



Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club

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Members Present: Carol Abbanat, Maria Bass, Christa Campbell, Ken Harper, Boyd Holler, Jim Maroun, Becky McIntyre, Kevin Monsma, Dave Rogers

Guests: Davey McNeil

The meeting, conducted at the Emigrant Trail Ed Center, was called to order President Dave at 8:01 am

Two bits, four bits....dollar: Dave contributed \$2 to celebrate the fact that the year 2015 has been a good one so far, with no forest fires, blizzards, or other distasters to date. Christa contributed \$2 to celebrate public relations successes for our club in local newspapers. Carol contributed \$1 to celebrate one year since her daughter Beth got a kidney transplant. She has recently been cleared to consume wine. Jim contributed \$5 to celebrate having gotten his business license from El Dorado County as Jim Maroun Consulting. Ken contributed \$2 to celebrate an accident-free drive to Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, and return, with no accidents, in spite of having to drive at night in conditions of high winds, cold, and blowing snow. He observed three big-rig turnovers along with a number of wrecked automobiles and pickup trucks, all attributable to the bad driving conditions.

Salvation Army bell-ringing: Dave reported that we had a successful Christmas season. All of our slots were filled and many club members related having heard donors citing their past positive experiences as recipients of Salvation Army assistance.

Barbara Dorr memorial: Carol noted the recent death of Barbara Dorr, wife of Cameron Park Rotarian Bob Dorr. Barbara frequently had asked about members of the Pollock Pines-Camino club, especially older members. Barbara, along with her husband, had been active with Cameron Park projects such as a Birthing boat that is in use in the Philippines. This is critical in an area where many children die at birth or before birth because of poor health conditions, and lack of facilities, and where death rates among children are low. Carol noted that because she was so highly regarded, almost all living former District Governors had attended her memorial service. After brief discussion, there was a motion by Carol seconded by Christa to donate \$100 to the Polio Plus program in Barbara's name, passed by the membership.

Rotary sheds: Our storage sheds are on property that was transferred by the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) to El Dorado County. Dave passed out a summary of notes from meetings with different officials relating to the property, and the status of the shed. Since we will continue to be allowed to keep the sheds at the site he suggested that we discuss them, and recommended that we stop using the small, older shed, which leaks, and has some internal structural deficiencies. The small shed is seldom used and currently holds nothing except junk. The club agreed by consensus to stop using the shed and let the County determine further use. Dave will dispose of the contents, but may need manpower.

Meeting location: Dave led a discussion of the pros and cons of alternate meeting locations and dates. Most members favored a location that offers a meal as an option, a good appearance, and good service. Dave split the discussion into two parts, with first part being the location where a meal could be served with good service at both morning and evening meetings and has a good appearance for speakers, guests, potential new members and District Rotarians. The consensus of the members present was either the Forester Restaurant or Sportsman's Hall met the meal service and appearance criteria. The second part discussed was the day of week. By consensus of the members present, Mondays and Fridays were eliminated as many holidays fall on those days and members traveling/vacationing on weekends would not prefer Mondays or Fridays. Tuesdays are a problem with Christa, Eric, Kevin, Boyd, and potentially Matt Smith. Thursdays have a conflict with Placerville's and Cameron Park's Rotary meetings. Morning meetings at the Forester are not possible as they are not open for breakfast and Tuesday meetings at the Sportsman's Hall are not possible as that is the day they are closed. After a lengthy discussion by club members, Dave made a presidential decision to change our meeting date to Wednesday with morning meetings at the Sportsman's Hall and evening meetings at The Forester. Dave will engage in discussions with ownership of the Sportsman's Hall relating to service, and other issues.

Other announcements: Carol gave us a handout announcing Spring Break Caring, an Interact food drive, conducted to benefit Pinewood School families in need. Donors can take food items (mostly non-perishable) to Sierra Ridge Middle School until March 27th. Limited, and specific perishable food items such as potatoes and some fruits such as apples will be accepted from March 23 to 27. Milk and bread will be accepted on March 27th.

Carol also reminded us that the next Interact Saturday community breakfast is this Saturday.

Dictionary project: Distribution will begin next Tuesday at Camino School.

New member induction: New members will be inducted at our next evening meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 am.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ken Harper

Secretary