



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

**November 19, 2009, Tour of Folsom Prison**

### Words of Wisdom

### Program

**Tour of Folsom Prison for previously screened members**

## Last Week



In lieu of the regular club meeting, members attended the annual District 5190, Area 6 Rotary International Foundation Dinner, hosted by the Rotary Club of Placerville and held at the Sequoia Restaurant. Attending the dinner were members of all four Area 6 clubs: Placerville, Pollock-Pines Camino, Georgetown Divide and, of course, Cameron Park.

After dinner, guest speaker and District literacy resource person **Jean Irwin** provided attending members with a very personal and meaningful presentation about the benefits and value of the monies dispersed by the Foundation. Jean herself, as mentioned during her

presentation to the Cameron Park club in September, attended Nottingham University in England 20 years ago as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Her area of interest and expertise was as a teacher of deaf children. To demonstrate the long-term value of the investment of Foundation money for such scholarships, Jean observed that when she went to Nottingham 20 years ago, the average American deaf person graduated from high school with the reading level of a fourth grader. Because of the contacts she made and the studies she became involved with during her Nottingham journey, she was able to initiate a new program upon her return and those students she taught over the years elevated their reading levels to a tenth grade level at their time of high school graduation. This statistic constitutes an impressive and incredible leap forward and occurred because the right person was able to be in the right place because of a Rotary Foundation scholarship. Because the cost of an Ambassadorial Scholarship is \$26,000, Jean commented that at one point a Rotarian working on the Polio Plus program asked her "What makes you worth 52,000 polio vaccinations?", which Jean found to be a humbling question. We believe the significant rise in the literacy level of her students' answers that question.

## Presidents Corner



The Master of Ceremonies for the Foundation Dinner was Area 6 Assistant Governor **Doyle Patrick**, who was responsible for much of the planning and coordination for the dinner and his efforts most certainly paid off, as the dinner was by all accounts a great success.

Each of the four area club presidents had a role in kicking off the event, with Pollock Pines – Camino president **Cheri Jagers** leading the Pledge of Allegiance, with Placerville president **Ray Presgrave** leading the assembled masses in a rousing rendition of Irving Berlin's "God Bless America", accompanied on the

piano by **Mary Tomfohrde**. Next up was Cameron Park's own president, **Bill Gallant**, who provided the evening's Words of Wisdom. Finally, **Patti Smith**, president of Georgetown Divide, introduced **Ariadne Antipa**, the 2009 District 5190 Music Contest Winner, who proved her musical talent with her playing of Mendelssohn's "Rondo Capriccioso".

At the end of the evening, the Placerville club's traditional 50/50 raffle was won by our own **Ulla Petersen**, who graciously donated her \$277 in winnings back to **Jean Irwin** for the literacy program. The other half of the 50/50 raffle was also donated to Jean, giving her a total of \$554 for the literacy program. Way to go, Ulla !

### Noted Rotarians



#### RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE:

District Governor Janice Gage presented District Foundation Awards to nominees from their respective clubs for exemplary service to the Foundation. Placerville's **Glen Webb**, Georgetown's **Doyle Patrick** and Cameron Park's own **Dave Bunje** all received richly deserved recognition for their tireless work on behalf of the Foundation.

In addition, DG Gage also presented awards to both the Placerville and Cameron Park clubs for each exceeding \$1000 in donations to Polio Plus for the 2008-2009 year.

#### NEXT GENERATION ROTARY CLUB IN RENO RECEIVES CHARTER:

Professional working women and men under age 40 are the dominant members in Reno's next generation of Rotary club. District Governor **Jan Gage**, sponsoring Club President **Mike Clifton**, and new Club President **Ty Kirkpatrick** received official word this week that Rotary International chartered the Rotary Club of Reno-New Generations on November 6. Chartered with 31 members, the Reno club is the second New Generations club in the United States.

Interest in the new club has been significant with two or more prospective members at each meeting. The concept of a Rotary club geared toward young professionals was pioneered in 2007 in La Jolla, CA. This type of club offers young professionals an opportunity to network and socialize followed by a short business meeting and an informational and/or educational program. No meal is served which reduces cost to members and shortens the meeting by about 30 minutes.

The Reno-New Generations club meets at 5:30 PM on Mondays at the Siena Spa and Resort in downtown Reno, which is also the location of the sponsoring Rotary club, Reno Sunrise. The new club becomes the eighth Rotary club in the Reno/Sparks area and the 54th club in District 5190 (northeast California and northern Nevada.) The charter of the new club will be celebrated at the Annual Rotary Area Eight Foundation Dinner to be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 6 PM at the Siena Spa and Resort. Tickets are \$35.

#### Birthdays in November

**Carla Carlson**

**Iain Marshall**

**Debra Miller**

**Dee Russo**

**Ben Young**

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**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 19, 2009 - Tour of Folsom Prison

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

### The Last Word



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

November 20, 2009- Bonding Experience-Ullas Barn

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.

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