



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

January 8, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. ....Cameron Park Country Club

### Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Chuck LePere**; Greeter **Ron Losel**; and **Tom Keating** on the desk

### Program

**Bernie Dawse** from Salvation Army of EDC. Will speak on their efforts in the county

## 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 with a dozen songs to celebrate the holiday season. Over the years, Ms. Matranga has assembled 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. In addition to the full choir, male and female barbershop quartets were both in great form. Members of the choir credited their success to 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. President **Iain Marshall** presented Ms. Matranga with a check to help defray some of their travel expenses.

## Presidents Corner



### ERIC POHL IS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW:

President **Iain Marshall** presented **Eric Pohl** with a framed certificate and a pin to recognize Eric's contributions to become a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 receive the Paul Harris Award and most members take years to reach that level. It's worth noting that Eric became a Rotarian last year and has yet to receive his permanent blue badge. A "Red Badge" Rotarian receiving a Paul Harris Award is a first for this club and Eric is to be congratulated. He is certainly a valuable new member.

## ROTARY FLOAT AT THE PARADE OF

### ROSES:

Rotary International will continue the tradition of entering a float in the Annual Parade of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's Day. President Iain announced that the Board voted to support the float with a donation that will cost each member only a few dollars.

### 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 goes out of his way each week to meet members' needs while not disturbing the flow of meetings. To show our appreciation, President Iain presented with a check as a token of our appreciation for his good work.

### REPORT ON CHRISTMAS AUCTION:

**Mike Collom** reports that the Christmas Dinner auctions netted approximately \$12,000. He gave special thanks to the Interact Students from Ponderosa High School were irresistible raffle ticket sellers. Mike also recognized the hard work of **Debra Miller** and **Anne Eckert** and her staff from Umpquah Bank. The artful programs were essential to the success of the auction and were made available only after extraordinary efforts from **Pete** and **Coleen Oliver**.

### Noted Rotarians



### HAPPY BUCKS:

Missing a great program wasn't enough of a penalty for **Dave Sargent** leaving early. He also got to leave five Happy Bucks. Bell Ringer **Art Cort** has paid his fines for the year, but couldn't help but add an additional ten Happy Bucks to brag about going to his granddaughter's graduation from Washington State last week.

Everyone knows that **Pete Oliver** is a lucky man to have **Coleen** for a wife and it came as no surprise that she was mistaken for an Interact Student from Ponderosa High School at the Christmas

Dinner. Pete beamed with pride for his beautiful bride as he told the story and offered twenty Happy Bucks. Speaking of proud husband's, **Dave Bunje** is understandably proud to have been married to **Janet** for 38 years. A dollar a year, plus twelve for other good fortune, and Dave contributed fifty Happy Bucks. Not to be left out of the proud spouse club, **Gary Reynolds** offered ten Happy Bucks for **Robin's** upcoming birthday.

Contributing to the holiday spirit, **Ron Losel** contributed one of his stories that could have been mistaken for a full fledged program. The punch line involved an Arkansas accent and triggered a ten dollar contribution from Razorback **Coy Baugh**.

### Birthdays in December

**Jim Buckley**  
**Tom Check**  
**Dave Crofut**  
**Ane Deister**  
**Bill Fister**  
**Ben Foulk**  
**Bill Gallant**  
**Dave Johnson**  
**Ulla Petersen**  
-----Spouses-----  
**Sheilah Gall**  
**Robin Reynolds**

### Anniversaries in December

**David & Janet Bunje**  
**Tom & Beverly Check**  
**Shiva & Jeff Frentzen**

### **Upcoming Calendar**

December 25, 2008 - No Meeting - Merry Christmas

January 1, 2009 - No Meeting - Happy New Year

January 8, 2009 - **Bernie Dawse** from Salvation Army of EDC. Will speak on their efforts in the county

January 15, 2009 - **Art Edwards**, President of United Outreach of EDC. Will speak on homeless issues

January 22, 2009 - **Bob Dorr** will speak on status of Philippine boat project completion

January 29, 2009 - **Bernie Dibble**, chief docent at observatory will discuss recent developments

February 5, 2009 - **Chris Moore** will sponsor the Club Speech contest

February 12, 2009 - Club Assembly meeting

February 19, 2009 - **Chris Moore** will sponsor the Club Music contest

February 26, 2009 - **Dave Sargent** will take us to the Galapagos Islands

March 5, 2009 - **Star Walker** for EDC Agency on Aging to discuss available programs

March 12, 2009 - Dinner meeting at CPCC to judge area music competition

March 19, 2009 - **Shiva Frentzen** will discuss Iran`s Political Revolution

March 26, 2009 - open

March 31, 2009 - Tuesday evening meeting at Pollock Pines to judge area Speech competition

### **Upcoming Words of Wisdom**

January 8, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Chuck LePere**, Greeter **Ron Losel**, Front Desk **Tom Keating**

### **The Last Word**



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

January 6, 2009 - Monthly Rotary Club of Cameron Park 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 our 2008

Christmas Dinner & Auction. 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**.