” – and at that point the Mystery Rotarian was identified as Anne Eckert. Who will President Bill’s next masked marauder be?!

### CHRISTMAS PARTY & AUCTION:

Dave Sargent confirmed the correct date for the Christmas Party and Auction as being on December 10th. He also requested the membership start collecting items for the auctions.

### EL DORADO COUNTY FOOD BANK “FOOD BLITZ”:

Fritz Engel advised he was contact by Mike Sproul who has asked for Rotary Club help with a “Food Blitz” campaign to be held at many local grocery stores on Sunday, September 20th. Bins will be set up at area stores and the food placed in them will need to be picked up throughout the day and delivered to the food bank. Fritz is looking for Rotarian support between 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM on the 20th to help pick up the food.

### 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.

**PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL FFA BENEFIT CONCERT:**

PHS Principal and CP Rotarian Chris Moore sent an email to all club members on Thursday morning the 10th and Shiva Frentzen followed up with an announcement at the meeting regarding a benefit concert to be held on Saturday, September 19th from 7:30 to 10:00 PM, admission is a \$20 donation, with the proceeds supporting the PHS chapter of Future Farmers of America.

**TOUR OF THE NIGHT SKY:**

Bob Edwards announced that a fundraiser to support the Community Observatory will be held Friday evening, September 18th from 7:00 to 9:30 PM at the David Girard Vineyards. Participants can view the night sky with able direction and assistance from the observatory's docents, purchase wine and any and all donations will be gladly accepted. Bob noted that during a recent docent meeting, it was announced that in 2008 the observatory had hosted 4,400 visitors and to-date this year, the observatory has had 3,800 visitors – so we expect to exceed last year's numbers. He also advised the docents and visitors are all excited about the possibility of the proposed amphitheater addition to the observatory.

#### EVENING IN THE ORCHARD:

Bob Edwards also announced that the Camino-Pollock Pines Rotary Club's "Evening in the Orchard" fundraiser will be held in Rainbow Orchard on Wednesday evening, September 16th. Bob advised the proceeds will go toward purchasing dictionaries for each third grade student. President Bill has asked that our membership enthusiastically support this event, as C-PP is a small club and needs as much support as they can muster.

#### 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.

**District Governor Gage** presented two awards to club members and made one final observation about our club. The first award, "**The Quiet Rotarian Award**", was presented to a club member who is shy, unassuming, quiet, but always there. This year's award was given to **Vickie Christensen-McLain**, who has more than earned the award and has lived up to the award's requirement for making "a lasting contribution". Congratulations, Vickie, not only for receiving the award, but for being Cameron Park Rotary's first female member to be awarded this honor!

The other award was a special discretionary award which **District Governor Janice** has described as the "**Above and Beyond Award**". Last year, while caring for her ailing mother, she needed to put together a directory for the entire district and was ably directed and assisted in this monumental endeavor by none other than our own **Mike Neal**. The pin Mike was presented with is the likeness of a person holding a cloud. Well done, Mike!

#### Noted Rotarians



#### FIRESIDE CHAT:

**Dave Crofut** announced the upcoming **FIRESIDE CHAT** which will be held on Wednesday evening, September 16th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at **Bob Clarke's** residence. A light dinner will be

served at 6, followed by drinks and discussion. Dave reminded members that this is a mandatory event for those who have not attended a previous **FIRESIDE**.

#### SHOW & SHINE:

**Mike Collum** observed that the October 10th Show & Shine is a major event and will require the efforts of as many CP Rotarians as possible. He asked that members sign up for either 2 or 4-hour shifts on that date.

DISTRICT 5190 FELLOWSHIP CAMPOUT:

**Larry Shuler** announced the upcoming District 5190 Fellowship Campout, being held September 25 – 27 near Portola. There will be a pancake breakfast, barbeque and fun for all. Reservations are required and the event and locale are pet friendly.

PHILIPPINE BOAT PROJECT:

**Bob Dorr** advised that while traveling to various District Clubs to give presentations on the Philippine Boat Project, the Auburn Daybreak Rotary Club recently provided a \$1,000 check to support the project. Way to go, Auburn, and thanks !!!

**Club President Bill Gallant** made the following announcements:

The Visioning Meeting originally planned for October 8th has been postponed temporarily and a new date will be announced when plans are confirmed;

The Prez also announced that Saturday September 27th is Founder's Day in Georgetown and the Georgetown Divide Rotary Club is heavily involved in this effort. Bill encouraged our membership to attend and support the Georgetown club;

**Joe Ryan** has taken responsibility of overseeing the club's insurance needs and issues;

And **Anne Eckert** is heading up the club's efforts for the next "**Rotarians at Work Day**", April 24th, 2010.

HAPPY (AND NOT-SO-HAPPY) BUCKS :

**Dennis Hamilton** hasn't worn his Rotary Club badge since his car was stolen with the badge in it 10 years ago. This, of course, begs the question "Dennis, why was your badge in your car?" So, to get club administration off his back about the issue and to bury it forever, Dennis was thrilled to give \$50 in questionable-Happy Bucks.

Trying to "one up" Dennis's stolen car excuse, **Steve Long** insisted he arrived at 1:15 PM to the September 3rd meeting due to an unspecified "car breakdown" problem. Steve did soften the penalty a bit by ensuring Tom Kees of The First Tee left the Cameron Park Rotary Club meeting with 100 brand spanking new golf balls. For his troubles and effort, Steve contributed \$10 in Happy Bucks and had an Ane Deister brownie.

**Mike Collum** contributed \$27 in Happy Bucks to celebrate his wife Chris' birthday.

**Bob Clarke** donated \$10 in Not-So-Happy Bucks for neglecting to invite his wife, Joanne, to hear the District Governor's address to the club. Bob also suggested a fine for President Bill of \$10 Not-So-Happy Bucks for failing to sit at the same lunch table as visiting District Governor Gage. **President Bill**, acknowledging his diplomatic faux-pas immediately raised his own fine to \$25.

**Dave Bunje** was willing to pay \$6.20 in Happy Bucks for his birthday.

**Bob Dorr** rounded up \$54 in Happy Bucks to \$100 for the Foundation in recognition of his 54th wedding anniversary with his lovely wife, Barbara.

\$25 in Happy Bucks came from **Sabrina Ho**, who was impressed with the first-class wine, food and service while at a recent outing at Ulla Petersen's house.

Finally, **Dave Sargent** announced the **Past-President Iain Debunking Committee** would pay **\$1.00 in "Future Happy Bucks" at the next meeting for every story about PP Iain they were given. Could this effort by the Debunking Committee put the Foundation numbers over \$100,000?!**

## 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 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/Greeter Assignments

**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:

As a memento of her address, **Governor Janice Gage** was presented with a custom, hand-made wooden pen by **Chuck LePere**. The pen is inscribed with her name, our club's identification and the date of her address. The pen was made from a piece of oak obtained from Bob Clarke's vineyard wood pile and a piece of Bob Edwards deck.

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 Dugan** 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**.