



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

**October 8, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. ....Meeting at the Cameron Park Country Club**

### Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Bill Fister**; Greeter **Sabrina Ho**; and **Mike Dugan** at the desk

### Program

**Dave Bunje** will speak on his African trip with Compassion International

## Last Week



Literacy is one of the key areas of concern for Rotary International this year. **Jean Irwin**, who is the resource person for literacy programs in Rotary District 5190, spoke on literacy related issues and programs that Rotary can adopt to improve literacy in our society. She says that illiteracy is a huge problem in America, suggesting that the prison population in this country fifteen years from now can be predicted by looking at students who fail 3rd grade reading tests today. Emphasizing the significance of literacy, she talked of early American slave owners who prohibited slaves from learning to read, knowing the danger (value?) of literacy.

Jean is a retired teacher and former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar who studied the challenges of literacy for the deaf in Nottingham, England 20 years ago. As an experienced teacher of the deaf, Jean related the significance of learning a language by hearing it. Deaf children have a much more difficult time learning a language than do the blind. Blind people tend to read to the level of their sighted peers. Deaf children do not. She stresses that the most important techniques for teaching reading are to read one on one to a child, to have the child read out loud and to have the child read to his/her self. The more opportunities that a child has to talk aloud will lead to improved grammar. At the same time, be aware that too many reading learning techniques can be counterproductive.

Rotary International is encouraging all clubs to work with the International Reading Association and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library to conduct literacy projects worldwide. The District is asking every club to adopt a literacy program by March. Jean's club will emphasize Dr. Seuss. They will be providing books to an elementary school in their area and the top reader will be invited to read to the club. Ideas for literacy programs include dictionary programs, inviting authors to visit the classroom and giving a book a month to a child. Jean commended Cameron Park Rotary for their **Path to Literacy** literacy project and the efforts headed up by **Rube Jessop** to improve literacy of inmates in Folsom Prison. Wrapping up her presentation, Jean announced a District literacy workshop in Sparks, Nevada on October 17, 2009.

## Presidents Corner



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ART CORT:**

It's hard to believe that feisty **Art Cort** is over 70, never mind rumors that he is 83. Beyond dispute, it was Art's birthday and **Ane Deister** remembered the day with two wonderful birthday cakes, candles and all. A rousing "Happy Birthday to Art" almost (but not quite) left Art without words and everyone loved the cake. Happy Birthday Arthur.

### **SHOW & SHINE:**

**Mike Collom** 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.

### **EL DORADO COUNTY FOOD BANK "FOOD BLITZ":**

**Fritz Engel** reports that the September 20 Food Bank Blitz was huge success!! On this day 120 volunteers, including six from the Rotary Club of Cameron Park, working 8 stores from Placerville to Folsom collected 2,367 Pounds of Food!! and \$6,644 in Gift Card and Cash Donations!!! The food banks are thrilled with the results, as is Hands4Hope. Please know that these efforts are going to touch the lives of many. Please mark your calendars now for the Spring Blitz - it will be on Sunday, March 21. We hope to make it even bigger and better!

### **FOLSOM PRISON VISIT:**

Are you interested in going to prison. **Rube Jessup** is polling the membership for those interested in a tour of Folsom Prison. No date has been set and it will depend on those indicating an interest. If interested, please be sure to sign up with Rube.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY & AUCTION:**

Dave Sargent announced the Christmas Party Committee has set Thursday December 10th as the confirmed date for the annual Christmas Party and Auction. He also requested the membership start collecting items for the auctions. As of September 24 he stated that air over empty tables will be on the silent auction as nothing has been received or pledged yet.

### **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. Her visit to Cameron Park last week confirmed that Jean has that wonderful combination of being inspirational, informative and entertaining. Members won't want to miss this Foundation Dinner.

### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB GOLF TOURNEY:**

With two tickets on hand for the Golf Tournament on October 8, 2009, to support Boys and Girls Club, **Mike Collom** put them on the auction block. **Joe Ryan** and **Chris Moore** responded with \$50 for the cause. They won't be playing, but are to be commended for showing generous support for a good cause.

### **OCTOBER BOARD MEETING:**

President **Bill Gallant** reports that the October Board meeting will take place at noon on October 6, 2009, at the **Bass Lake Golf Course**. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend Board meetings.

## Noted Rotarians



### HAPPY BUCKS :

#### FIREFIGHTER ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE:

**Tom Keating** paid twenty happy bucks to introduce **Justin Knox** a firefighter hoping to attend paramedic school. Justin talked of his commitment to public service and his interest in a career as a paramedic. He needs \$6,000 by October 16, 2009 to enroll in school. Anyone wishing to contribute to support Justin is asked to contact Tom.

#### ALONE WITH THE SOROPTIMISTS:

**Ron Losel** showed up to help members of the Cameron Park Soroptimists pack bags for **Show and Shine**. NO one else from the CP Rotary committee showed up. **Mike**

**Collom** and **David Tavernetti** made no excuses each paid \$10 for not showing. **Chuck Le Pere** had a legitimate excuse, since he was working with the Interact Club, but still paid \$10.

#### LATE AGAIN?

**Dave Bunje** walked in late, but managed to get in the front of the buffet line. For that he will pay \$10. Also late, **Chris Moore** recognized **Mike Neal** for his support of education in the county and Chris put up \$10 to talk about Mike.

#### OTHER HAPPY BUCKS:

**Art Cort** offered \$83 to the Foundation to thank **Ane** for the cake and for what he described as "off key" singing.

**Bill Gallant** returned from Kansas where he attended a 40 year reunion of his Veterinarian class and a football game at Kansas State. Kansas State won the game and Bill had twenty-five happy bucks.

## Birthdays in October

**Art Cort**

**Jana Ellerman**

**Darol Rasmussen**

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**Gina Crofut**

**George Eckert**

**Sara Edwards**

**Michelle Hamilton**

**Paul Liebergot**

**Suzanne Tavernetti**

**Thomas H. Thornton**

## Anniversaries in October

**Dave & Pamela Johnson**

## Upcoming Calendar

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**

**October 8, 2009 - Words of Wisdom Bill Fister, Greeter Sabrina Ho, at the front desk Mike Dugan**

**October 15, 2009 - Words of Wisdom Norm Headley, Greeter Dave Sargent, Vickie Christensen-McLain at the front desk**

October 22, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Art Cort**, Greeter **?, ?** at the front desk

October 29, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **?, Greeter ?. ?** at the front desk.

### **The Last Word**



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 6, 2009 - Monthly Board meeting at the Bass Lake Golf course at noon. All members are invited and welcome to attend.

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 Debunking of Iain Marshall on September 12, 2009.

The link is at the bottom of this web page.

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