



This Week

Meeting Date and Place

April 9, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.Cameron Park Country Club

Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Edie Liebergot**; Greeter **Ben Young**; and **Sabrina Ho** on the desk

Program

Larry George will give an update on Israel/Palestine conflict

Last Week



In a program that was scheduled at the last minute, President **Iain Marshall** took the opportunity to talk about the circumstances that led to his emigration to the United States. Raised in England, Iain told of going to a high school dance where he was attracted to a beautiful young lady. Naturally, she wouldn't give him the time of day and he ended up talking with her friend named **Sally** who was even more beautiful. Why Sally would give Iain the time of day is still a mystery, but he seems to think it was some sort of fate. In any event, Sally came to her senses after two or three years and young Iain found

himself on his own. Having what can only be described as nerdy tendencies, after graduating from college Iain became interested in electronics and joined the Royal Air Force. He spent most of his eight years in the service assigned to a Harrier Squadron. The Harrier was developed by the British as a short or vertical takeoff and landing jet aircraft. The British government was attempting to market the Harrier to other countries and in the process, Iain was involved with training U.S. Marines who rightfully boasted about their country. Being rather provincial, such talk did not spark any interest in Iain to see this beautiful country. As shown here, Iain still plays with his toy Harrier airplane, even making funny noises that can only be assumed to be his attempt at sound effects.

After leaving the military in 1978, Iain was recruited to work for an electronics firm in Manchester that specialized in manufacturing electronic cards that could be used for entering secure locations. They also made cards used in vehicles to open barriers. Working on the marketing side of the business, Iain called on banks and other financial institutions where it was important to give a means of quick access to employees through secure locations. These experiences introduced Iain to the financial industry, giving him a background that he would apply later in his career.

Iain was then recruited by Bell Securities, a firm that installed electronic card systems. He worked with products in the early days of digital technology, that included recording pictures on cards. One project for the British government involved individual cards for prisoners to record a list of authorized visitors and other personal information. Bell designed a system to record ATM transactions, including a picture of the individual making the transaction. He also worked on fingerprint and voice recognition technology. Iain related one experience in which he was contacted by Porsche to consider the potential for voice recognition commands to their cars. He was able to spend an exciting day at the test track playing with fancy cars. Unfortunately the technology didn't work when the top was down and Porsche abandoned the idea. No sale, but Iain had a great time. Bell Securities grew and Iain found himself making frequent trips to the United States to market their products.

One day in the mid 1980s, Iain attended a twenty year high school reunion in England where he encountered Sally. Sally had lived in South Africa and was currently living as a single mother of two in San Diego, California. Iain had not mentioned his first marriage during this presentation, but admitted to two great kids that somehow came into this world when he was in the Royal Air Force. Having forgotten why Sally had dumped Iain in the 1960s, they found a continuing attraction and agreed to get together for "coffee" whenever Iain happened to be in the United States and they managed to do just that a couple of times a year.

Iain's much younger brother, **Tony**, left the U.K. to travel the world and got as far as Northern California where he met **Trish** and his travels ended. Tony married Trish and went to work for Edward Jones. With Iain now seeing Sally a couple of times a year and her being unable to move because of two young children in school, Iain had to give serious consideration to moving to the U.S. if he wanted to make their relationship work. Tony determined that Iain's experience in the financial world would make him a good candidate to work for Edward Jones. Iain already had a working visa that allowed him to stay in the United States for up to 90 days. He decided to go to work for Edward Jones on a trial basis and moved to California. One of his conditions was that he work in the same city as Tony and that is how he came to find Cameron Park. Iain and Sally were married and since she had already become an American citizen, he automatically received a green card.

Iain has yet to apply for U.S. citizenship. Initially, he said that there was a prohibition against dual citizenship and he did not want to surrender his British citizenship. Dual citizenship is now allowed and Iain is considering applying one day. His son and daughter in the U.K. have established careers and understand that dad will permanently live in the United States. He did indicate that in retirement he would like to be able to spend a few months each year in the U.K.. Summing up his move to the U.S., Iain knows that he is blessed to have met Sally, describing their relationship as "meant to be." Perhaps Sally should be invited to make a presentation to give her side of the story.

Presidents Corner



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS:

President **Iain's** offer to host a party for all members who complete a Paul Harris Fellowship during his term in office is drawing a crowd. Last week, **Ron Losel** joined the growing list of party goers with his check to complete another Paul Harris Fellowship. Ron conditioned this donation on the provision that he be allowed to bring a guest and his dog to the party. Iain's incentive is proving such a success, he may have to find a larger house for his bash.

PATH TO LITERACY:

Pete Oliver announced a community project to assist the School District with the repair of an existing path that runs from Country Club Drive at the Cameron Park Library to the Camerado Springs Middle School (The path

is badly washed out). This will involve grading and paving the 650` path with asphalt and constructing a 50` retaining wall to ensure that the path does not get washed out again. This is a high-impact project in that the path is used by hundreds of people every day that school is in session.

SALES TAX INCREASE:

Treasurer **Coy Baugh** observed that the state sales tax increase of one percent on April 1, 2009, will increase the cost of meals at the weekly meeting. There is no plan to pass that cost increase on to members, but Coy suggests that those who favor the tax increase should add an additional 1% when paying your monthly invoice. Those opposed to higher taxes will not be affected. Sounds like a good time to apply the 4 Way Test.

ROTARY AT WORK DAY ON APRIL 25, 2009:

Don't forget that nearly all members will be needed to make Christmas in April a success. We'll be manning the Salvation Army pots on April 25 and everyone should commit to a two hour stint. **Tom Keating** still needs volunteers and is urging everyone to sign up early to get their preferred shift and location. Don't forget an unforgettable pot luck Christmas in April dinner will follow at Bill Gallant's.

Rotary DISTRICT 5190 CONVENTION:

The District Convention is coming up fast. To be held at the Peppertree Hotel and Convention Center in

Reno on May 14 to 17, the program promises inspirational speakers and lots of good information about Rotary programs. Interact students and Group Study Exchange teams in attendance always bring good energy. This year's program promises to be a good time for all. The Rotary Clubs of Georgetown and Pollock Pines will both join Cameron Park to sponsor a hospitality room. Members planning to attend are asked to tell **Bill Gallant** and to bring refreshments for the hospitality and fellowship. Conference registration may be accomplished on the District Web site.

Noted Rotarians



FINES AND HAPPY BUCKS:

Norm Headley has been looking on the bright side of life ever since he married Gwen. Returning from a holiday in Arnold, they were taken by the beautiful winery where they were stopped at a beautiful winery where they were taken by the brilliant display of flowers, for which Norm contributed \$5. Noting that April is their anniversary month, Norm offered up another five happy bucks. Congratulations Norm and Gwen.

Chuck Le Pere seems to have reasons every week to brag about his grandchildren. Last week, Chuck paid ten happy bucks to report on his granddaughter, **Nicole Le Pere** who is a sophomore at Richmond University in Richmond Virginia, where she competes on the swim team. As she did last year, she broke the record

for the 200 meter backstroke at the Atlantic 10 conference swim meet in Buffalo NY. The Richmond University Women's Swimmers won the conference championship at this meet as well. Needless to say Grandma and Grandpa are very proud of her accomplishments.

Bill Gallant borrowed a pen last week and the previous week. He may have returned one, but the story was too confusing to repeat here. The important thing is that Bill has it straight and that he offered \$10 to talk about it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Terry Wilson has three reasons to remember his April birthday. In addition to getting a year older, the day also marks the anniversary of Lee surrendering his sword at Appomattox as well as the fall of Bataan in World War II. For each event, Terry offers \$3 for a total of 9 happy(?) bucks. **Mike Neal** also has a birthday this month for which he offers six big happy bucks. Not here to celebrate his birthday with his fellow Rotarians, **Doug Bisbee** was remembered by his good friend **Bob Clarke** who offered \$5 on Doug's behalf. While he was at it, Bob came up with another \$5 for his daughter's April birthday.

Dave Johnson is happy to celebrate wife **Pamela's** birthday with ten happy bucks. And **Dave Sargent** had two reasons to offer a similar amount. First, and foremost is **Carol's** birthday. Second is the fact that his hearing is recovering after attending a Bruce Springsteen concert.

EARLY OR LATE?

Habitually late, **Max Callaghan** surprised everyone when he showed up early to enjoy the pre-meeting fellowship. It seems he forgot his cell phone and gained unexpected time. Let that be a lesson for Max who may be the first member to pay \$5 for arriving early.

Not early, were **Pete Oliver** who tried to sneak in and made the mistake of sitting in **Ben Young's** seat, and **Dave Johnson** who came in quietly. Each will pay \$10 for the infraction.

Birthdays in April

Doug Bisbee

Bob Edwards

Shiva Frentzen

Russ Lloyd

Mike Neal

Brian Silverthorn

Terry Wilson
-----Spouses-----
Dottie Bisbee
Jeff Frentzen
Gwen Headley
Pamela Johnson
Carol Sargent
Stephanie Silverthorn

Anniversaries in April
Norm & Gwen Headley
Edie & Paul Liebergot

Upcoming Calendar

April 9, 2009 - **Larry George** will give an update on Israel/Palestine conflict
April 16, 2009 - **Dee Russo** will discuss **Project Amigo** and her December visit with her daughters to Mexico
April 23, 2009 - ``Sewards Folly`` travelogue with **Art ``North to Alaska`` Cort**
April 30, 2009 - GSE Team presentation

May 7, 2009 - Folsom Lake College development, including Performing Arts Center
May 14, 2009 - Vocational Service experiences by **Norm Headley** and **Tom Keating**
May 21, 2009 - **George Eckert** - California Mortgage Association: Legislative Update
May 28, 2009 - Trip to California Military Museum for meeting and tour

June 4, 2009 - **Star Walker** from EDC Office on Aging about available programs

Upcoming Words of Wisdom

April 9, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Edie Liebergot**; Greeter **Ben Young**; and **Sabrina Ho** on the front desk
April 16, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Ron Losel**; Greeter **Jim Buckley**; and **Ulla Petersen** on the front desk
April 23, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Vickie Christensen-McLain** ; Greeter **Sig Hansen**; and **David Tavernetti** on the front desk
April 30, 2009 - Words of Wisdom **Bob Clarke**; Greeter **Norm Headley**; and **Tom Keating** on the front desk

The Last Word



AREA SPEECH CONTEST:

President Iain reports that the Area Speech Contest, held earlier last week in Pollock Pines, was a big success. The level of competition was very high and **Enoch Simms** the Ponderosa High School student representing Cameron Park came out number one. Enoch will be representing our area at the District Conference in May. The conference is already a fun and informative event. With Enoch competing at the Speech Contest there, Cameron Park Rotarians have one more reason to attend and show their support.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 7, 2009 - Monthly Rotary Club of Cameron Park Board meeting at Kobe`s restaurant in Burke`s Junction. All members welcome.

April 25, 2009 - Rotary at Work Day

April 25, 2009 - "Walk for Children" to raise money for the Children of St. Jude`s at Ponderosa High School

May 14 to 17, 2009 - Rotary District 5190 Conference at the Pepermill Hotel and Conference Center in Reno

June 13, 2009 - **Wine at Town Center**

Mike Neal has put together another of his photo series of highlights of our 2008 Christmas Dinner & Auction. The link is at the bottom of this web page. Recent pictures of the Philippine Boat project are now posted in the link below entitled, ``Agusan Marsh Project in the Philippines.``

Gear Up is written by **Jim Buckley** and **Art Cort**. Photography and artwork through the talents of **Mike Neal**.