



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

September 18, 2008 at 12:15p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Dee Russo**; Greeter **Art Cort**; and **Eric Pohl** on the front desk

Program

Kyleen Cornell - Boys & Girls Club of El Dorado County Western Slope

Last Week



Colonel **Ken Ashworth** returned to Cameron Park Rotary for his second presentation in two years. In 2006, while still active in the Army, Ken talked about the California National Guard. Now retired from the Army, Ken is working as the Chief of Joint Logistics and California Military Museums for the California State Military Reserve. On this day, Ken talked about the California State Military Reserve.

The California State Military Reserve (CSMR) is the State Defense Force of California authorized by United States Code and the California Military and Veteran's Code. The CSMR assists the California National Guard in its Homeland Defense mission by assisting in training the California National Guard so that the Combatant

Commander receives soldiers and airmen prepared to get the job done, and to come home safely. In addition, the CSMR assists the CNG in the mobilization of these soldiers and airmen. The CSMR assists the CNG in its Homeland Security Mission by providing individual soldiers and airmen as well as rapid response teams to Military Assistance to Civil Authorities in the preparation, prevention, deterrence, preemption, defense, and mitigation of natural and man-made threats to California.

The CSMR is a volunteer operational force upon which the California National Guard depends. Its members are subject to call to State active duty by the Governor of the State of California. The CSMR can best be described as a force of volunteer civilian soldiers who serve the community, State and Nation. They consist of veterans (retired or ex-servicemen) sharing their expertise and professionals (doctors/lawyers/clergy) sharing their skills. They train National Guard soldiers to fight the global war on terrorism, support the CNG in its defense support to civil authority during states of emergency and help the CNG to meet the homeland security and homeland defense challenges.

The CSMR is headquartered in Sacramento and operates locations throughout the State. They provide training at Camp Roberts, north of Paso Robles. Their team of professionals includes physicians, dentists, lawyers and clergy, all in support of CNG soldiers and their families. Prior military service is not required to volunteer. Volunteers are expected to attend one training day a month and, with other volunteer service, have the objective of serving 200 hours each year. They currently have approximately 740 members and are actively recruiting new volunteers. For more information at the California State Military Reserve, refer to their web site at:
<http://www.calguard.ca.gov/casmr/Pages/default.aspx>

The CSMR also operates the California Military Museum, with six locations throughout the State. The missions of the California Center for Military History (CCMH) are to: manage the historical program of the California State Military Department; support the operation of the California State Military Museum and its subordinate elements; provide ceremonial elements to military and civil events; and manage Army and State artifact management programs. Information about the State Military Museums can be found at: <http://www.militarymuseum.org/CMH.html>

Presidents Corner



COASTAL CLEANUP DAY: SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

Bill Gallant reminded members that in addition to **Show and Shine/ Fly In**, September 20 is also the date of the annual Coastal Cleanup. There is plenty of work for everyone that weekend and all available Rotarians are asked to help out.

ANDREA FORD AWARDED AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

Beaming with pride over the achievements of a former RYLA student, **Chuck LePere** announced that **Andrea Ford** has been awarded an Ambassadorial Scholarship of \$25,000 to travel to Africa in 2009/10. By now, most members are familiar with Andrea who was one of the

first students that we sent to RYLA from Ponderosa High School. On her return, along with another RYLA student, Andrea initiated the formation of the Interact Club at Ponderosa. From the time that Andrea first came to the attention of this club, she has impressed with her intelligence, her imagination and commitment to others. She continues to impress as she pursues her studies in anthropology. Chuck reports that her application for the Ambassadorial Scholarship was impressively written in both English and French. Congratulations to Andrea. We look forward to hearing of her future achievements.

ROTARY MEETS AT CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB:

President **Iain Marshall** displayed a brilliant new Rotary sign that will be displayed at the entrance to the Cameron Park Country Club. The long time home of the club will now give notice to the world that the Rotary Club of Cameron Park meets here.

AN EVENING IN THE ORCHARD:

Everyone is invited to "An Evening in the Orchard" presented by the **Rotary Club of Pollock Pines** on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. There will be a live auction, a wine trunk auction, raffle prizes and other drawings along with a Tri Tip dinner and guest speaker. Activities get under way with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Orchards in Camino. Tickets are \$35 each and raffle tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds go to purchase dictionaries and benefit local schools. For more information, call (530) 644-2231.

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS

Vickie **Christensen-McLain** is always cheerful and last week she was absolutely beaming. The reason? A new grandson named **Devon** is not only mellow, he's gorgeous. An objective assessment from this loving grandmother. So happy is Vickie that she contributed \$100 to her Paul Harris account.

Norm Headley has been on the move again, this time touring National Parks around the western United States. This trip ranged from Yellowstone in the north down to the Grand Canyon. With all the natural beauty, it was the Mormon Tabernacle that was most impressive. A 21,000 square foot roof with no center supports is indeed an engineering accomplishment of the 19th Century. So

impressive that Norm offered ten Happy Bucks.

BUNJE TAKES SOME CREDIT FOR ANDREA FORD:

According to **Dave Bunje**, RYLA can't take all the credit for building **Andrea Ford's** incredible character. Dave notes that Andrea was a long time attendee at Foothills United Methodist Church and he is confident that experiences there contributed to Andrea's growth. Dave even paid \$10 to talk about the connection.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

As he is known to do, President **Iain Marshall** brought roses for members with anniversaries to share with their respective spouses. **Dave Crofut** got one of those roses for his wife **Gina** and offered

twenty Happy Bucks to brag about seven great years. **Bill Ettlich** has already been more than generous with Happy Bucks for fifty years with Dianne and told the extraordinary trip with his brother and two step-brothers, all celebrating their 50th. That's four incredible couples together at one time.

President Iain is not getting the quality of support that he thought from **Gear Up** which mistakenly listed an anniversary for **Gary Gall**. While Gary understandably declined to take a rose, he did have to acknowledge that he was caught prominently on television last week at the Republican National Convention during **Sarah Palin's** speech. Gary paid twenty dollars for being spotted and another \$5 for having to leave early.

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 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 (meeting at Faith Episcopal Church)

October 2, 2008 - Air Force Presentation by **Terry Wilson**

October 9, 2008 - Boy Scouting future with **David Hagar**

October 16, 2008 - New Morning Youth and Family Services with **Judy Morris** and Sheriff **Jeff Neves**

October 23, 2008 - Mother Lode Rehabilitation Services with **Susie Davies** (meeting at Faith Episcopal Church)

October 30, 2008 - District Governor **Wyn Spiller**

November 6, 2008 - Kick off Paul Harris month with **David Bunje**

November 13, 2008 - Foundation Dinner at CPCC (evening event)

November 20, 2008 - Money and Happiness with **Elfrena Foord** CFP

November 27, 2008 - No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving

December 4, 2008 - Four of the Worlds greatest inventions/discoveries with **Bruce Hester**

December 11, 2008 - Christmas dinner (evening event)

December 18, 2008 - Annual Performance by the **Ponderosa High School Choir**

December 25, 2008 - No Meeting - Merry Christmas

January 1, 2009 - No Meeting - Happy New Year

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

September 18, 2008, Words of Wisdom by **Dee Russo** after a greeting from **Art Cort** with **Eric Pohl** on the desk.

September 25, 2008, Words of Wisdom by **Vickie Christensen-McLain** after a greeting from **Eric Pohl** with **Ulla Petersen** on the desk.

The Last Word



DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 20, 2008 - Coastal Cleanup Day

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

October 7, 2008 - Monthly Board Meeting at Kobe`s restaurant in Burke`s Junction. All members welcome.

November 13, 2008 - Annual Area Rotary Foundation Dinner at the Cameron Park Country Club

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