



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

**October 23, 2008 at 12:15p.m. ....Faith Episcopal Church**

### Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Dave Sargent**; Greeter ?; and **Chris Moore** on the front desk

### Program

Mother Lode Rehabilitation Services with **Susie Davies** (meeting at Faith Episcopal Church)

## Last Week



Established in 1970, **New Morning Youth and Family Services** is the oldest and largest provider of counseling services to youth on the Western Slope of El Dorado County. Their mission is to provide professional social services which include counseling, crisis intervention, prevention, shelter and education to youth and families on the Western Slope. **David Ashby**, Executive Director, and **Judy Morris**, Board Member and Pollock Pines Rotarian, were on hand to talk about New Morning, its history, the challenges they face, their services and plans for the future.

By 1976, El Dorado County faced a dilemma. At that time, runaway youth were sent to juvenile hall. A newly enacted law established that runaways – because they had not been convicted of any crime – could no longer be incarcerated. The police were at a loss for what to do and turned to New Morning. Working with the community, New Morning established a network of volunteers who took these lost youths into their homes. When the police called, no matter what time of day or night, New Morning provided a place, a shelter for runaways or abused youth for the next 14 years.

In 1990 a County Commission determined that El Dorado County needed to do more than place runaways in the homes of community volunteers. Within months, and accomplished entirely through donations, New Morning established a Drop In and Emergency Youth Shelter that has served families, law enforcement and the community for 17 years. Today this small Drop In and Emergency Shelter helps more than 150 youths a year.

By the late 1990s, New Morning faced another challenger. Struggling youth had no way to get themselves to counselors. Abusing or neglectful parents were not inclined to transport children to get help against their abuse. New Morning approached the local schools offering to place counselors on site and a new chapter of New Morning was born. The initial program was so successful that New Morning received funding to put counselors in more schools. Within a year, New Morning was able to add 2.5 counselors. As the number of counselors in the school program grew, teachers and administrators became even more appreciative, more grants were awarded and more counselors were added. That process continues today.

In the eleven years that David has been with New Morning, they have grown from 4.5 counselors with a budget of \$500,000 to 20 counselors with an annual budget of \$2.5 million. What started as a few volunteers in a church basement has grown into an organization that provides guidance and support to more than 2,000 youth and families in the community. For 38 years – when youth and families reach a breaking point – New Morning has been there for kids, parents, teachers, schools, child protective

services, law enforcement, social workers and counselors. As the number of clients escalates so does the number of client issues. Today, more than 50% of New Morning's clients are victims of molestation, physical abuse and/or domestic violence. As abuse has exploded, so has drug use. Not only have drugs proliferated, but the kinds of drugs our youth turn on today have become more dangerous.

New Morning cannot serve all the exploding needs of the community until it expands its facilities. The organization is stretched to the limits, renting space in three different locations for counseling services which causes inefficiencies in administrative duties and strain both staff and clients. Offices have been turned into counseling rooms. Counseling rooms are jammed. The Drop In and Emergency Shelter is constantly impacted, turning away requests from law enforcement, Child Protective Services, counselors and families almost daily as there is no space to care for additional youth.

New Morning has acquired land west of Placerville and embarked on a capital campaign to build a new center and consolidate Counseling Center, the Drop In and Emergency Youth Shelter and all administrative offices in one location. They have a one million dollar forgivable loan from the State of California and have raised 2.5 of the 4 million dollars estimated to build the facility. They must start construction of the facility within one year of receipt of the State loan in order to have it forgiven.

Dave emphasized the importance of New Morning's services by saying that something awful happens to some youth in the county every day. While New Morning doesn't have the power to change a child, they do have the ability to give that child tools to help them make positive changes. With a presence in every High School, most middle schools and some elementary schools on the Western Slope, it's clear that New Morning is providing services of extraordinary value to a community with considerable needs. To donate, or to just learn more about this worthy organization, please visit their web site at: <http://www.newmorningyfs.org/>

## Presidents Corner



President **Iain Marshall** presented a check for \$415.33 to **Chuck LePere** to give to the **Interact Club of Ponderosa High School**. The check represents the students' share of the proceeds from the parking service at **Show and Shine** last month. Chuck announced that all scholarships for the last two years are paid and that the club still has funding to award seven scholarships next year. He also reminded the membership that they need to invited friends and relatives to the Christmas Dinner and Auction on December 11, 2008. This event is the second largest fund raiser of the year. The more it nets, the more scholarships that the club can award.

### **PHILIPPINE BOAT PROJECT:**

**Bob Dorr** will lead a contingent of eight Rotarians from District 5190 to the Agusan Marsh in Mindanao this week to participate in the Blessing and celebrations of the newly launched floating health center and birthing clinic. Bob announced that the Rotarians in Mindanao have named the boat the **M/V Cameron Park**. He presented a ruler with a calculator embossed with the name of the project to President Iain. Bob plans to present this item as a token to Rotarians from each of our seven partner clubs in Mindanao. Traveling with Bob from Cameron Park will be **Jim Buckley, Bill Ettlich, Ben Foulk** and **Gary Reynolds**.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

President **Iain Marshall** reminded the membership that District Governor, **Wyn Spiller** will be on the program for October 30, 2008, and it will serve us well to have maximum possible attendance.

**Everyone is asked to wear their Rotary pin to this meeting. Iain warns that any member not wearing a Rotary pin will be fined \$5.00.** In lieu of the November Board meeting, the Board will meet at the Cameron Park Country Club at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2008, with the District Governor in attendance. As with all regular Board meetings, all members are welcome to attend. Governor Spiller will be visiting the Cameron Park Rotary Community Observatory that evening and all members are welcome to join her there.

Additionally, this year for the first time, Cameron Park will host the Annual Area Foundation Dinner on November 13, 2008. Normally held at the Cold Springs Country Club, it will reflect well on the club if

there is a good turnout of members for this evening.

### **WEDDING BELLS:**

Congratulations to Darol and Laura Rasmussen who were recently married. Darol and Laura have enjoyed a great friendship for several years and are sure to have even happier years in matrimony.

### **Noted Rotarians**



### **HAPPY BUCKS**

**Sabrina Ho** returned from a business trip to Japan and Taiwan where she attended local Rotary meetings. In Taipei, Sabrina reports that she sought out the Rotary meeting only to find a party in full swing. Turns out that it was a Rotary meeting where Sabrina was warmly welcomed. She was presented a photograph of her attendance and a club banner, which she presented to President Iain. Sounds like a fun group, which perhaps explains why Sabrina is suggesting that we consider the Taipei Club as Sister Club. Sounds like a good idea that could teach the Cameron Park Club a thing or two. So happy was Sabrina that she volunteered Fifty Happy Bucks.

President Elect **Bill Gallant** showed up late for lunch and claimed that he was delayed because of treacherous rash. As many members were still eating, further talk of the rash ended and Bill forked up Five Dollars. **Chris Moore** passed the Four-Way Test by confessing that he not only took his badge home last week, he forgot to bring it this week. For such honesty, a modest Five Dollar contribution seemed appropriate.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY HUSBAND AND WIVES:**

**Dave Tavernetti** was happy to give \$10 to celebrate **Suzanne's** birthday, while **Anne Eckert** was relieved to pay \$5.40 to be reminded that **George's** birthday is coming up. Never serious, **Bob Edwards** continues to refer to **Sara** as his first wife and he contributed \$5 for her birthday. **Dennis Hamilton** will always remain eleven months older than **Michelle**, which explains his donation of Eleven Dollars. **Dave Crofut** offered \$3.30 to observe **Gina's** birthday, which goes to prove that this club is getting younger.

### **Birthdays in October**

**Art Cort**

**Carolyn Doty**

**Jana Ellerman**

**Darol Rasmussen**

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**Gina Crofut**

**George Eckert**

**Sara Edwards**

**Michelle Hamilton**

**Suzanne Tavernetti**

### **Anniversaries in October**

**Dave & Pamela Johnson**

### **Upcoming Calendar**

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 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 30, 2008 - Monthly Board Meeting with the District Governor at 10:00 a.m. prior to regular meeting at Cameron Park Country Club

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

December 2, 2008 - Monthly Board Meeting at Kobe`s restaurant in Burke`s Junction. All members welcome.

**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. Recent pictures of the Philippine Boat project are now posted in the link below entitled,

`` Agusan Marsh Project in the Philippines.``

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