



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

November 5, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Meeting at the Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Rick spicer**; Greeter **Ron Losel** ; and **Cindy Sutorka** at the desk

Program

Dave Bunje will give an update on the Rotary International Foundation

Last Week



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The Club's own Baker-in-Residence, **Ane Deister**, gave an inspiring presentation about a trip to Honduras she took as part of a group from Faith Episcopal Church (FEC). The group consisted of Ane, Jim and Mary Higbee, who were Ane's guests for her presentation, and group leader Leslie Grier. Honduras is a republic in Central America which is 112,000 square kilometers in size and has a population of about eight million. The "target area" for the FEC group was the small village of Suyapa Frontera in northern Honduras, immediately adjacent to the border of Guatemala. During prior contacts, Father Kent McNair of FEC had befriended Father Francisco

Midence, the Episcopalian priest who shepherds many of the northern Honduras flock.

Originally, the group was to fly into Honduras, meet up with their in-country team, including Father Midence, his wife Veronica and their daughter Jasmine, and proceed to several small villages before arriving at Suyapa Frontera. However, a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck Honduras while the group was in the air enroute. As a result, their first priority became assessing the damage caused by the first major earthquake to hit Honduras since 1856. After taking stock of the damage from the earthquake, the group then was able to focus on their original mission.

The first few days of their visit took them to the village of Puerto Cortez, on the Gulf of Honduras, where they saw earthquake damage done to a church, the construction of which FEC had helped fund. The group then went on to the village of San Marcos where Father Midence's "home" church was found to be intact and essentially undamaged by the earthquake. While in San Marcos, the group was able to meet a young local girl named Diecey, who had received a cornea transplant which had been funded by FEC.

After leaving San Marcos, the group stopped in the village in Chachawalla, where there were a number of families who had been displaced due to the earthquake and were homeless. Ane noted that although the homes were small structures, most with dirt floors and walls of either adobe or branches, the people were very proud of them and wanted to show the group any special, colorful decorations in their homes. The group was followed everywhere by children who wanted to practice their English language skills. Ane commented that whenever and where ever Father Midence would give a service,

just about everyone in the village would attend.

Upon finally reaching Suyapa Frontera, the group was warmly accepted and their arrival celebrated with a huge gathering and meal. The church structure, while a simple semi-open wood structure, was well cared for and meticulously clean. During their four-day stay, their interpreter was Carlos, a 7th grade student who was the number one student in his class. Upon meeting with the children in the village, the group provided letters written by the children from the FEC Sunday School, with each letter containing a photo of the writer. The village children responded in kind, writing their own letters and taking photos to be shared with the children at FEC. Just before departing, the group was honored to participate in several baptisms performed by Father Midence and were asked to serve as Godparents for some of the children being baptized.

During their stay, the group determined that in order to provide an improved and safer standard of living in Suyapa Frontera, it would be necessary to modify the cooking stoves and place stovepipes on the stoves in the homes so as to significantly reduce carbon monoxide and other toxic fumes in the homes; replace thatched roofs with tin roofs in order to reduce the possibility of fire and parasites; and to provide pilas, which are used to store water and separate drinking water from wash water. Before departing Honduras, the FEC group provided the in-country team with a check to make the needed changes and improvements. Shortly after leaving, Honduras endured a coup-d'état in their government, but the group doesn't believe that will change any of efforts currently underway in Suyapa Frontera.

Presidents Corner



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Club president Bill Gallant announced there will be a "TGIF" party held on Friday evening, November 20th, hosted by Ulla Petersen in her barn. The party is just for general fellowship and will begin at 6 PM, with a pot-luck dinner. A flyer will be sent out shortly with sign-up information and who should bring what. Thanks, Ulla!

The monthly club board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, at the Bass Lake Golf Course for lunch. Sabrina Ho has promised a wonderful lunch, as always.

The Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held at Sequoia Restaurant in Placerville at 6:30 PM on Thursday night, November 12th, with Jean Irwin as the guest speaker. The dinner will take the place of the regular club meeting that day, and the cost of the dinner at this first-class restaurant is only \$25 per person! Cocktails begin at 6 PM, with the Foundation portion beginning at 6:30. So far 30 from our club have signed up to go and all are encouraged to attend, to support the Foundation, hear an incredible speaker, and to enjoy the company of other Rotarians.

Dave Sargent handed out pre-printed letters from our club soliciting donations from local businesses for the auction portion of our upcoming Christmas Dinner and Auction. Members are requested to put their contact information on the letters when they hand them out to local businesses. In case anyone needs the club's tax identification number, Dave has that available for the asking.

Ane Deister announced that with the assistance of club member and former Rotary District Governor Bob Dorr, some timing and coordination issues with the District have been resolved and there are now some exceptional folks lined up and ready to go with our upcoming visioning session. The exact date of the session will be announced shortly and will be lead by Jerry Hall, who is a great Rotary speaker.

Ane also announced that she is standing in for Dave Crofut on Wine at Town Center, while he is on

Leave of Absence. Work and preparations are already underway for the next event and Ane will be reaching out for the assistance of some specific club members in this regard.

Bob Clark commented that Ane Deister had received recognition for her baking treats for the club in a recent column written by the Mountain Democrat's Bob Billingsly, who was wondering about obtaining some samples of Ane's work. Steve Long observed that perhaps Bob Billingsly would be willing to provide some publicity to our club's activities in exchange for, say, a brownie per column line!

Chuck LePere noted that the Ponderosa High School Interact Club held a carnival the preceding weekend in order to raise money to purchase bikes and helmets for needy children. Chuck was proud to announce the club managed to raise \$300 and, combined with the \$1,200 they raised with the Pancake Breakfast at Show and Shine a few weeks ago, now have the most money in their treasury than ever before. Before ending his comments, Chuck auctioned off a corn husk doll made by our own President Bill at one of the booths during the carnival. Anne Eckert was the successful bidder, adding \$10 to the Interact Club's coffers. Congratulations to this incredible group of young folks for a job well done!

Fritz Engle recognized Ane Deister for making the incredible Angel Food cake which accompanied the Back Forty BBQ lunch – and noted that Angel Food was appropriate, as the meeting was held at Faith Episcopal Church that day.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FUND RAISER:

Shiva Frentzen has tickets for the Chamber of Commerce fund raising raffle. Just think, for just \$25 you can end up in Palm Desert for four days and three nights while supporting a good cause. Remember, the Rotary Club of Cameron Park is a member of the Chamber and you will be helping the club with your support. See Shiva for tickets.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AUCTION:

Dave Sargent reports that tickets for the annual Christmas Dinner and Auction on December 10, 2009 will run \$45. While this is a modest \$3 increase over last year, it is the first increase in three years. Dave gives thanks to the Cameron Park Country Club for working with him to hold down the price.

Auction items are still needed for both the silent and live auctions. Please contact Dave or **Ron Losel** with your donations.

INTERACT SUCCESS AT SHOW AND SHINE:

The Interact Club of Ponderosa High School made a big impact on Show and Shine and were a financial hit as well. Working the pancake breakfast and parking concessions, these young people raised approximately \$1,200. **Chuck LePere** wasn't able to make it, but gave public thanks to **Art Cort, Bill Gallant, Dee Russo** and **Ben Young** for their able assistance flipping pancakes.

FOLSOM PRISON TOUR:

Rube Jessop has arranged for Rotarians to tour Folsom Prison on November 19, 2009. Rube has a long connection to the prison as a volunteer helping with literacy programs for inmates. To date, twenty Rotarians have signed up for this tour. To participate in this visit, the prison authorities require information about each visitor in advance. Rube placed forms soliciting the required information on each table. Anyone else wishing to go on this tour should contact Rube

CAMERON PARK ROTARY SUPPORTS LITERACY:

Rube Jessop reports that the board has approved a donation of \$250 to acquire books for the Cameron Park Library

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

President **Bill Gallant** announced that nominations are being accepted for Governor of Rotary District

5190 for the 2012/13 year. Bill suggests that anyone interested in nominating or being nominated can consult with Past District Governor **Bob Dorr**. Bob is more than happy to talk about his year as District Governor and the nomination process.

FLAT BED FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTER:

Gary Reynolds has generously volunteered to supply his tractor to grade the site of the new homeless shelter in Placerville. A large flat bed truck is urgently needed to transport the tractor to the site. Anyone who can help is asked to contact Gary.

GREETERS AND WISDOM ARE NEEDED:

Ben Young called for volunteers to serve on the front desk, to greet members and to give words of wisdom. **Volunteer now or face the draft later.**

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 AND NOT-SO-HAPPY BUCKS

Ben Foulk managed to show up at Cameron Park Country Club instead of the church, so he was five minutes late in time and \$5 paid in not-so-happy bucks.

Fritz Engle paid \$10 in not-so-happy bucks for not introducing Ane Deister for her presentation.

President Bill observed that Irina Green's dessert plate was piled high with angel food cake, strawberries and whipped cream and wondered aloud how Irina could eat that much and remain so thin! The Prez's wondering about a woman's weight cost him \$10 in not-so-happy

bucks.

Birthdays in November

Carla Carlson

Iain Marshall

Debra Miller

Dee Russo

Ben Young

-----Spouses-----

Emanuela Callaghan

Alex Ho

Dee Jessop

Judy Long

Anniversaries in November

Jana & Howell Ellerman

Tom & Starleen Keating

**Russ & Barbara Lloyd
Pete & Colleen Oliver**

Upcoming Calendar

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

November 5, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Rick Spicer**, Greeter **Ron Losel, Cindy Sutorka** at the front desk.

The Last Word



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 #6 Foundation Dinner, Sequoia Restaurant, Placerville

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

Thursday, December 10, 2009 – Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction at Cameron Park Country Club

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**.