

Everybody Wants to Rule the World

Everybody wants to rule the world. Not really, but a lot of people want to have input on how things should be done. Over the years, I've attended and served on many government boards, commissions, city councils, non-profits, and service clubs and most people just want to have input in the decision making.

In the most recent national election, there are many things that our new President will have to decide upon. Not only he, but the new members of the Board of the Feather River Recreation and Park District have many things to contend with. Two of our present members of the Board will no longer be present at future meetings. There were three seats to be filled, and those seats will now be filled by Jan Hill, Jennifer Kremen and Jill Andoe.

Our outgoing members are Monique Gurr and John Allen. At Thanksgiving, I give thanks to both Monique and John for their many hours of volunteerism for you, their constituents. We say goodbye with a heartfelt thanks for their many hours in meetings and workshops and for what they brought to the table in decision making.

I can remember a few years back when Monique Gurr and I sat at her kitchen table working on a soccer grant for the Supplemental Benefit Fund (SBF). We did this for several days and I was impressed by how stalwart she was in her efforts to see soccer being played at Riverbend Park. Now, before she leaves the Board, she can look back with an accomplishment to see money from the SBF going to soccer development in the coming year at Riverbend Park.

John Allen worked for the District for 34 years and was a member of the Board for four years. His interests were youth and seniors. One of his favorite locations in the District is the handicapped-accessible wildlife fishing ponds. He was a huge supporter of cleaning up the ponds and making them accessible so that everyone could enjoy a fishing area close to town. He felt it was a special place to watch the beavers chew the cottonwoods for their expanded family.

One of my favorite things that Monique Gurr jokingly said to me one time was, "This is no way to treat a volunteer." The many hours that she and John put in could be overwhelming, but they can be proud of what they've accomplished. There's nothing more important for anyone who's in an elected office or who is the president or chair of the group organization than seeing something accomplished during their term of service.

We look forward to this year with both current and new Board members who will have that opportunity to accomplish the goals and objectives of the District Master Plan, as well as use their ideas to improve parks and recreation. You are all welcome to attend meetings of the District so that you can be a part of that decision-making process that is part and parcel to our democratic process.

You may not be able to rule the world, but you can have input in important decisions like developing soccer fields for youth and protecting little beavers.

Quote

“All for freedom and for pleasure, nothing ever lasts forever. Everybody wants to rule the world.” ~ Tears for Fears, “Everybody Wants to Rule the World” from the album Songs From the Big Chair.

“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” ~Unknown

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.” ~ Unknown

Fun Facts

Turkeys can drown if they look up when it's raining.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.

The average age of the Mayflower passenger was 32. The oldest Mayflower passenger was 64.

The cranberry got its name because the pale pink blossoms on the plant resembled a crane's head and neck. The name craneberry stuck, eventually becoming cranberry.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 22 - **Christmas Craft Faire** at the Municipal Auditorium, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sponsored by KRBS 107.1 and FRRPD. For more information, contact KRBS at 534-1200.

Nov. 22 – **FRRPD Plant Sale**. Municipal Auditorium plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

See you in the parks!