



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

October 22, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Meeting at the Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Art Cort**; Greeter **Dave Sargent** ; and **Vickie Christensen-McLain** at the desk

Program

Vicki Barber, Ed.D, Superintendent of the El Dorado County Office of Education will speak on education issues facing our county.

Last Week



Steve Long introduced **John Woodling**, Executive Director of both the Regional Water Authority and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority, who provided members a great deal of information regarding the history, problems, issues and future of water and water supply in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta area. Prior to his current position, John was acting chief of the California Department of Water Resources' Division of Planning and Local Assistance, serving as the state's point person on integrated regional water management planning. John has both educational and working backgrounds in geology and hydrogeology.

John began his presentation by providing a historical context of water supply, control and ecological issues in the San Joaquin Delta area. Not surprisingly, John observed that the last three years of drought conditions have negatively impacted both the water supply situation for the State of California, as well as the ecological status of the Delta. In 2009, however, the Delta area received almost 100% of the necessary water. Water coming through the Delta serves 500,000 people and one-half million agricultural acres in the immediate Delta area and a total of 25 million people and 2.5 million acres of agriculture throughout the state. 18% of the water in the Delta is exported to the Bay Area, the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California.

The biggest issues facing the Delta, according to John, is the ecosystem and the increase in non-native species of oysters, fish and plant-life; the subsidence of soil on the 20+ islands, combined with the predicted water-level rise due to global warming; and the increasing instability of the 100-plus year old levees.

John reviewed several previous and current initiatives, involving both projects and legislation, and provided the pros and cons of each. In closing, John observed that our region has delayed becoming engaged in addressing the Delta's water supply, control and ecological issues, but now that the region has become involved, residents and water professionals will have to make decisions on some very complex issues, trying to balance all of the concerns.

Presidents Corner



EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

Mike Collom called for volunteers to help raise funds for the Cameron Park Rotary Educational Endowment Fund. He is in the process of forming a committee to come up with ideas and to go out into the community to develop donations. The endowment fund is striving to match the \$100,000 challenge by **Darol Rasmussen** Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Mike.

EL DORADO COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER:

Tom Keating announced that United Outreach is looking for some help getting the Placerville site ready for the shelter. **Gary Reynolds** has already offered his tractor to help with the grading and needs a trailer to get his equipment to the site.

Steve Long has succeeded in becoming "bullet proof" by hitting the magic combination of age and years in Rotary to be included in the category of "Active-Excused". For the uninformed the magic number is 85.

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. **There will be no noon meeting at Cameron Park CC.**

Noted Rotarians



HAPPY BUCKS AND FINES:

Show and Shine incidents resulted in a bunch of dollars being "donated". **Art Cort** asked if anyone had recovered a jacket he inadvertently left on a chair at the parking pay station. **Carla Carlson** commented that she was late to the meeting because she had to go home to get the jacket. Art offered \$3 but Pres. Bill added another \$20 for a total of \$23. **Carla Carlson** parted with \$5 in Not-so happy bucks for being late. **Ben Young** must have been home recovering from his stint at the pancake grill but was fined \$5 in abstentia for running out of batter.

Pres. Bill was negligent with his coffee mug and left it in Dee Russo's motor-home for which he fined himself \$5.

Dave Sargent was \$50 happy that his oldest son and

daughter in law would be presenting he and Carol with a grandchild next April. **Gary Reynolds** was \$15 happy for a 7lb 4oz granddaughter. **Sig Hansen** was able to get away for a 14 day sojourn in Italy for which he offered \$14. **Bob Clarke** could only make it to Boston for 10 days so donated \$10. **Rick Spicer** and **Irina Green** had a wonderful 3-week tour of Europe which Rick felt was worth \$50 in Happy Bucks.

Birthdays in October

Art Cort

Jana Ellerman

Darol Rasmussen

-----Spouses-----

Gina Crofut

George Eckert

Sara Edwards

Michelle Hamilton

Paul Liebergot
Suzanne Tavernetti
Thomas H. Thornton

Anniversaries in October
Dave & Pamela Johnson

Upcoming Calendar

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

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The Last Word



Dave Crofut is taking a leave of absence until January 1, 2010 and **Mike Dugan** has volunteered to take over Membership responsibilities until Dave returns.

Tom Keating is still soliciting orders for **ROTARY AT WORK** tee shirts.

Iain Marshall announced that last weekends **Show and Shine** appears to have been a smashing success, describing it as "one of the best fun-day events ever!" According to Past President Iain there were more cars and people this year than in past years with the number of aircraft remaining about the same. The Pancake Breakfast, operated by the **Interact Club**, cleared about \$900. Stay tuned for final figures.

Debbie Miller staffing the Rotary booth, advised that she received several serious inquiries about Rotary.

Chuck LePere commented that his daughter LuAnn had 300 people at the Club's observatory solar telescope display and that many folks were unaware of the Community Observatory.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 3, 2009 - Monthly Board meeting at the Bass Lake Golf course at noon. All members are invited and welcome to attend.

November 12, 2009 - Annual Area Foundation Dinner.

November 19, 2009- Tour of Folsom Prison. This requires pre registration so that you can clear security check. Contact **Rube Jessup**

Mike Neal has put together a photo series of highlights of the 20th Annual Show & Shine Event held on Saturday, October 10, 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**.