



Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club
Minutes of Meeting- February 4, 2016

Members Present: Jim, Eric, Dennis, Carol, Dave, Martin, Davey, Kevin

Guest Speaker: Deputy Josh Sprague

Other Guests: Aldo Panattoni, Buddy Pohl, Greg Hawkins

Two Bits etc: **Dennis** shared that his future grandchild is a daughter and that his son in the Air Force has been promoted to Major, **Dave** shared the bad news that he's lost several trees to the tree beetles with the good news being that he now has an abundance of fire wood. **Carol** talked about the recent High School Academic Decathlon saying that event gives no high school credit for participating but that tons of study goes into preparing for the tests in 10 areas. She bragged (like she warned the membership would happen this year) that grandson Anthony won medals in seven of the possible areas of study.

Membership Minute: **Dennis** shared, for the benefit of our guests, that members use the 4 Way test as a guide for what they think, say or do and then he read the Four - Way Test.

Guest Speaker: Deputy Josh Sprague- position Resident Deputy

Deputy Sprague stated that he began his service in 2006 and worked as a Sheriff's Deputy, Correctional officer and other positions around Placerville and the Tahoe areas. He is happy now to be a resident of the Pollock Pines – Camino area. The Sheriff's department hopes to eventually have an office at the Old Pollock School where residents may meet with Deputy Sprague, but this may take a while to come to fruition.

The territory Deputy Sprague serves is from Camino to Strawberry and Mormon Emigrant Trail to Loon Lake.

The benefits of a resident deputy to the communities are 1) The resident deputy takes all the calls here-the intent is to have a patrol unit as well so that he can focus on local issues. 2) He already knows a lot of people here so he knows the areas that need attention...it's his individual specialty vs patrolling an area periodically.

Crime trends: Thefts: both vehicle and burglary. 2,000 property thefts per year are reported.

He said that thieves will walk by cars and try the door handle. If locked they tend to move along. For Homes they will often ring the doorbell and if someone is home will make up an excuse like being from PG & E whereas they are really looking for potential homes to rob. Deputy Sprague says to report these occurrences so that police know of the activity even if nothing is stolen.

Homeless population: the main issue is destroying property but that they also will move into a vacant house. When discovered they move out pretty readily but will find another vacant home to use. Deputy Sprague suggest letting neighbors know if you have a vacant property and to provide them with your contact information and vice a versa. Much time is spent trying to find absent home owners after a problem is discovered. The other challenge is that the squatters know how to subvert existing laws and avoid prosecution.

A question was raised about local Drug Issues .This problem is increasing- going from marijuana to Meth. and Heroin sometimes because of parents use. Vaping is being found in

Middle school...and the young are being targeted by the flavors that are promoted like bubble gum flavor. Problems with prescription drugs seems to be related to what can be found in the home. Regarding the Registered Sex Offenders in this area they are regularly checked for compliance with organized sweeps to check compliance with the law once or twice each year.

Strikes for Scholarships: Jim reminded everyone that members are responsible for providing a team, a raffle basket of \$50 value and to be available to help that day as much as possible. There are about 12 teams (of 24 needed) that are committed today but none have paid yet. There are two fliers available for posting in businesses. Everyone needs to seek sponsors and additional teams.

The ability to pay on line via PayPal was brought up. **Kevin** said it would be hard to have this running in time for Strikes. **Jim** offered to research this.

Voting on a Club County Chamber of Commerce Membership was moved to next meeting for lack of quorum.

Jim: gave a brief report on his Pre-PETS meeting last Saturday. The meeting stressed that there are no “Rotary Police” which allows individual clubs to function in a way that works best for the membership (within reason). Jim plans to meet with all club members in order to find out what club members would like to see accomplished in the upcoming year. **Jim** will bring more food for thought to the club as time goes on and he attends PETS and prepares for his presidency.

CEDAPP Summit: on February 17th. **Dennis** will attend to represent Rotary.

Visioning: Eric will send an email to all members with choices regarding preferences for what date and time to set this up. This should happen soon with a goal to have the Visioning within the next two months.

Forest Clean-up: Jim announced a PLINK clean-up day on March 4^h. Ask him for information.

Speaker Next Week: Honorary Member Cathy Staller. Topic “Next Door.Com”

Calendar reminders:

February 13: Interact Community Breakfast

March 3: Speech Contest with Placerville Rotary at Smith Flat House 6:00 PM

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March 19: Placerville “Beatles” Concert and Dinner go to their Website for details.

April 7: Music Contest with Placerville Rotary at Smith Flat House 6:00 PM

April 9: District Assembly for Club BOD Leaders at Atlantis Casino in Reno

April 24: Area 6 Speech and Music Contests at Union Mine Theater 1-5 PM

May 12-15: District Conference

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted in Ken's absence,

Carol Abbanat