



## This Week

### Meeting Date and Place

**April 16, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. ....Cameron Park Country Club**

### Words of Wisdom

Words of Wisdom: **Ron Losel**; Greeter **Jim Buckley**; and **Ulla Petersen** on the desk

### Program

**Dee Russo** will discuss **Project Amigo** and her December visit with her granddaughters to Mexico

## Last Week



Larry George, retired Methodist Minister and former Cameron Park Rotarian, has spent considerable time in Palestine and Israel over the last twenty years. His work, particularly with Hope School in Palestine, has given him an opportunity to observe firsthand the impact of ongoing conflict on the Palestinian people. Commenting on **Shiva Frenzten's** presentation on Iran last month, Larry drew a parallel between Iran and Israel concluding that theocracies do not lend themselves to being democratic. Noting that 20% of the Israeli population is not Jewish, he contends that efforts on the part of the government to preserve Jewish culture serve to undermine the rights of non-Jews, including Palestinians.

Clearly unhappy with the impact that U.S. government policy has had on Palestinians, Larry said that more focus should be on efforts of Jews, Christians and Muslims in Palestine to overcome the impact of violence on families in this part of the world. He contends that our "special" relationship with Israel dominates U.S. government policy in Israel's favor. He was particularly concerned about the wall that was built with American funds to snake through communities to separate and isolate Palestinian populations. Larry told of families who lost their homes because of the circuitous route of the wall that placed homes on the "wrong side." He described as "illegal," many of the Israeli housing developments that encroached on Palestinian lands. Specifically, he referenced destruction of the Abu Ghneim Forest near Bethlehem to create an Israeli settlement. Larry displayed maps showing the expanded borders of Jerusalem. He says that an Israeli promise to give Palestinians a capitol in Jerusalem gave them a site well outside of the city of Jerusalem, but within the contrived borders.

Maps of Palestinian land holdings in 1946, 1967 and 2000, show Palestinians are being concentrated in ever smaller areas. Essentially concentrated in two areas, almost half of the Palestinian population is crowded into the Gaza Strip.

Larry showed pictures of two young men, one Israeli and one Palestinian, who both lost close relatives to the ongoing violence. They belong to an organization of families who lost loved ones to violence and who came together to attest to the impact of violence on families. Going against the stereotypes of angry young men perpetuating violence, they travel the world to talk to people and seek solutions to the ongoing conflicts. He also told of pair of young Palestinian men who have acquired the right to use

Sesame Street characters to produce a Palestinian version of Sesame Street to promote self esteem and pride among Palestinian youth. Larry expressed frustration with the failure of the media to report on the many things that are going on in Israel and Palestine to promote peaceful solutions.

## Presidents Corner



### **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM FROM ITALY:**

The Rotary Club of Cameron Park has the honor of hosting the District GSE team from Italy at the end of this month. Drivers are needed to transport the team from Auburn on Thursday, April 30, 2009, and to take them to the Placerville Rotary Club meeting that evening. Drivers are also needed to take them to Sacramento on May 1st and to El Dorado on May 2, 2009. Meeting impressive young professionals from another country is always a rewarding and fun experience. Anyone who can lend a hand is asked to contact **Dee Russo**.

### **WINE AT TOWN CENTER:**

Posters and cards are now available to publicize the biggest fund raising activity of the year. It's important to

get the word out and everyone is asked to contact **Brian Silverthorn** to get event materials for distribution.

### **RIDE AND SHINE:**

This club has long supported **Ride and Shine** the program to use horseback riding to help children with special needs. Ride and Shine gave President **Iain Marshall** two tickets to their **Boot Scootin` Boogie Dance** fund raiser on April 18, 2009. After a brief auction, the tickets were claimed by **Gary Reynolds** for the modest sum of \$25. Anyone interested in supporting this worthy event can get more information at their web site at: <http://www.rideandshine.net/bootscootinandboogieinfo.html>

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:**

**Chuck Le Pere** announced that the scholarship committee would meet last Thursday afternoon to select recipients of seven scholarships. As was done last year, both merit and vocational scholarships will be given to graduating seniors from Ponderosa High School.

### **ROTARY AT WORK DAY ON APRIL 25, 2009:**

**Tom Keating** handed out the Rotary at Work Day T-shirts for members to wear while volunteering to help the Salvation Army on April 25, 2009. At least another thirteen volunteers will be needed if we are to fulfill our commitment to this event. The Rotary Club of Cameron Park has received wonderful publicity for this event and it is important that members follow through to show that it was justified. Don't forget the unforgettable pot luck Christmas in April dinner to follow at **Bill Gallant's**. Anyone attending needs to sign up and indicate what side dish, desert or wine they will be bringing. The turkey and other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. What a deal!!

### **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:

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

As has become tradition, President **Iain** presented a rose to each Rotarian with a wedding anniversary this month. It seems like only yesterday, but **Norm** and **Gwen Headley** have been married for two years already and are off to Hawaii to celebrate. In return for his rose, Norm pledged ten happy bucks.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

It's the month for couples birthdays. **Brian Silverthorn** was a tightwad for his birthday and offered up only \$2 to observe it. On the other hand, he knows value when he sees it and gave \$18 for **Stephanie's** big day. **Shiva**

**Frentzen** really complicated things with a formula that generated eleven points for her birthday, nine for **Jeff's** and another five for their daughter. The bottom line was a generous thirty happy bucks.

#### EASTER BRUNCH AT BASS LAKE:

**Sabrina Ho** made an unabashed plug for the reasonably priced Easter Brunch at Bass Lake Golf Course. Not so reasonable that the five happy bucks she offered would cover the meal.

#### LET'S HEAR IT FROM GARY GALL:

No one knew that **Gary Gall** had a secret, but it must be good. President **Iain Marshall** volunteered ten happy bucks on behalf of Gary to thank him for keeping his mouth shut. Anyone have an offer that will get Gary to reveal the goods? It must be outrageous to extract that kind of money from a man who wears a kilt.

#### 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 16, 2009 - **Dee Russo** will discuss **Project Amigo** and her December visit with her granddaughters 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 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



#### ANOTHER HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Also getting a rose and skipping town, **Edie Liebergot**, who has been married to **Paul** for twenty years, will be celebrating their anniversary in Fort Bragg after pledging twenty happy bucks.

#### 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**

July 17, 2009 – Cocktail party for new **Paul Harris Fellows** at **Iain** and **Sally Marshall`s** house.

October 10, 2009 - **Show and Shine** at Cameron Park Airport

**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**.