



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

October 9, 2008 at 12:15p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Brian Silverthorn**; Greeter **Ron Losel**; and **Shiva Frentzen** on the front desk

Program

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

Last Week



Failure of Air Forces was the subject of **Terry Wilson`s** presentation which was based on a publication of the Air Force Association.

Early use of aircraft in fighting wars was as observation platforms. During World War I Germany, Austria and Hungary preferred Zeppelins for this use. By the end of the war airplanes had been developed as fighting units. After the war development of aircraft for military purposes was slow for two major reasons. The military commanders preferred ground assault units and each major military division wanted their own air arm. In the case of the Italian Air Force in World War II they failed for several causes. They had learned nothing from their involvement in the Spanish Civil War, they had a small

budget for their Air Force, they had no modern aircraft and to top it all off they had no central command structure.

The Soviet Air Force at the start of WWII suffered massive losses with most of their planes destroyed on the ground. It took them time to develop a tactical role for airplanes. They finally determined that air supremacy should be achieved before a ground attack.

The German Luftwaffe in WWII had a shortage of long range bombers. They also had a shortage of pilots and instructors were pulled to go into action.

In the case of the Imperial Japanese Airforce there was no cooperation between the army and navy. They were not prepared for a long war and had insufficient aircraft. Their combat success was dependent upon surprise and skilled pilots.

Common faults of all countries has been a failure to anticipate the future and to learn from past encounters. The failure to build the right airplanes for the right missions, in the right quantities.

The evolution of combat aircraft has now come to unmanned units which are being used in Iraq and Afghanistan. These aircraft are controlled from locations within the continental United States far from the combat areas.

Presidents Corner



months away and he is looking for auction items. **Billy V** reported that Casey's Ride For Hope was a great success and raised ``quite a bunch of money``.

Joe Ryan reported that the **Show and Shine** event was a success and that all the ``Rotary at Work`` vests were accounted for. There was a profit of \$4,156 after donating \$250 to the Ponderosa High School band, \$415.33 to the Interact Club and \$100 to Young Life who had the pancake breakfast concession. Joe also said that the date for Show and Shine next year is September 19, 2009. **Bob Edwards** reported that 541 people visited our observatory in September and 8,700 have visited since its opening. **Mike Collom** reminded us that our annual **Christmas Dinner and Auction** is only two

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS

Doug Bisbee who has been commuting to Stockton lately, claims a phone call made him 3 minutes late to the meeting for which he volunteered \$5.00. **Joe Ryan** was also late and also volunteered \$5.00. Arriving a little late and having just returned from a trip to Japan, which incidently was won in a drawing, **Dave Crofut** parted with \$25.00. Staying at the Tokyo Hilton he spent his time visiting the local sites and particularly enjoyed the Sumo wrestling. Last week **Chris Moore** was running late and got to the Country Club only to see the notice that the meeting was at the Faith Episcopal Church. Feeling he would be too late to eat he did not attend the meeting for which he felt guilty to the amount of \$15.00.

Bill Gallant was \$11.00 happy. Why \$11? Because he attended a wedding which was the 11th officiated by Billy V. He also noted that so far none of the marriages performed by Billy V have failed. **Norm and Gwen Headley** were having breakfast in beautiful downtown Latrobe with **Mike Collom and Chris** when Norm stated that he had performed Saturday night. Chris did not know he meant with the Folsom Symphony and became flushed. **Norm** was happy in the amount of \$10.00 and **Mike** contributed \$5.00. **Ben Young** had two things to be happy about. His recent trip to Southern France and Monaco and the fact that his father was inducted last Monday into the Senior League Baseball Hall of Fame. He offered \$20.00 for his happiness. Some of the auction items from last Christmas are just being collected. **Bob Clarke** reported he collected on his bid of last year when he and Joanne enjoyed a dinner prepared by Iain and Sally with Bill Gallant dispensing the liquid libation. For this enjoyable evening he proffered \$10.00. And then there is **Jim Buckley** fresh from a trip to Ireland where he enjoyed the only four days of sunshine they get a year. In a small village with only 20 pubs he was able to reacquaint himself with a pint of Guinness for which he was \$15.00 happy.

Birthdays in October

Art Cort

Carolyn Doty

Jana Ellerman

Darol Rasmussen

-----Spouses-----

Gina Crofut

George Eckert

Sara Edwards

Michelle Hamilton

Suzanne Tavernetti

Anniversaries in October

Dave & Pamela Johnson

Upcoming Calendar

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

October 9: Words of Wisdom **Brian Silverthorn**, Greeter **Ron Losel**, Front Desk **Shiva Frentzen**
October 16: Words of Wisdom **Steve Long**, Greeter **David Tavernetti**, Front Desk **Fritz Engel**
October 23: Words of Wisdom **Dave Sargent**, Front Desk **Christopher Moore**
October 30: Words of Wisdom: **Chuck LePere**, Greeter **Rube Jessop**, Front Desk Shiva Frentzen

The Last Word



DATES TO REMEMBER:

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.

Mike Neal has put together another of his photo series of highlights of Show and Shine. The link is at the bottom of this web page.

October 8: **The Rotary Club of Georgetown** will be celebrating their **Sixtieth Anniversary** at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Georgetown. A reception will start at 5:00pm with dinner served at 6:00pm. Rotary International Past

President **Rick King** will be the guest speaker. Reservations are required and can be made by sending a check in the amount of \$25.00 per person to Doyle Patrick, P.O.Box 526, Garden Valley, CA 95633. Checks to be made out to: Georgetown Divide Rotary Club.

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