



Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club

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Minutes

Meeting conducted at Sportsman's Hall

Members present: Carol Abbanat, Eric Bonnicksen, Ken Harper, Jim Maroun, Kevin Monsma, Dave Rogers, Dennis Staller, Cathy Staller (Hon)

Guest speaker: Ed Manansala, Deputy Superintendent, El Dorado County Office of Education

Guest: Pat Kernan

The meeting was called to order by President Eric at 8:05 am

Two bits...dollar: Dave donated \$10 to celebrate having survived a life-threatening tire blowout while he was towing a trailer during his vacation, and wife Jo Ann catching a 25 pound salmon. When the tire blew out, fragments destroyed brake lines. He was able to safely stop the vehicles, and then had to spend extra days while repairs were underway.

Mail call: One item, a check for dues that went to Kevin.

Flea Market: Cathy suggested that we get rid of items from last year that have no sale potential. Heather, Jack, and Dave have volunteered to take the items to the dump before the flea market. After we remove all material from the small shed, El Dorado County will tear it down. Members agreed to be at the site on October 11 to price items and do a cleanup. If members have a free dump voucher they are asked to donate it to the club. Dennis will bring a signup sheet next week so that club members can staff our table at the flea market all day long. He suggested that members get there shortly after 6 am, and that the market actually opens for business at 8 am.

Speaker: Ed is one of two Deputy Superintendents of the El Dorado County Office of Education. He noted that there are 14 School District Superintendents in El Dorado County,

two of them being members of our club. Ed is a former Rotarian. This is his 3rd year in EDCOE. He is a lifetime educator, having been a teacher, and having worked his way through administrative posts including being a principal, and a District Superintendent.



California has 58 Offices of Education covering 1,100 school districts. The State Department of Education deals with the county offices rather than trying to deal directly with 1,100 districts. EDCOE's function is to support the districts in the county. EDCOE also has programs that it runs separately including Head Start, and other pre-school programs, a community school, specialized trade and university charter schools, adult school programs, and Home charter school. There are just under 20 charter schools in El Dorado County.

EDCOE stresses innovation in education, and has provided grant funds to educators who can write grants demonstrating potential for bettering education with innovative ideas. Currently EDCOE is working with Eric on an innovative English learner program that utilizes games



specifically developed for the purpose.

Evening In The Orchard: Jim let us know that letters to sponsors and donors has been drafted. He asked about sending letters to individual ticket purchasers. After some discussion it was determined that letters would not be sent to ticket buyers because club members generally have a one-on-one relationship with these buyers. Dave has one receipt for an extension card that he purchased for the event, for lighting. Kevin believes that just about all expenditures have been accounted for. We had greater receipts this year, and both Kevin and Carol attribute that to higher sales of wine than in past years.

Alternate evening meeting location: Eric repeated the concern that Sportsman's Hall has become more popular over time, and has more customers at the dinner hour, making it difficult to deal with crowd noise during our meetings. A number of alternate sites were discussed. The consensus is that we should hold both morning and evening meetings on the same day, but that an alternate site is needed for evenings. Members are asked to submit ideas. The 50 Grand Restaurant was discussed in particular, if we can order from the regular menu.

Other business: Ken reminded members that the Community Event sign, maintained by CEDAPP, is available on a first come-first served basis, for a week at a time. This sign can only be used by non-profit organizations, and not by businesses. Signs can be fabricated through CEDAPP for \$60, with one week use, but could also be provided by the organization, if the sign meets CEDAPP standards. If made by CEDAPP, the sign become the organization's property, and can be altered, and re-used. The cost for a week of sign use provided by the organization is \$5 per week. The event sign is at the intersection of Sly Park Road and Pony Express Trail.

Carol discussed the community park meeting. A survey will be produced which residents can use to make suggestions. One item that is needed is a name. Carol discussed the problem with using the name: Pollock Pines Community Park, and another piece of property that had been intended for use as a park. Popular items with residents included constructing a dog park, and a kiddie play area.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 05 am

\$15 to Polio Plus.

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Harper, Secretary