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Roots of Gold

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The Official Cast & Crew Newsletter for THE GOLDEN TREE
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Our 10th issue!!!

I know it may not be that exciting to you — or you may not have ready any of them — maybe you scanned them — but to us it is quite a big deal keeping you informed of the production you are involved in — not sure if anyone else is doing this, but I learned it early one at Film School:

“Be different, be professional, and make everyone feel like they have a stake in the project”

Well I not only want you to FEEL it, I want you to KNOW it; yes, I will mention it again:

“This movie would not be able to be made with out everyone's effort, hard work, and attention to detail — it may have my name as the writer, director, and editor, but the fact is: it is a team endeavor and without YOU, it would still be on paper.

THANK YOU! ”

I like keeping it an informal formal mess; a professional family gathering of talent that shares the journey, the passion, and the triumph of a job well done.
HAPPY TENTH “ROOTS OF GOLD” everyone!!!

This is going out to 50 people, groups, and families.

We Have a RIVER!

Well, we were looking for water and we found it, more than we wanted, but what we found is awesome!

Special thanks go out to Steve Dakota who plays Samuel Brennan — our first California Millionaire in Scene 13 — for putting me in touch with Dr. Gallant, DVM retired, who just happened to have the South Fork of the American River going through his backyard in Lotus, California, just a few miles north-west of Coloma on Highway 49.

After a lengthy visit with the gracious and giving host, Dr. Gallant, in which

he gave me a tour of the location, Henningsen Lotus Park, and Sutter's Mill, we came to terms and and both look forward to the 24th and 31st of July.

“I just want to be able to say a movie was made in my backyard” - Dr. Gallant

The location is just a little over an hour away for me and from Access Sacramento — where the cast & crew call was located; so it's not that bad considering it would have been an hour and a half plus for everyone to get to Bridgeport — this is a savings for all and near where we are actually portraying. How ironic? Interesting? Serendipitous? Well, something anyway.

Speaking of River, Lotus, Coloma, and July 31st

We need to know who would be coming to the wrap party on July 31st — which will now be held at either Dr. Gallant's abode, Henningsen Lotus Park, or we wait for a premiere of the 30 minute version?

We have 32 cast members — if anyone was curious — and roughly 10 crew members.

If everyone showed and brought at least one other person we would have 84 people — not that we would have a problem with that, but what we need to know who is coming to start planning the festivities, food, and finalizing a location.

WRAP PARTY DETAILS (so far)

- Henningsen Lotus Park located at **950 Lotus Road, Lotus, CA 95651** *LOTS of parking, big picnic area, right on the river, \$3 a car load.*
- TIME: After 12 noon - 5pm
- FOOD: Cake, champagne, sparkling cider, munchies
 - We would like to do a BBQ or POT Luck type thing, but that would depend on how many and if you are interested.
 - BBQ: bring what you would BBQ.
 - POT LUCK: simple dishes.
- ACTIVITIES: Speeches, Eating, Pictures, Celebrate, and swimming.

If interested and planning on attending, please let us know ASAP, so we can get it planned — if anything we would have a cake, champagne, sparkling apple juice, and munchies after lensing the day's scenes; We just want to invite everyone and make it an event to remember — we could use some organizers, planners, and set up crew for this as well.

SO PLEASE AS SOON AS YOU KNOW: DEADLINE WILL BE JULY 17 for RSVP's.

LET US KNOW:

√ Yes or No;

if YES, how many, what you think: BBQ or Pot Luck, can you help organize and set up?
ALSO, there might be a few people wanting to carpool.

We still need a ZEKE

I am asking you thespians if anyone knows of another actor that would like to be in the movie who is 6' or more and bulky: big with muscles to play the part of ZEKE?

No one has answered my plea from July 1st, and I ask you cause you are in the circle of actors, friends, father's, brother's, and so forth.

It's a simple role; but I guess whom I should be asking are the actors coming up on July 17th for Scene 13 as he could hitch a ride with you.

PLEASE, ANYONE with ideas or someone, please let me know, and ask them first... As this role may be small, but it is an integral role in the scene.

Web sites to remember, visit, and share.

If you have not visited you should, if you have not "liked" than you should, all of these links has all the information you need on them.

<http://www.thegoldentree.ariapictures.com> Official website of movie

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- PEACE and God Bless

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