



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

Thursday, January 7, 2010, at 12:15 p.m.....at Cameron Park Country Club

### Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom by **Dave Bunje**; Greeter **Cathy Thornton**; and **Dave Tavernetti** at the front desk

### Program

**Darol Rasmussen** to speak on his passion The Endowment campaign.

## Last Week



### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BY THE PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR:

Under the direction of **Janet Matranga**, the Ponderosa High School Choir made its annual appearance to celebrate the holiday season.

Ms. Matranga continues to assemble incredible talent to continue the choir's award winning ways. Selections ranged from traditional Christmas music to humorous and entertaining interpretations of holiday songs for which the choir is known. This year, the choir provided an international flavor with songs from several different countries. In addition to the full choir, smaller male and female groups were both in great form.

Following the performance, Rotarian (and PHS Principal) **Chris Moore** asked two of the students to talk about the impact of the choir on them. Both love to sing and talked about how singing energizes them. They love the competition and the time that it gives them to spend with their fellow choir students. Both agreed that they have picked up a number of skills that they will be able to apply in later life. They gave high praise to Ms. Matranga for building their self confidence, teaching them to work together, building self discipline and learning from constructive criticism. It is clear that the appreciate and value the Ms. Matranga's leadership.

The choir's annual visit is a highlight of the holiday season for Cameron Park Rotarians and we are indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to hear such great young talent. The Choir will continue to win awards in competitions around the State, only so long as funds can be raised to cover travel expenses. Chris observed that funding for the school over the next three years is being cut by \$18 million, putting extreme pressure on the arts programs. President **Bill Gallant** presented Ms. Matranga with a check to help defray some of their travel expenses.

## Presidents Corner



### CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AUCTION:

**Dave Sargent**, co-chair of the annual holiday event reports that there was a great turnout with 110 in attendance. There were not as many high end items for the auction and revenues are down somewhat from last year. Preliminary figures indicate that the event will net between \$9,100 and \$9,500. This is a significant amount to fund the club's many service projects. Dave emphasized the hard work of committee that put in many hours to make the night a success. The club is indebted to the efforts of co-chair **Mike Collom**, and committee members **Anne Eckert**, **Ron Losel**, **Pete Oliver**, and **Ulla Petersen**. Dave also recognized the five volunteers from Umpquah Bank who were so helpful and efficient with assigning paddles and collecting for the auction. Finally, the Interact Students from Ponderosa High

School did a wonderful job of greeting and selling raffle tickets. Thanks to everyone for making the night a success.

### CALLING FOR BOARD NOMINEES:

President Bill noted that elections will be held soon for the 2010-11 Board. Nominees are particularly needed for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. These are important positions for the ongoing operations of the club. Anyone interested in a Board position is asked to contact President Bill or President Elect **Anne Eckert**.

### FUTURE VISION OF THE CLUB:

**Ane Deister** and **Mike Dugan** are heading up the clubs visioning efforts, leading up to a workshop for all members on January 14, 2010. The program during the regular meeting on that day will be an introduction to visioning presented by **Jerry Hall**, **Vic Slaughter**, and **Steve Snyder** from District 5190. Following the regular meeting, they will conduct a visioning exercise for the members who can stay for the afternoon. Ane and Mike will be sending two documents by email to all members to get them thinking about the process in relation to the club. Mike would like members to think about things varying from process to philosophy and incorporate that thinking about the club into their planning for the New Year.

### INTERACT CLUBS RULE:

President **Bill Gallant** read from a letter from Rotary International. Did you know that there are now 12,100 Interact Clubs in 132 countries around the world that involve 278,000 young people?

### CHRISTMAS CUPCAKES:

Once again, the members are indebted to **Ane Deister** for treating everyone to wonderful fresh holiday cupcakes. Thanks Ane.

## Noted Rotarians



### CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB STAFF RECOGNIZED:

The Rotary Club of Cameron Park is fortunate to have great lunches each week at a reasonable price. The lunch experience is enhanced by the quiet and efficient service from the Country Club Staff. Eric and Jessie go out of their way each week to meet members' needs while not disturbing the

flow of meetings. To show our appreciation, President **Bill Gallant** presented Eric with a check as a token of our appreciation for his good work. Jessie was not in attendance and will receive a check as well.

## HAPPY BUCKS AND MORE:

PDG **Bob Clarke** attended the Rotary Club of San Ramon to make a presentation on his experience at Pearle Harbor on December 7, 1941. While there, his son was elected club president for a future year. For continuing the Rotary tradition in the Clarke family, Bob contributed \$10.

**Bob Edwards** gladly paid \$10 to announce completion of two toilets and storage facility at the **Cameron Park Rotary Community Observatory**. In the process, the area immediately outside the building has been paved. All this work was done by **Carter Kelly Construction**, owned by **Jim Carter** who is a major sponsor of the Cameron Park Rotary Community Foundation. The club is blessed to have such good friends and supporters.

Taking a well earned rest after the Christmas Dinner and Auction, **Dave Sargent** headed off for Las Vegas to feed his gambling habit. He didn't make any happy bucks, but he did contribute ten dollars to tell about his trip. Dave went to two shows, seeing Illusionist David Copperfield and Ventriloquist Terry Fator. Both shows were great, and Dave especially recommended checking out Terry Fator on **You Tube** at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVRDvR7pjN4>

Speaking of ventriloquists, **Norm Headley** couldn't resist paying \$5 to tell his story about a blond and ventriloquist dummy. He managed to insult both groups with one groaner.

We haven't seen much of **Iain Marshall** in the last two months as he traveled the world to such places as Egypt, the United Kingdom and Oregon. Being the golfer that he is, he is more impressed with Oregon golf than with the great pyramids or Big Ben. For that, he paid \$25.

Missing last week was **Sabrina Ho** who traveled to Japan for business. She wasn't thrilled by the meetings during the day, but sure enjoyed the night life. Sabrina claimed gaining and then losing 5 pounds with all the good eats. Back and in good form, Sabrina offered \$50 to share her experiences.

**Fritz Engel** offered \$10 to thank all those Rotarians who volunteered to man a bell and bucket for the Salvation Army.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

**Mike** and **Cathy Dugan** are celebrating their December wedding anniversary for which Mike contributed a generous \$50. For another \$10, Mike told of his success at the dog show in Long Beach. He managed best of breed awards and sold two of his Portuguese Water Dog puppies.

## LATE AND NOT SO HAPPY:

Arriving late for the meeting last week cost **Bob Dorr** and **Dee Russo** five dollars each. Also late and even less happy was **Dave Johnson**, who not only arrived late, but was coerced into an explanation by President Bill. To add insult to injury, Dave had to pay \$10.

## Birthdays in December

**Jim Buckley**

**Tom Check**

**Dave Crofut**

**Ane Deister**

**Bill Fister**

**Ben Foulk**

**Bill Gallant**

**Dave Johnson**

**Ulla Petersen**

**Rick Spicer**

**Cindy Sutorka**

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**Sheilah Gall**

**Robin Reynolds**

## Anniversaries in December

**David & Janet Bunje**

**Tom & Beverly Check**

**Michael & Cathy Dugan**

**Shiva & Jeff Frentzen**

## Upcoming Calendar

December 24, 2009 – No meeting this week. Merry Christmas

December 31, 2009 – No meeting this week. Happy New Year

January 7, 2010 - **Darol Rasmussen** to speak on his passion The Endowment campaign.

January 14, 2010 - Visioning with **Jerry Hall**. A working session will follow the regular meeting until 5:00 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

January 21, 2010 - **Dick Noonan** will speak about the Sacramento Southern Railroad

January 28, 2010 - **Karen McLaughlin** will present the Towe Auto Museum story

February 4, 2010 - The Sugarloaf Program by **Bob Edwards**

February 11, 2010 - Club Speech Contest

February 18, 2010 - General **Doug Stone** "Battlefield of the Mind---who our enemy is and how we can defeat him!"

February 25, 2010 - **Steve Snyder** will speak on the future of the auto industry

March 4, 2010 - **Eric Driever** will discuss the vision for Cameron Park

March 11, 2010 - **Apiary Farming** will present program on bee keeping

March 18, 2010 - **Shall Sinta** from Edmonton Alberta will speak on the origin of the Four Way Test

March 25, 2010 - **Sue Watson** from Snowline Hospice will speak to us about new programs available through that agency

## Upcoming Words of Wisdom/Greeter Assignments

January 7, 2010 – Words of Wisdom by **Dave Bunje**; Greeter **Cathy Thornton**: and **Dave Tavernetti** on the front desk

January 14, 2010 – Words of Wisdom by **Bob Clarke**; Greeter **Carla Carlson**: and **Cathy Thornton** on the front desk

January 21, 2010 – Words of Wisdom by **Iain Marshall**; Greeter **Ulla Petersen**: and **Sabrina Ho** on the front desk

January 28, 2010 – Words of Wisdom by **Mike Collom**; Greeter **Sabrina Ho**: and **Shiva Frentzen** on the front desk

## The Last Word



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, January 5, 2010 - Monthly Board meeting at noon at Bass Lake Golf Course. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**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 **Art Cort**, **Jim Buckley** and **Rick Spicer**. Web site, photography, and artwork through the talents of **Mike Neal**.