



*Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club*

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**Minutes**

Meeting conducted at Sportsman's Hall

Members present: Eric Bonnicksen Christa Campbell, Ken Harper, Jim Maroun, Davey McNeill, Kevin Monsma, Dave Rogers, Dennis Staller

Guest: Matt Smith

Guest Speaker: Sheriff John D'Agostini

The meeting was called to order by President Eric at 8:00 am

Two bits...dollar: Dave donated \$5 to celebrate his debunking. Ken donated \$5 with thanks to the club for naming him the Rotarian of the Year. Dennis donated \$5 and announced that he has become a grandfather. The child is a 7lb 6oz girl. Kevin donated \$3 to celebrate being back from a vacation. He was at Stonebreaker Cellars, then went up the Oregon coast.



Guest speaker: Sheriff D'Agostini is now in his sixth year. Major concerns for his department include starting a budget cycle, with El Dorado County having a \$24K budget deficit. The County Board of Supervisors had called for a 6% cut by all departments. The Sheriff's department presented a plan with \$4.1K in cuts, but he has warned them that cuts of this magnitude are not sustainable, without deterioration in the safety of county residents. The reason is that costs over which the department has no control, keep increasing. Under the current Board of Supervisors master plan, public safety is a key item.

His department will build a new headquarters facility, estimated to be completed by 2018. The property, near Missouri Flat Road, is now in escrow. One of the costs his department had to deal with was \$250K in leases for offsite properties. The new facility should reduce that. It will have a solar farm that will reduce electricity costs to nothing. The headquarters building they are in now was inadequate years ago because of significant structural problems.

His department now has 371 full-Time-Equivalent employees, the same as it was in 2003, even with a 15% increase in the county population over that same time. El Dorado County recently fired, then rehired some employees to try to balance the budget, but none of the rehires were in his department.

He is currently seeking additional Resident Deputy positions. This position is a cornerstone of the community policing concept. There is currently one Resident Deputy in Tehoma. He is hoping to get two more, one in the Georgetown Divide, and one in the south county-Pollock



Pines area. The Resident Deputy would live in the area and be a part of local events. The sheriff was a Resident Deputy when he was in Amador County, and both first hand and academic knowledge that it works. The position requires a personal commitment on the part of the selectee, and the right personality.

Crime is up in some areas. It is static in Pollock Pines and Camino. He anticipates that problems related to Proposition 47/AB 109 will increase, and knows that problems have already surfaced in urban areas. Direct problems include increased medical costs for prisoners, and an increase in the jail population. The population cap in this county is 469, but the process known as classification requirements reduce that number. This county has a contract to house prisoners from Shasta, Trinity, and Alpine counties. Prisoners in this program are released back into their home counties when their times are up.

Resource allocation is directed at prevention of recidivism. Another problem that increases costs include prison politics, such as more legal challenges from prisoner rights groups.

Proposition 47 was supposed to save California taxpayers money, and put funds back into local communities. It has negatively impacted the ability of agencies to investigate some crimes, by putting up roadblocks to getting warrants. It also changed some laws, including the setting of a threshold on the theft of a firearm at \$950 value. Formerly, theft of a firearm had been a felony, no matter what the value of the firearm. There is a movement to get a ballot initiative to fix some of the Prop 47 problems. Citizens can help with budget issues by talking to their members of the Board of Supervisors.

501c3 update: Eric will take a check for \$100 to take to the Cameron Park Rotary Foundation for our participation in that foundation.

Strikes for Scholars: Scheduled for March 12. Issues regarding food service and location have been worked out with the bowling alley.

Evening In The Orchard: Set for September 10. Jim will be the coordinator. He will send around a signup sheet. Rainbow Orchards will absorb some costs, but the club will pay for the meat that is cooked. Rainbow will also prepare appetizers.

Other business: Christa announced that our scholarship students will attend the August 20 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Harper, Secretary