



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

November 20 , 2008 at 12:15p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Bob Clarke**; Greeter **Sabrina Ho**; and **Eric Pohl** at the front desk

Program

Money and Happiness with **Elfrena Foord** CFP

Last Week



Assistant Governor **Bob Pope** hosted the 4th Annual Area 6 Foundation Dinner and introduced featured speaker, **Al Frumkin**. Frumkin is a graduate of UC Berkeley and the San Francisco Law School. A member of the State Bar, Al has been in private law practice since 1971, with offices in Alameda, Contra Costa and Placer Counties. A member and past President of the Rotary Club of San Ramon, Al's Rotary involvement includes his year of service as Governor of District 5160 (1993-94), Zone Institute Chair (1998), G.E.T.S. Chair (1999) and instructor, G.N.A.T.S. Chair (2000) and instructor, P.E.T.S. Instructor (nine years), Representative of the President of Rotary International (11 times, including two Districts in India) and he has served as the Zone 23 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, 2001-3. Al has

been a presenter/speaker at all levels - club, District, Zone and International, including District assemblies, P.E.T.S. and International Institutes and Conventions. He was awarded the Citation for Meritorious Service in 2000 and has been named as the most Distinguished Past District Governor for Zone 23 in the year 2001-2. Al is uniquely qualified to talk about the achievements and challenges faced by the Rotary Foundation worldwide.

For Al, the purpose of Foundation Dinners is not only to thank Rotarians for their donations, but to encourage their continuing support. He suggested that each of us try living for one week with a limit of one glass of water a day, three servings of rice for the entire week, no change in underwear, no heat, no electricity and going to the grocery store (if one is available) only on foot. That, says Al, is the experience of most of the people on this earth. Understand that which most people experience and one can only appreciate what we have in this country and the obligation to give support to others.

For Al, Rotary has no boundaries in this world and nothing demonstrates that more than Rotary's effort to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. With years of involvement in the Polio Plus effort, Al stressed that this is the year to take the next steps to eradicate disease. Four countries remain with polio as a serious threat to public health: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. In India alone, there are over 500,000 births each month, presenting an incredible challenge to immunize all children. Al told of his travels to India for National Immunization month. For him a defining moment came on one of those trips when a young man allowed him to put immunization drops in the mouth of his infant. Al was touched by the trust and the honor that this incident allowed. In this one weekend, 1.8 million children were immunized in India alone. He reflected on the experience of he, a Jew, working with Muslims, one on one, to make this world a better place. To Al this is the miracle of Rotary.

While great strides have been made by the Polio Plus program, a significant final thrust must be exerted to eliminate the disease. Thanks to the \$100 million challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the resources are there to make that thrust. It's up to all Rotary Clubs, like those in Area 6, to each come up with \$1,000 a year over the next three years to take full advantage of that challenge. Al is convinced that Polio Plus will succeed in the next few years and that Rotary will

accomplish what nobody else has ever done; completely eradicate a disease from the face of the earth. He calls it the best route to world peace and predicts that Rotary International will one day receive the Nobel Peace Prize for this achievement.

From the first time that Al attended a Rotary International Conference, he has thought of the Rotary pin as signifying brothers and sisters. All over the world, the Rotary pin is respected by others. Rotarians are changing the world and making it a healthier place. Every day, every way, every hour, we make the world a better place. And no matter how much Rotarians do, they always get more back in terms of human experiences.

Al's words serve as a wonderful reminder of the importance of the Rotary Foundation and the work that it accomplishes. Every time that a member makes out a check to the Foundation, she/he is contributing to peace in this world. At the conclusion of Al's talk, a check from the four Area 6 clubs was presented to the Polio Plus fund.

Presidents Corner



District Governor **Wyn Spiller** was on hand to talk about the contributions of Rotarians around the world. United in services dedicated to peace, Wyn emphasized how Rotary brings instruments of peace and hope with projects to give people clean water, food, shelter and education. These instruments of peace would not be possible without donations from Rotarians like those at this Foundation Dinner. Both annual giving and gifts to the permanent fund are so important to the continuing work of Rotary. Annual gifts to the Rotary Foundation lead to Paul Harris Fellowships.

Wyn made a presentation to **Doyle Patrick**, Rotary Club of Georgetown Divide, who is now a member of the Paul Harris Society. Members of the Paul Harris Society

commit to donations of at least \$1,000 each year.

Wyn also made Presentations to **Laura** and **Darol Rasmussen**. Laura received her Paul Harris Fellow award for contributing at least \$1,000. Darol is a Paul Harris Fellow plus one.

Rotary Foundation – Permanent Fund:

The Bequest Society was established to recognize support for the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation through bequests - gifts at death. The Bequest Society's growing membership includes Rotarians, family members, and friends who have each committed to give \$10,000 or more in their estate plans to The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Since its inception in 1928, The Rotary Foundation has stayed true to its original purpose of "doing good in the world." From its modest beginnings, The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund has grown to an endowment of over \$200 million, which produces \$4.5 million in interest each year to support The Rotary Foundation's annual programs. Today, The Rotary Foundation has an even bigger dream: To increase the Permanent Fund endowment to \$1 billion by the year 2025. The reasons for growing the Permanent Fund are obvious: With a properly invested endowment, Rotary programs can be sure of stable funding that isn't tied to the ups and downs of the economy. For more information about the permanent fund, visit the District web site at: <http://www.rotarydistrict5190.org/foundationpf.asp>

Noted Rotarians



Bob Dorr presented Plaques of Appreciation from our partners in the Philippines to two of the partner clubs in Area 6 that contributed to the funding necessary to make the dream of a floating health center and birthing clinic real. Plaques were presented to the Rotary Clubs of Placerville and Pollock Pines-Camino. Signed by the Project Chairman from the Philippines, **Romeo "Romy" Momo** and Co-Chairman **Claudio "Dick" Estacio**, similar Plaques of Appreciation will be presented to each of the partner clubs in California and

Nevada in coming months.

Birthdays in November

Carla Carlson

Iain Marshall

Debra Miller

Dee Russo

Bill Vandegrift

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 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

Nov 20-Words of Wisdom **Bob Clarke**, Greeter **Sabrina Ho**, Front Desk **Eric Pohl**

Nov 27 Have a great **Thanksgiving Day**

The Last Word



NEW MEMBER APPLICATION:

The Board has approved the application for membership of **Carla Carlson** pending comments from the membership. Recommended by **Iain Marshall**, Carla's proposed classification is Real Estate.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

December 11, 2008 - Christmas Dinner and Auction

Rancho Cordova Sunrise Rotarian, Joe Weber, invited us to attend their 27th Crab Feed to be held Saturday, December 6, 2008. For information contact Joe at (916)480-4144.

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**.