

Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club P.O. Box 88 Pollock Pines, CA 95726 www.pollockpines-caminorotary.org

18 February 2016 Minutes

Meeting conducted at Fifty Grand Restaurant

Members present: Carol, Christa, Ken, Boyd, Jack, Dave, Dennis, Cathy (H)

Guests: Jeanne Harper, Elizabeth Mallinson, Jo Ann Rogers

Guest speaker: Cathy Staller

Carol called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2 bits, 4 bits...dollar: Dave donated \$5 to celebrate the end of inconveniences caused by a tree falling across power lines on Deep Haven. He gave kudos to PG&E workers who worked through miserable conditions at the site. Jeanne gave \$2 to celebrate Rotary's excellent presentation at the Community Organizations Summit meeting the night before, and another \$2 to announced the new CEDAPP calendar for 2016. Jack donated \$2 to celebrate a niece, age 16, who will be going to Italy to study for 1 months. Boyd donated \$2 to celebrate the first snow days that Camino School has had in years. Carol donated \$1 to let Jack and Elizabeth know how happy it is to see them again. Christa donated \$2 to celebrate a recent vacation, a cruise on a small cruise ship to the Galapagos Islands. The passenger list is limited to 80, and environmental concerns are a key issue with the Ecuadoran government.

Mail call: Virtually all mail goes to the Treasurer.

Membership: Dennis announced a new initiative. It will be the establishment of a pot, to replace the 50/50 raffle, and SHIPSHAPE USA will start by donating \$30. Winner will be the sponsor of the next new member to join the club. The pot will then start over. The winner may not donate his/her winnings to the Polio + fund, and must use it to enjoy something, which might include the purchase of pleasing beverages for other club members. Four possible new members have been identified.

Dennis reminded us of upcoming dates including the flea market, and the Interact breakfast. He also commented on the Summit meeting, telling us that the meeting had a good vibe.

Guest Speaker: Our speaker for the evening was Cathy Staller, who is also an honorary member. Cathy talked about Nextdoor.com, which is a modern type of the neighborhood watch concept. Residents of a neighborhood can go online to join a neighborhood, where they can get, and give information about their neighborhood. It is a private social network, currently used by 30% of American neighborhoods. It can be used to announce events, safety, advertising, and warnings. Castlewood was the first neighborhood in the Pollock Pines area, and it has spread to other neighborhoods in the community since. Some of the Pollock Pines neighborhoods started up just one week before the King Fire. Partly because of the efforts of our community Resident Deputy, Josh Sprague, all of El Dorado County is now involved in this program.

One of the attractions of the program is that admission requires verification by a currently member. Cathy noted that on one occasion she challenged a potential member by asking for information she needed to verify that the person should be a member of the group. That person withdrew her application. The verification process is designed to keep the program secure from potential abusers of the system. The program offers flexibility as to which neighborhoods you can post to. Part time residents can sign on as well as businesses and schools.

El Dorado County Chamber of Commere: Second discussion about our club possibly joining the County Chamber of Commerce. A number of members discussed advantages, and non presented any disadvantages. Ken motion to join and pay the appropriate dues, seconded by Dave. All members present voted yes, and Carol added three absentee yes votes. Motion passed Unanimously.

Strikes for Scholarships: Handouts were passed around; sponsor signup sheets, team signup sheets, and others. Needed is a raffle coordinator, a designated

photographer, and an email summarizing what teams e know about now. Raffle baskets should have a value of \$50 or more. For the moment, members can contact Cathy about raffle baskets.

Visioning: We have requested a date to have a visioning meeting.

Speakers: Speakers are needed for March through July. Send an email to Eric if you have commitments for speakers.

Speech Contest: Dates are shown on the agenda. Dinner can be purchased at the speech contest. The first date is March 3rd at 6 pm.

Foundation: Dave reminded us that a contribution of \$10 a month is an option, rather than a single contribution. This can be done online, and members are encouraged to use the option if it works better for them.

Total to Polio Plus: \$21. Total to membership pot : \$39

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Harper, Secretary